

Minutes

January 13, 2023

The meeting of the Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Board was called to order by Board Chair Todd Alberstone at 10:03 AM on Friday, January 13, 2023. The meeting was held via videoconference. Board members in attendance were:

Todd Alberstone, Chair
Asia Wright
Efrem Krisher
Ayanna Coleman
Christopher Bueter
Merri Hartse
Katie Denmark

Liaisons and Staff in attendance:

Adelaine Shay	MCLE Manager/MCLE Board Staff Liaison
Ransom Smith	MCLE Analyst
Bobby Henry	Associate Director, Regulatory Services Department

Review of Minutes

The MCLE Board reviewed the minutes from the October 7, 2022 meeting. The Board unanimously approved all minutes without change.

Discussion: WSBA CLE Accredited Homework

The MCLE Board was presented with a presentation delivered by WSBA staff Shanthi Raghu (WSBA Education Program Manager) and Kevin Plachy (Advancement Department Director), which provided an overview of the homework components of WSBA CLE Practice Primers and the method by which they are assigned CLE credit value. After the presentation concluded, a vote was taken on whether to reaffirm a 2016 Board decision which permits WSBA CLE to accredit the homework components of their programming. It was further clarified in the motions for a vote that along with the affirmation of the 2016 Board decision, the Board would be explicitly authorizing WSBA CLE to accredit such content with respect to both live and recorded programming according to its established methodology for allocating credit. The Board voted unanimously in favor of reaffirming the 2016 decision and authorizing the continuation of WSBA CLE’s allocation methodology for both live and recorded homework components.

Discussion: Endorsement of TAXICAB draft document:

The MCLE Board discussed generally a document set forth by the TAXICAB (Task Force Administering Xenial Involvement with Court Appointed Boards) as a leading policy document. After the Board had opportunity to review the TAXICAB policy in its most recent version, a vote was taken to endorse the document. The Board voted unanimously to endorse the policy document.

Discussion: Accredited Sponsor Course Audits

The MCLE Board affirmed their collective goal of each Board member auditing at least two courses provided by organizations that hold accredited sponsor status under APR 11(j)(7). MCLE Board member Asia Wright also presented their specific audit report for the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) course: *2022 AILA Virtual Midwinter Conference: Advanced Business and Removal/Family-Navigating New Developments and Addressing Persistent Challenges*.

MCLE Updates

The MCLE Staff Liaison discussed general updates with MCLE, including the Washington Supreme Court's decision to publish a proposed APR 11(e) rule amendment (which would allow law clerk tutors to claim credit for the personal supervision of those participating in the tutoring program) for public comment, the percentage of licensed legal professionals who have complete requirements for the 2020-2022 reporting period, health and safety policies for guests and attendees participating in WSBA events, and the department's budget for the previous fiscal year.

MCLE Board Activity Review

The MCLE Board decided by motion on two activity accreditation requests. No listing of these motions is included in order to protect member confidentiality.

MCLE Review of Staff Liaison Decisions on MCLE Petitions of Undue Hardship

The MCLE Board approved Staff Liaison decisions on 13 petitions. The Board reviewed and approved by motion on the 13 petitions. No listing of these motions is included to protect member confidentiality.

Adjournment

There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 11:26 AM. The next regularly scheduled MCLE Board meeting will be held at 10:00 AM on Monday April 17, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,



Adelaine Shay
MCLE Board Staff Liaison