

**Minutes**

**April 17, 2026**

The meeting of the Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Board was called to order by Board Chair Darryl Colman at 10:03 A.M. on Friday, April 17, 2026. The meeting occurred in-person and via videoconference. Board members in attendance were:

Darryl Colman (Chair) (exited briefly, from approximately 11:30 AM to 11:40 AM)

Katie Denmark (presided as past Chair, during Chair’s brief noted absence)

Nicole Meyer

Efrem Krisher (joined at 10:12 AM, left at 11:34 AM)

Henry Phillips

Brendon Taga (exited briefly, from approximately 10:24 AM to 10:41 AM due to fire alarm)

Liaisons and Staff in attendance:

Renata Garcia	Chief Regulatory Counsel
Ransom Smith	MCLE Analyst
Suzi Segulja	MCLE Analyst
Kristina Larry	BOG Liaison

Guests in attendance:

Nolan Martin, YMCA of Greater Seattle – Executive Director (present for public session only)

Chris Swanson, YMCA of Greater Seattle – Program Director, Youth and Government (present for public session only, joined at 10:08 AM)

**Review of Minutes**

The MCLE Board reviewed the minutes from the January 9, 2026, meeting. The Board approved the minutes unanimously.

**Discussion – Potential Amendment to APR 11 regarding Colorado Comity**

Brief discussion regarding the general positive public comments received thus far surrounding the suggested amendment to APR 11 to extend comity recognition to Colorado. The public comment period remains open until May 1, 2026. The Board will vote in June whether to move forward with the process. If approved the Board will present it to the BOG for approval.

The Board unanimously agreed that no revisions to the recommendation are necessary.

### Discussion – Potential Amendment to APR 11 regarding Credit for High School and College Mock Trial Judging and Evaluating

The subcommittee convened and determined potential CLE accreditation should be limited to time judging and evaluating high school and college mock trial competitions. The Board noted they are encouraged by the general positive public comment feedback received thus far. The public comment period remains open until May 1, 2026. It was noted that Admission and Practice Rule 11, which already allows CLE credits for law school competitions, parallels this potential amendment. The Board indicated their interest in advancing the amendment.

The Board unanimously agreed that no revisions to the recommendation are necessary.

The YMCA spearheaded the potential amendment request. A representative from YMCA expressed their appreciation to the Board for their consideration.

### Structured Mentoring Program Application

The Board agreed that the Paths mentoring program, provided through the WSBA Taxation Section, application meets the standards of approval. It was noted that the Paths program also has a future intention to broaden the eligibility criteria to include inactive members.

The Board unanimously approved the Paths structured mentoring application.

### MCLE Updates

An update to the Board was provided regarding 2026 Presuspension Notices. There were 2,497 notices sent to licensed legal professionals (LLPs) who had not completed their 2026 license renewal. Of these 2,497 LLPs, 494 had not yet completed their MCLE requirements for the 2023-2025 reporting period. As of April 7, 2026, 2.52% (270) LLPs were not yet compliant for the 2023-2025 reporting period.

The MCLE representative also briefly discussed the February MCLE budget summary as well as noting that the MCLE Cost Center FY27 Budget Draft is within expected parameters.

It was also noted that an alternative date to the currently scheduled June 5<sup>th</sup> general Court Boards meeting is being explored.

There was also discussion about excluding MCLE Board meeting Zoom links from public online access. Pursuant to this discussion, MCLE Board requested staff to research possible methods that would provide public access but still serve as a screening tool to reduce the risk of potential inappropriate interruptions.

The Open Session concluded at 10:47 AM.

The Closed Session commenced at 11:07 AM.

### Activity Review

The MCLE Board reviewed and decided by motion five activity review decisions. No listing of these motions is included to protect member confidentiality.

### Petitions

48 staff liaison undue hardship petition decisions were approved by the Board. The MCLE Board reviewed and decided by motion on the 15 petition requests. No listing of these motions is included to protect member confidentiality.

Adjournment

There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 1:16 PM. The next regularly scheduled MCLE Board meeting will be held on June 5<sup>th</sup> in a videoconference format.

Respectfully submitted,  
WSBA Staff

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