

**Meeting of the Licensure Pathways Development Committee (LPDC)  
Oregon State Board of Bar Examiners  
June 7, 2023 - Open Session Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, June 7, 2023, 12:00p.m. -1:30 p.m.**

**1. Call to Order/Finalization of Agenda - 12:06 PM**

**A. Roll or Attendees:**

Committee Members Attending: Joanna Perini-Abbott; Addie Smith; Dr. Anthony Rosilez; Danette McKinley; Professor Deborah Merritt; Devra Hermosilla; Erin Biencourt; Helen Hierschbiel; JB Kim; Jen Reynolds; Joanne Kane; John Parry; Justice Meagan Flynn; Kellie Early; Kendra Matthews; Lee Ann Donaldson; Logan Cornett; Rebekah Hanley; Sandy Patrick; Tom Ryan; Tung Yin

OSB Staff Attending: Kellie Baumann, Troy Wood, Susan Grabe

**B. Finalize Agenda:** Chair Joanna Perini-Abbot called the meeting to order at 12:06 pm. Minutes were approved.

**3. New Business**

**A.** The Committee discussed the following topics from the public feedback:

1. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion –
  - a. This is included in our requirements already (PLF *Learning the Ropes* MCLE requirement)
2. Word limits – do we need to increase the word limit on shorter assignments?
  - a. After discussion and hearing from BBX graders, the Committee determined that the word limit that has been set will likely be adequate to determine competence.
3. Out of state issues – whether applicants can gain hours under supervision of an out-of-state attorney?
  - a. After discussion, the Committee felt that it was important that the supervisors are Oregon attorneys and are under our jurisdiction. The Committee felt that the value gained from Oregon attorney supervision is important and applicants from other states were not necessarily disadvantaged by this requirement.
4. Breadth of program –
  - a. Experience/competence in multiple areas?
  - b. CLEs or other activities to simulate studying for the bar?
  - c. Experience requirements (i.e., attend court)

- i. The Committee discussed that it does not want to create another standardized test. Especially since this pathway of licensure is supposed to create an alternative pathway than the Bar Exam.
- ii. The Committee discussed creating a writing bank of questions that applicants can go to if they do not have enough writing samples to meet requirements, or to ensure competence in areas that they do not have experience in.
- iii. The Committee discussed how law students are exposed to the core classes taken in law school and how this could ensure breadth and competence. The Committee also discussed whether there is a way to ensure each applicant has taken a breadth of courses across their law school career by creating a sort of check list of courses.

**B.** The next meeting will be June 21<sup>st</sup>

**4. Adjourn, 1:33 PM**