

Minutes
July 16, 2020

The special meeting of the Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Board was called to order by Chair Asia Wright at 11:04 AM on Thursday, July 16, 2020. This meeting was held via videoconference. Board members in attendance were:

Asia Wright, Chair
Ayanna Colman
Merri Hartse
Robert Malae
Melissa Skelton
Todd Alberstone
Chris Bueter

Liaisons and Staff in attendance were:

Adelaine Shay	MCLE Manager/MCLE Board Staff Liaison
Michael Tonkin	MCLE Analyst

Discussion: Suggested Amendment to APR 11

The MCLE Board discussed the proposed timeline regarding the suggested amendment to APR 11. The Board voted unanimously to expedite the suggested amendment proposal, with the goal of presenting to the WSBA Board of Governors at their September 2020 meeting. MCLE Board discussed stakeholder feedback regarding the language in the suggested amendment. Based on collected feedback, The MCLE Board decided to strike the proposed ‘including client advising’ clause, and agreed to structure the suggested amendment as follows:

(c)(1)(ii)

at least six credits must be in ethics and professional responsibility, as defined in subsection (f)(2), with at least one credit in equity, inclusion, and the mitigation of both implicit and explicit bias in the legal profession and the practice of law.

(f)(2)

Ethics and professional responsibility, defined as topics relating to the general subject of professional responsibility and conduct standards for lawyers, LLLTs, LPOs, and judges, including ~~diversity and anti-bias with respect to the practice of law or the legal system,~~ equity, inclusion, and the mitigation of both implicit and explicit bias in the legal profession and the practice of law, and

the risks to ethical practice associated with diagnosable mental health conditions, addictive behavior, and stress;

The Board discussed next steps, including outreach to the WSBA Board of Governors in advance of their September 2020 meeting. MCLE Staff Liaison discussed using an online survey format to allow for public comment on the suggested amendment, and MCLE Board agreed to request names of the respondents as part of the survey.

The MCLE Board agreed to have MCLE staff post all necessary materials and the survey link to the WSBA public website on the week of July 20, 2020.

Discussion: 2018-2020 Reporting Period Extension

MCLE Staff Liaison discussed the Court-ordered extension to the 2018-2020 reporting period, and implications of the extension regarding staff time, the MCLE online system, and messaging to licensed legal professionals.

Adjournment

There being no further business at hand, the Board meeting was adjourned at 12:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Adelaine Shay
MCLE Board Staff Liaison