

LIMITED PRACTICE BOARD
Meeting Minutes for January 13, 2026
Remote Meeting
9:00 a.m.

LPB Members Present

- ☒ Angela Balconi, Chair
- ☐ Kim Chose
- ☒ Lisa Hamilton
- ☒ Ursula Jennings
- ☒ Tom Peterson
- ☐ Robert Sargeant
- ☒ Nate Scott
- ☐ Lori Smith

Liaisons and Staff Present

- ☒ Cathy Biestek, WSBA Staff Liaison
- ☐ Renata de Carvalho Garcia, RSD Director
- ☐ Bobby Henry, RSD Associate Director
- ☐ Tom Ahearne, BOG Liaison
- ☒ Anne Trent, RSD Paralegal

PUBLIC SESSION

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. The Chair confirmed that a quorum was present.

October 14, 2025, Meeting Minutes

The Limited Practice Board (Board) approved the October 14, 2025, meeting minutes.

Proposed Changes to Volunteer Payments for LPB

The Board reviewed the Budget & Audit Committee draft recommendations regarding proposed changes to volunteer payments to LPB members for time spent preparing and grading the LPO exam. The LPB was in general agreement with the draft recommendations. Once finalized, the proposal will be submitted to the Board of Governors (BOG), after which the full package will be forwarded to the court for rule change review and approval.

2027 LPO License Fees

The Budget and Audit Committee will recommend to the BOG that LPO license fees remain the same for FY2027.

LPO Oath & WSBA Oath Review & Drafting Task Force

The BOG created a task force to review the professional oath for the purpose of updating it. Angie is serving on the task force. Input is being sought from lawyers, LPOs, and LLLTs. Consideration is being given to whether a single, unified oath should apply to attorneys, LPOs, and LLLTs.



LPO Exam Study-Topic List Update

The court approved the revised study topic list. The prior version was created in 2009, and while the substantive content remains largely the same, updates were made to improve clarity and to include additional information about the exam. With the next exam approaching, staff will post both the 2009 and revised versions of the list on the webpage for transparency and then after February 2026 LPO exam, staff will remove the 2009 version.

Open LPB position for attorney member Update

A new application has been received to fill the current open position. To streamline the process, the Board agreed to conduct the vote by email rather than waiting for the next scheduled meeting. The Board's next meeting is in March, and the goal is to have the position filled by that time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Review and Approve Winter 2026 LPO Exam

The Board reviewed and approved the Winter 2026 LPO exam.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Biestek
WSBA Staff Liaison to the Limited Practice Board

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