

WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

LICENSURE PATHWAYS IMPLEMENTATION STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**Virtual Meeting
October 20, 2025**

Call to Order and Welcome

The meeting of the Licensure Pathways Implementation Steering Committee of the Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) was called to order by Chair Zaida Rivera on Monday, October 20, 2025, at 2:07 p.m. Committee members in attendance were:

**Zaida Rivera
Greg Crowder
Judge Cathy Helman
Dusty Weber LaMay
Julia McGann
Justice Raquel Montoya-Lewis
Terra Nevitt
Yuriko Hannali Styles
Dean Anthony Varona**

Also in attendance were WSBA Assistant General Counsel Catherine Schur; WSBA Chief Regulatory Counsel Renata Garcia; Professor Gillian Dutton; Assistant Dean Jeff Minneti; and observer Gray B.

Member and Public Comment

No public comment

Timeline Refresh

Chair Rivera reviewed the timeline for developing the pathways. The goal is to submit any necessary revisions to the court rules in early 2026. Staff and committee members will be communicating with the Washington Supreme Court to submit the suggested amendments outside of the Court's usual schedule. The Court is likely to open the proposed amendments for public comment. The goal is for the graduating class of 2027 to be able to participate following graduation. The Subcommittees will continue meeting between now and submitting suggested amendments to the Court.

Update from Supervised Practice Subcommittee

Seattle University School of Law Professor Gillian Dutton presented an update on recommendations for required activities, assessments, and portfolio parameters developed by the Supervised Practice Subcommittee. The Subcommittee sought feedback on the proposals from the Steering Committee. Steering Committee members asked questions about the proposals thus far. Committee members also offered input

on requirements for supervisors and confidentiality of application and portfolio materials.

Update on Program Evaluation Subcommittee

WSBA Assistant General Counsel Catherine Schur provided an update on the Program Evaluation Subcommittee. The Subcommittee is made up of a representative from each of the law schools, Andrew Peterson from the State Center for Court Research, and Logan Cornett from IAALS. The Subcommittee began meeting last week and will be meeting on alternating weeks going forward.

Approve September 2, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Terra moved to approve the September 2, 2025 Steering Committee meeting minutes. Dean Varona seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously with one abstention.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Rivera adjourned the meeting at 3:04 p.m. on October 20, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Schur
Assistant General Counsel

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**Virtual Meeting
December 4, 2025**

Call to Order and Welcome

The meeting of the Licensure Pathways Implementation Steering Committee of the Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) was called to order by Chair Zaida Rivera on Thursday, December 4, 2025, at 11:05 a.m. Committee members in attendance were:

**Zaida Rivera
Jordan Couch
Greg Crowder
Alfredo González Benítez
Dusty Weber LaMay
Julia McGann
Yuriko Hannali Styles**

Also in attendance were WSBA Assistant General Counsel Catherine Schur; WSBA Chief Regulatory Counsel Renata Garcia; Associate Director Bobby Henry; Assistant Dean Jeff Minneti; and observers Bruce Turcott, Egor Redin, and Dr. Alan Chase.

Member and Public Comment

No public comment

Update from Supervised Practice Subcommittee

On behalf of the Supervised Practice Subcommittee, WSBA Assistant General Counsel Cate Schur presented an update on the subcommittee's recommendations for program requirements. Cate provided an overview of the recommendations made so far for required activities, assessments, portfolio contents and parameters, and candidate and supervisor eligibility requirements. Cate answered clarifying questions from Steering Committee members.

Cate presented new recommendations from the Supervised Practice Subcommittee on methods for preserving client confidentiality in portfolio materials, requirements that candidates address distinct legal issues in their portfolio submissions, candidate's ability to correct portfolio submissions, and required cover sheets for submissions.

Lastly, Cate presented on ongoing topics of discussion, including candidate compensation and methods for structuring requirements for the number of hours and credits required for candidate supervised practice

time. The Steering Committee provided input on these topics. With respect to time requirements, Steering Committee members expressed a consensus that streamlining the hours and credits requirements would be beneficial provided it can be done in a practical manner. The Supervised Practice Subcommittee will provide additional information to inform continued discussion at the Dec. 11, 2025 Steering Committee meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m. on December 4, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Schur
Assistant General Counsel

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