

LIMITED PRACTICE BOARD
Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, June 9, 2026
Remote Meeting
9:00 AM-12:00 PM

LPB Members Present

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

Liaisons and Staff Present

- ☒ Cathy Biestek, WSBA Staff Liaison
- ☐ Renata de Carvalho Garcia, RSD Dir.
- ☐ Bob Henry, RSD Associate Dir.
- ☐ Tom Ahearne, BOG Liaison
- ☒ Cindy Chamberlin, RSD Paralegal

PUBLIC SESSION

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at approximately 9:00 AM. The Chair confirmed that a quorum was present.

March 10, 2026, Meeting Minutes

The Limited Practice Board approved March 10, 2026, Meeting Minutes as submitted.

New Staff Welcomed

Cindy Chamberlin, WSBA paralegal was welcomed.

FY2027 Limited Practice Board Recommendations for Member and Chair Positions

Board discussed that for term starting 10/1/2026 and ending 9/30/29, will have a total of 5 board member positions to fill. Received two applications to-date; current board member Ursula Jennings applied to serve another term, and a new application was received from Angela Barnby. WSBA staff liaison informed the Board that the application period has been extended to the end of June. The Board agreed to vote on recommendations on Jennings' application and the Chair position today and review and vote on all other applications by email at the end of the extended application deadline.



The Board voted unanimously to recommend appointment of Ursula Jennings to serve another term on the Board, starting 10/1/2026. The Board voted unanimously to recommend appointment of Angela Balconi to serve as Chair for FY2027.

During discussions, the Board agreed to convert the Board's August meeting from in-person to remote only. Board member Hopkins is looking into changing her lawyer status from active to pro bono; the staff liaison will confirm her eligibility to continue to serve on the Board while in pro bono status.

May 11, 2026, Meeting with the Court

Board discussed their impressions of the May 11, 2026, meeting with the Supreme Court.

Staff Updates re FY2027 LPO exam dates and the LPB budget and meeting schedule

Staff updated the Board that the LPO exam will be administered on October 5 (8:30 AM–12:30 PM) instead of in July. Going forward the LPO exam will be administered on the first Monday of October and April. The new application deadlines have already been approved by the Board of Governors. The FY2027 Board budget remains the same, \$4,000. The Board discussed the Board schedule for FY2027, thoughts were given to the timeline for the exam, benchmarks for grading times, dates, holidays, and other schedule considerations for the exam. A draft of the FY2027 Board meeting schedule will be included on the agenda for the Board's next meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

October 2026 LPO Exam

The Board approved the multiple-choice and essay sections of the October 2026 LPO exam and will review the performance-problem section at the next Board meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:55 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine A. Biestek
WSBA Staff Liaison to the Limited Practice Board