

WASHINGTON STATE B A R A S S O C I A T I O N

Governance Committee

Meeting Minutes

Sept 9, 2026

Present: Kevin Fay (chair), Francis Adewale, staff liaison Darlene Neumann **Excused:** Nam Nguyen, Parvin Price, Kari Petrusek, staff liaison Cate Schur. **Absent:** Sunitha Anjilvel, Todd Bloom. **Interested parties:** Terra Nevitt, Allain Villeneuve, Paris Eriksen

The chair called the Zoom meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Due to a lack of quorum, the committee tabled the item to the next meeting.

Email Voting by Section Executive Committees

The committee discussed the process for recording email votes in meeting minutes and a minor edit to clarify that entry of the vote into the minutes of the next scheduled meeting is not a condition precedent for the action being taken. No vote was taken on the matter due to lack of quorum. At its next meeting, the committee will consider incorporating the edit in the bylaws amendment's second read.

Proposed Changes to At-Large Election Timelines

The committee received a memo proposing changes to election timelines. Executive Director Terra Nevitt commented the changes would make the process easier and more cost-effective. She noted the New Members Committee appear supportive of the proposed changes. Ranked choice voting was also discussed and a concern that it could be confusing. No vote was taken due to lack of quorum. The committee will take up the matter at its next meeting.

"Licensee" and "Member" Terminology Discussion

The committee discussed changing to "licensee" and the potential for confusion following the APR which designated nonmember licensees and the state bar act which uses the term "members." No action was taken on the matter due to lack of quorum. The committee will take up the matter at its next meeting.

Next Steps

- The committee will take up matters noted above at its next meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:43 p.m. The next meeting will be October 14, 2026.