

OATH REVIEW AND DRAFTING TASK FORCE

MEETING MINUTES

March 23, 2026

The meeting was held in person and remotely via Zoom.

Members present were Rajeev Majumdar (Chair), Angela Balconi, Hunter Abell, Kyle Sciuchetti, Hon. James Smith, Monte Mills, and Roger Wynne. Also present were Matthew Dresden (WSBA Board of Governors liaison), David Ward (Principal Legal Analyst, AOC), Sergio Flores (Access to Justice Board Member), Joshua Goodwin (JD Candidate University of Washington School of Law), Doug Ende (WSBA Chief Disciplinary Counsel), and Rachel Agent (WSBA Disciplinary Program and Systems Manager).

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

1. Agenda Overview and Reading and Approval of Minutes of February 23, 2026 Meeting

The Chair presented the meeting agenda. The minutes of the February 23, 2026 meeting were approved by unanimous consent.

2. Report: Meeting Materials

Chief Disciplinary Counsel Ende reviewed and commented on the meeting materials. Discussion ensued about the State Bar of California's requirement that licensees declare adherence to the oath as part of the annual licensing process.

3. Report on Survey Final Results

The Chair presented an overview of the survey results. Of note, 54% of attorneys were in favor of updating the oath, 75% of Limited License Legal Technicians were in favor of updating the oath, and 56% of Limited Practice Officers were in favor of updating the oath. Following a discussion, the Chair indicated that he will work with Sara Niegowski, WSBA Chief Communications and Outreach Officer, to obtain data analytics.

4. Formation of Subcommittees

Upon motion of the Chair approved by unanimous consent, the Task Force formed two subcommittees:

Subcommittee on Revision of Existing Oath Provisions

Roger Wynne, Subcommittee Chair

Courtney Hudak

Angie Balconi

Subcommittee on Potential New Oath Provisions

Hon. Rebecca Glasgow, Subcommittee Chair

Professor Monte Mills

Hon. James Smith

5. Discussion

The Chair led a dialogue with the Task Force members and other present discussing whether the Task Force should recommend an oath re-attestation process as part of annual licensing. The Chair also noted there have been inquiries about whether already-licensed members would have to retake the oath if a new oath was adopted.

- There was an informal consensus that existing licensees would not be retroactively divested of their licensure. The oath has undergone many prior amendments, and licensees were not required to reattest.
- There were expressions of support for a process similar to The State Bar of California's, which requires licensees to reattest every year as part of license renewal. It was also noted that an annual checkbox attestation could devalue the oath.

6. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:48 p.m.