

**Minutes**

**April 12, 2024**

The meeting of the Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Board was called to order by Board Chair Efrem Krisher at 10:03 A.M. on Friday, April 12, 2024. The meeting was held via videoconference. Board members in attendance were:

Efrem Krisher, Chair  
Christopher Bueter  
Ayanna Coleman (left at 11:57 A.M.)  
Darryl Coleman (left at 11:55 A.M.)  
Katie Denmark  
Brendon Taga  
Merri Hartse

Liaisons and Staff in attendance:

Ransom Smith	MCLE Analyst
Adelaine Shay	MCLE Board Staff Liaison
Bobby Henry	RSD Associate Director
Kevin Fay	Board of Governors Liaison

**Review of Minutes**

The MCLE Board reviewed the minutes from the January 19, 2024, meeting. The Board approved all minutes without change.

**Audit Reports**

Board members Katie Denmark and Merri Hartse presented audit reports of two accredited sponsor courses. These courses were *Drafting and Negotiating Corporate Agreements 2024* produced by the Practising Law Institute (WA approval ID 2003456) and *2024 Civil Appeals CLE: An Emphasis on Preserving Error, Stays and Supersedeas, and Ethical Considerations on Appeal* produced by Spokane County Bar Association (WA approval ID 2010587).

**Nomination of Board Chair for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year**

The Board addressed who would be filling the position of Board Chair for the approaching 2024-2025 fiscal year. The Board Chair is nominated by the MCLE Board members, and their candidates are reviewed by the MCLE Board nomination team. Ultimately, the Washington Supreme Court will appoint

the MCLE Board Chair for the 2024-2025 term. The Board voted unanimously to nominate member Katie Denmark for the position.

#### MCLE Updates

The MCLE Staff Liaison provided updates of import to the Board including the opening of MCLE Board recruitment to fill vacancies for the coming term, the latest developments with the Task Force Team Administering Xenial Involvement with Court Appointed Boards (TAXICAB), the number of licensed legal professionals who had yet to complete their MCLE requirements, the opening of public comment for new suggested amendments regarding mental health and technology security, the possibility of reestablishing in-person meetings for fiscal year 2025, and an overview of the current budget summary.

#### MCLE Board Staff Liaison Decisions

The MCLE Board decided reviewed and approved by motion on 37 staff liaison undue hardship petition decisions. No further information is provided to protect member confidentiality.

#### MCLE Board Member Activity Application Review

The MCLE Board reviewed and decided by motion upon one member activity application. No further information is provided to protect member confidentiality.

#### MCLE Board Undue Hardship Petition Review

The MCLE Board reviewed and decided by motion on 15 petitions. No further information is provided to protect member confidentiality.

#### Adjournment

There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 12:11 PM. The next regularly scheduled MCLE Board meeting will be held at 10:00 AM on Friday May 17, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Adelaine Shay  
MCLE Board Staff Liaison