

Oregon State Bar
Special Open Session of the Board of Governors
December 15, 2015
Minutes

President Richard Spier called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. on December 15, 2015. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 a.m. Members present from the Board of Governors were Jim Chaney, Ray Heysell, Theresa Kohlhoff, John Mansfield, Vanessa Nordyke, Ramón A. Pagán, Travis Prestwich, Per Ramfjord, Kathleen Rastetter, Josh Ross, Kerry Sharp, Michael Levelle and Tim Williams. Not present were Guy Greco, Audrey Matsumonji, Charles Wilhoite and Elisabeth Zinser. Staff present were Helen Hirschbiel, Susan Grabe and Camille Greene.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Mr. Spier determined we have a quorum.

2. Consideration of Board of Bar Examiners UBE Proposal to the Supreme Court

Mr. Spier reported that the BBX proposal to the Court for transferring to a UBE will not be available until after their January 22, 2016 board meeting. No action necessary at this time.

3. Reconsider the length of the member comment period for the Discipline system Review Committee Report

Ms. Hirschbiel offered the board two suggested options to consider:

- a) Leave the comment period at 90 days and put the DSRC report on the Board's agenda for the April 22, 2016 meeting.
- b) Change the comment period to 75 days and hold a special meeting on March 11, 2016, after the Board Committee meetings.

Mr. Spier recommended that the BOG choose option b) as that is sufficient time to consider a proposal that has been in process for over two years. Mr. Ross had concerns that the board would not have adequate time to consider the member feedback if they add it to the full April agenda. Mr. Heysell agreed with Mr. Ross that a special board meeting would allow more time for consideration.

Motion: Mr. Heysell moved, Mr. Chaney seconded, and the board voted 8-5 to change the comment period to 75 days. In favor were Mr. Chaney, Mr. Heysell, Mr. Mansfield, Ms. Nordyke, Mr. Pagan, Mr. Ramfjord, Mr. Sharp and Mr. Levelle. Opposed were Ms. Kohlhoff, Mr. Prestwich, Ms. Rastetter, Mr. Ross and Mr. Williams. **[Exhibit A]**

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Board of Governors Agenda

Meeting Date: December 15, 2015
From: Sylvia E. Stevens, Executive Director
Re: Comment Period for the Disciplinary System Review Committee Report

Issue

Reconsider the comment period for the Disciplinary System Review Committee report.

Options

1. Leave the comment period at 90 days and put the DSRC report on the Board's agenda for the April 22, 2016 meeting.
2. Change the comment period to 75 days and hold a special meeting on March 11, 2016, after the Board Committee meetings.

Discussion

The Board of Governors received the Disciplinary System Review Committee report at its November 20, 2015 meeting. It decided to publish the report for a period of 90 days beginning December 18, 2015 (the deadline for receipt of any minority reports) and ending on March 17, 2016. Under this timeline, the next available date for the BOG to consider and discuss the recommendations and comments would be its regular meeting on April 22, 2016.

If the Board reduced the comment period to 75 days (until March 2, 2016), the Board could hold a special meeting dedicated to discussion of the DSRC report on March 11, the Board's regular committee meeting day.

After the Board's last meeting, president-elect Ray Heysell suggested scheduling a series of telephone conferences in each of the eight BOG regions to give members the opportunity to express their comments orally, in addition to allowing for written comment. We have scheduled those meetings for the week of January 19, 2016.