

Meeting of the Alternatives to the Exam Development Committee
Oregon State Board of Bar Examiners
Wednesday, June 1, 2022
Zoom Meeting – Invites are sent via Outlook Calendar
Open Session Agenda
(Items may not be discussed in the order listed)

Wednesday, June 1, 2022, 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order/Finalization of Agenda

- A. Roll of Attendees
- B. Finalize Agenda
- C. Approve Minutes from Past Meeting

Exhibit 1

2. Old Business/Updates on Events/News/Developments of Interest

- A. Finalize Plan on PR/Listening Sessions
 - i. Video, Plan and Volunteers
- B. MCLE Presentations –
 - i. Access to Justice Credits
 - ii. Volunteers
- C. IAALS/NCBE Questions Feedback
 - i. Who reviews the questions and gives feedback – Need Volunteers

Action

Discuss
Action

Discuss

3. Meeting Structures/Statement of Interests

- A. Advisory Group Policies – Invites Sent
 - i. Discuss Meeting format to ensure open dialogue, while maintain efficiencies

Discuss

4. New Business

- A. Work to be completed by 3 groups: SPP, OEP and Outreach. They will run parallel tracks.
 - i. Members should identify the group with whom they would like to work

Inform
Discuss

5. Set Objectives for Next Meeting

- A. Next Meeting will be June 15, 2022 from Noon to 1PM – Zoom Meeting
- B. What should members complete between now and Next Meeting
- C. Any assignments for Liaisons?

Inform
Discuss
Discuss

EXHIBIT 1

Meeting of the *Licensure Pathways Development Committee (LPDC)* Oregon State Board of Bar Examiners May 18, 2022 - Open Session Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 18, 2022, 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order/Finalization of Agenda

A. Attendees:

- i) Members: Joanna Perini-Abbott, Kendra Matthews, Debby Merritt, Logan Cornett, Akriti, James Sweringen, Carol Chomsky, Joanne Kane, Joanna Perlinger, Brian Gallini, John Parry, Erin Biencourt, Tony Rosilez, Stuart Chinn, Addie Smith, Danette McKinley, Tom Ryan, *Helen Hiershbiel*;
- ii) Supreme Court Liaisons: Jason Specht;
- iii) OSB Bar Staff: *Kateri Walsh, Troy Wood, Jenni Abalan, Sarah Haugstad, Vickie Hansen, Susan Grabe; and*
- iv) Advisory Group Liaison: *JB Kim.*

B. Finalize Agenda [Jo Perini-Abbott]

C. Approve Minutes from Past Meeting, identified in Meeting as **Exhibit 1**

- *Approved by Consent*

2. Updates on Events/News/Developments of Interest

- Joanna Perini-Abbott – Summarized court decision to approve provisional license program for February Bar exam takers.
- Dean Parry – Who is putting program together? How will program be shared with committee?
- Troy – Explained how program will be put together – address issues – coordinating plan to court and timing for application up online and what data to track in quarterly report. Anticipate program will start in September. Hoping for multiple pathways for applicants to participate.
- Kendra Matthews – LPDC program will stand on its own, but modeled after temporary practice program. Concerns: What does it look like not to succeed? Develop plan for long term results.
- Debby Merritt – Assisting with program. Anticipate small cohort, possibly quarterly reporting.

A. Provisional Licensing Program – Approved by Court for February Cohort **Exhibit 2**

- i) BBX has until June 30, to present Program

3. Old Business

A. Implementation of Advisory Group Policies – Invites Ready? **Exhibit 3**

- Joanna Perini-Abbott – send list of who will be included. Expectation – Role of advisory groups -looking at proposals/work product – tasked with reaching out to group re: questions/information. Main task include reviewing, gathering feedback -
 - Kendra – mentioned Oregon with Disability Law Association – include in advisory group.
 - Dean Gallini- What will the advisory group do – what is there charge and how does it funnel to the committee itself?
 - JP – Members are welcome to each meeting. Expectation is that they are looking at proposals and tasked with reviewing questions/concerns raised by constituency groups, gathering information, and funneling information back to JB Kim (liaison) and committee.
- i) Any Groups Missing? Discussion -
- Local Bars, courts, law schools
 - *Addie – can we do surveys?*
 - *Joanne – NCBE/IAALS able to assist in creating surveys/gathering data*

B. Listening Session Presentation **Exhibit 4**

- i) Two types of presentations:
- Joanna Perini-Abbott – Part of our charge is to communicate and get buy-in. Two types of presentations: 15 minute presentations; presentations that include power point with what task force has done, what they are doing, how you can be involved. Bar/Law Schools/Practicing attorneys – mixing up groups when doing presentations.
 - Helen – offered to gather feedback with local bars, with Bar presidents. Court is on board with para-legal license – some members concerned re: feedback request after decision to paralegal program is already in place – committee should consider process for outreach.
 - Kendra – Paralegal concept, not all buying in to it.
 - Joanna – Next meeting will spend time laying out a plan for feedback.
 - Brian Gallini – Ask the question “Is there a reason not to do it?” Some concern re: collaboration with NCBE – some feedback suggests concerns with “partnership”.
 - Helen – include in presentation discussion of outreach and process to this point.
 - Troy – Large number of members like/dislike NCBE/IAALS – consistent message – lean on Bar staff for PR.
 - Debbie – Thoughts about liaisons making suggestions for questions at listening sessions.
 - Addie – Can we do surveys?
- ii) Licensing Pathways Presentation (15 min.)
- Kendra – Court wants committee out gathering information, putting committee out in front of people.

- Troy – Messaging is a long haul. It would be great to have a sustained effort to keep occasional presentations at locations through out the state. At the same time, people have interest in field – find out what interests are.
- Judge Ryan – A lot of good points made today. What is motivation of those raising concerns? Fear of competition – “I had to take the Bar, why not them?”
- Addie – Agrees with Kendra – try to collect 3 or 4 most popular concerns – expand on that.

iii) Licensing Pathways Information / Feedback Meeting (45 minutes)

- a. Next Steps for editing and finalizing presentation
- b. Should it be one video-recorded presentation for consistency purposes?
- c. Order / Timing of Presentations/Discuss Process how orgs are selected

Discussion

4. New Business

A. Committee Members Immediate Interest (SPP/OEP/Community Presentations) Discussion

B. Should Provisional Licensing Program be a project for this committee/liasons Discussion

- i) Could provide study of Rubrics that might work for SPP/OEP
- ii) Could provide stats for marketplace viability/needs/placements

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COMMENTS:

- John Parry – Positive spin – having to take the Bar exam because “I had to take the exam” are comments we have seen
- JB – concerned about messaging about minimal competence hours (1500) – how should that be defined?
- Helen – suggestion – agrees with JB – concerned about over empathize of competence – include something that balances out that gage – provide increased access to legal services.

- Brian Gallini- pod cast/list serves – change setting –topic not good with group setting – base line information put out – what does it mean to pass? Emphasize on efficiency.
- Akriti – define what minimum competency – should court decide?

Next meeting: June 1, 2022

Revised PowerPoint to be sent around – revise and send out to public

Discuss questions being sent out – how to gather feedback?

Requesting feedback – re: listening sessions