



BOARD OF LEGAL SPECIALIZATION

State Bar of Arizona
4201 N. 24th Street, Suite 100
Phoenix, Arizona 85016

Wednesday, May 12 - 4:00 p.m.
via Zoom on-line meeting

MINUTES

Approved: [June 9, 2021](#)

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

P = Present; Z = Present via Zoom; T = Present Telephonically; A = Absent

Wendi Sorensen - Z

M. Maureen Anders - Z

James Anderson - Z

James Cross - Z

Robert Denison - Z

Michael Goldberg - A

Georgette Hasiotis - A

Kimberly Heldt - Z

Abe Lai - Z

Phoebe Moffatt - Z

Blake Moscatello - Z

Jeffrey Neff - Z

Elizabeth Ortiz - Z

OTHER ATTENDEES:

State Bar Staff: Connie Hay, Sarah Corpening, Lisa Deane

Minutes taken by: Connie Hay

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Wendi Sorensen

4:03 p.m.

2. Call to the Public – Kassi Kosmal, a court reporting student, is present and introduces herself.

3. Approval of minutes.

The minutes of the April 14, 2021 General Session meeting were reviewed.

Motion for approval by: Bob Denison

Second by: Jeff Neff

Chair call for Vote: Unanimous; Motion Passes

The minutes of the April 14, 2021 Executive Session meeting were reviewed.

Motion for approval by: Jeff Neff

Second by: Bob Denison

Chair call for Vote: Unanimous; Motion Passes

4. Construction Defect Law. Lisa Deane is present to discuss the upcoming Board of Governors' meeting. The Board of Governors would like to hear from the BLS about the proposal of Construction Defect law as an additional specialty, as well as have a general policy discussion about adding "sub-categories" within a specialty. A chart created at the request of the President

of the Board of Governors, which compares “sub-specialties” offered by other states with Arizona specialties, was provided. Wendi Sorensen addressed why the BLS believes Construction Defect Law should be a stand-alone specialty and the work the BLS is doing to ensure current specialties and Standards are serving the public. Wendi Sorensen and Elizabeth Ortiz described the work the BLS has done in reviewing the Criminal Law Standards to determine if appellate work should be separate. Wendi Sorensen and James Cross will attend the Board of Governors’ meeting on behalf of the BLS, and other BLS members are welcome.

5. Executive Session.

Motion to move into Executive Session by: Jim Cross

Second by: Bob Denison

Chair call for Vote: Unanimous; Motion Passes

Convene into Executive Session

4:19 p.m.

Reconvene into General Session

4:21 p.m.

6. Specialist Recertification Applications

a) Motion to approve the Criminal Law Advisory Commission recommendations for recertification:

Clark Derrick

Stacy Gottlieb

Motion to approve recommendations: Jeff Neff

Second by: Jim Cross

Recusals: Wendi Sorensen (Clark Derrick)

Chair call for Vote: Unanimous; Motion Passes

b) Motion to approve the Real Estate Law Advisory Commission recommendation for recertification:

Keith Hendricks

Stephen Aaron Benson

Motion to approve recommendations: Maureen Anders

Second by: Jim Anderson

Recusals: None

Chair call for Vote: Unanimous; Motion Passes

c) Motion to approve the Personal Injury & Wrongful Death Law Advisory Commission recommendations for recertification:

David M Bell

Mark P Breyer

James R Broening

Charles E. Buri

Douglas W Glasson

Michael W Herzog

Peter C Kelly II

Michael F Kelly

Peter Kline
Jeffrey Boyd Miller
Lloyd L Rabb III
W Daniel Shelton
David S Shughart III
Nicholas E Vakula
Jerald R Wilson

Motion to approve recommendations: Jim Anderson
Second by: Jim Cross
Recusals: None
Chair call for Vote: Unanimous; Motion Passes

d) Motion to approve the Tax Estate Law Advisory Commission recommendation for recertification:

Gerald Frank Ehrlich
Robert L Lane
Ilene L McCauley
Richard C Onsager
Gregory A Robinson
Otto S Shill III

Motion to approve recommendations: Bob Denison
Second by: Blake Moscatello
Recusals: Jim Anderson (Richard Onsager)
Chair call for Vote: Unanimous; Motion Passes

7. Date of next meeting:

June 9, 2021 – 4 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by: Jim Cross
Second by: Bob Denison
Chair call for Vote: Unanimous; Motion Passes

Meeting adjourned:

4:23 p.m.