



Special Board Meeting Digest

A summary of the Board of Governors special meeting March 19 in Seattle

The Board of Governors held a special meeting on March 19 to discuss several proposed WSBA bylaw amendments and a process to review the proposed amendments.

Before discussion of the agenda items, Judge Chris Lanese swore in [Bill Pickett as WSBA President](#) as former President Brad Furlong resigned over the weekend due to health reasons.

The proposed bylaw amendments would eliminate public members on the Board of Governors, require Limited License Legal Technicians and Limited Practice Officers to run for the board in open Congressional district elections rather than having designated seats on the board, curtail the authority of the WSBA President, expand the authority of the Board of Governors, reorganize the Board of Governors Executive Committee, restrict voting in committees, and clarify the establishment of a quorum of the board. [The full proposal is posted here.](#)

Because the proposed process to review the bylaw changes was brought to the board just before the meeting and had not been published for public examination, the WSBA President did not recognize any motions on it. Instead, the board will take up the process for review and action on the bylaws amendments at a future special meeting.

[The recording of this special meeting is available online.](#)