

Minutes
August 16, 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, August 16, 2019. Board members in attendance were:

Asia Wright, Vice-Chair
Ayanna Colman
Andrew Lee Benjamin
Melissa Skelton
Rebecca Stewart-LeVon, via phone

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
Michael Tonkin	MCLE Analyst
Julie Shankland	WSBA General Counsel

Review of Minutes for May 3, 2019

The Board reviewed and approved the minutes from their May 3, 2019 meeting.

Public Comment on Suggested Admission and Practice Rule (APR) 11 Ethics Amendment

The Board heard public comments from three WSBA members: two comments in opposition to the suggested Ethics amendment, and one comment in favor of the amendment.

Discussion on Suggested APR 11 Ethics Amendment

The Board discussed the suggested amendment in light of membership feedback. The suggested amendment would require one credit in each of the following subjects per MCLE reporting period: 1) equity, inclusion, and the elimination of bias; 2) mental health, addiction, and stress; and 3) technology education focusing on digital security.

After a discussion, Asia Wright motioned for a special meeting so that all Board members can attend and vote. With two MCLE Board members absent from the meeting, the Board opted to delay its decision and hold a special meeting before the end of the WSBA fiscal year (Sept. 30, 2019), in an effort

to allow all MCLE Board members to have a vote. The motion passed unanimously; date to be determined and set within a few weeks of the meeting.

Discussion on Writing Credit

The Board heard from Staff Liaison on an issue of MCLE credit for writing activities that span across reporting periods. The Board advised that transfer requests regarding writing credits should be brought to the MCLE Board, and will be decided on a case-by-case basis; no change recommended to current MCLE procedure.

Course Audit Reports

The Board heard a report from Melissa Skelton on her audit of the DC Bar's course, "Immigration Law Basics".

The Board also heard reports from Asia Wright on her audits of National Law Foundation's course, "Bias Elimination in the Legal Profession", and Access MCLE's course, "Don't Give Up Five Minutes Before the Miracle".

MCLE Board Meeting Schedule

The Board reviewed and unanimously approved the 2019-2020 MCLE Board Meeting Schedule.

MCLE Board Vice-Chair Nomination

Current Vice-Chair Asia Wright recommended Ayanna Coleman for Vice-Chair of the MCLE Board for the 2019-2020 year; The Board unanimously approved, and Ayanna accepted the nomination.

MCLE Petitions

The Board approved Staff Liaison decision on one petition. The Board reviewed and decided by motion on two petitions. No listing of these motions is included in order to protect member confidentiality.

Adjournment

There being no further business at hand, the Board meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM. The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be at 10:00 AM on Friday, October 4, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,



Adelaine Shay
MCLE Board Staff Liaison