

Minutes
April 12, 2019

The meeting of the Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Board was called to order by Vice Chair Asia Wright at 10:00 am on Friday, April 12, 2019. Board members in attendance were:

Asia Wright, Vice Chair
Todd Alberstone, via phone
Ayanna Colman
Andrew Lee Benjamin
Melissa Skelton

Liaisons and Staff attending were:

Adelaine Shay	MCLE Manager/MCLE Board Staff Liaison
Robert Henry	Associate Director, Regulatory Services
Nina Cohen	MCLE Analyst
Gabriel Moore	MCLE Analyst
Alec Stephens, joined 1:30 PM	BOG Liaison

Review of Minutes for January 11, 2019

The Board reviewed and approved the minutes from their January 11, 2019 meeting.

MCLE Hardship Petitions

The Board approved Staff Liaison decisions on thirty-eight petitions. The Board reviewed and decided by motion on twenty-four hardship petitions. No listing of these motions are included in order to protect member confidentiality.

Payment Plan Review

The MCLE Board considered whether to continue the practice of allowing members to use payment plans for MCLE late fees. The MCLE Board decided to continue with payment extensions. A payment extension allows for members to make partial payments or to pay in full before the payment extension deadline. The MCLE Board established criteria to assist MCLE staff in determining who is eligible for a payment extension. The guidelines take into account income, credits earned, financial hardship, and amount owed.

Course Audit Review

The Board heard a report from Melissa Skelton on her audit of the District of Columbia Bar's course, "Getting to Know Digital Currency (Bitcoin, Cryptocurrency, and the Blockchain)".

Course Audit Goals

The Board discussed setting an expectation for the number of courses they should each audit during a committee year. Board members will focus on the Accredited Sponsors in order to ensure that they are accrediting courses correctly, and meeting the requirements outlined in Admission and Practice Rule (APR) 11. A goal of performing two or more audits per year for each member of the Board was decided on. This expectation will be included in the MCLE Board orientation.

MCLE Board Recruitment

The Board discussed broader methods of recruitment for upcoming Board vacancies.

Diversity Committee Rule Change Proposal Feedback

The Board reviewed feedback provided on the rule change proposal. The MCLE Board Subcommittee will make changes based on the feedback and report back to the full Board.

Adjournment

There being no further business at hand, the Board meeting was adjourned at 1:45 pm. The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, May 3, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Adelaine Shay
MCLE Board Staff Liaison