

WASHINGTON STATE B A R A S S O C I A T I O N

Governance Committee

Meeting Minutes

July 8, 2026

Present: Kevin Fay (chair), Francis Adewale, Nam Nguyen, Parvin Price, Kari Petrasek, staff liaisons Cate Schur and Darlene Neumann **Absent:** Sunitha Anjilvel, Todd Bloom. **Interested parties:** Andrew Yi, Nicole Gustine.

The chair called the meeting to order at 3:34 p.m.

Minutes

The minutes of June 10, 2026 were unanimously approved.

Court Rules and Procedures Committee Charter

The committee discussed a draft charter for the Court Rules and Procedures Committee developed in response to the Supreme Court's advance comment timelines under GR 9(f) which make it challenging for the WSBA to comment, especially if comments are required before the next BOG meeting. The draft charter authorizes the Court Rules and Procedures Committee to submit technical comments on behalf of the WSBA.

Governance committee members discussed concerns over delegating the BOG's authority and safeguard measures to require advance notice to the Executive Committee, Legislative Committee, or directly to the full Board and other entities within a certain period and limits on topics for comment. If objections arise, the comments would not be submitted, or the BOG may submit alternative language if desired. Members suggested minor language revisions to the proposed draft. The committee will review and approve the final charter at its August meeting so it can be submitted by the Court Rules and Procedures Committee to the BOG in September.

Bylaws Clean Up

The committee reviewed the ongoing bylaws cleanup which included edits to remove outdated content, reorganized sections, and other alignments based on earlier comments. There was discussion on duplication between the bylaws and APRs, especially APR 3. Further cleanup may need involvement from Regulatory Services staff. Members also considered possibly developing a model committee charter.

Next Steps

- Final charter language to be prepared by Court Rules and Procedures Committee Chair Andrew Yi and staff liaison Nicole Gustine.

- Staff will forward notes on bylaws edits to the chair and incorporate them for the next review.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:19 p.m. The next meeting will be August 12, 2026.