

**Minutes**

October 13, 2023

The meeting of the Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Board was called to order by Board Chair Efrem Krisher at 10:02 on Friday, October 13, 2023. The meeting was held via videoconference. Board members in attendance were:

Efrem Krisher, Chair  
Christopher Bueter  
Ayanna Coleman  
Darryl Coleman  
Katie Denmark  
Merri Hartse  
Brendon Taga

Liaisons and Staff in attendance:

Ransom Smith	MCLE Analyst
Bobby Henry	Associate Director, Regulatory Services Department

**Review of Minutes**

The MCLE Board reviewed the minutes from the August 18, 2023 meeting. The Board approved all minutes without change with two abstentions.

**MCLE Board Member Orientation**

Bobby Henry conducted an orientation for the benefit of new members to the MCLE Board.

**Discussion: MCLE Board Goals for the 2024 Fiscal Year**

The MCLE Board discussed generally the aspirations of the Board for the upcoming fiscal year and specific goals the Board would work towards during the year. As part of this discussion, the Board reviewed their goals document for their previous fiscal year. In this review, the Board identified two goals which they wished to retain for the current fiscal year. The first of these goals is to have each Board member commit to and complete at least two course audits of accredited sponsor courses currently approved for credit in the state for the purpose of assuring quality of courses offered. The second was to continue the promotion of diversity in the ranks of the Board through targeted recruitment efforts. The Board took a motion for the adoption of these goals which was approved unanimously.

Discussion: Review of the Structured Mentoring Program Application before the Board

The MCLE Board had before it an application submitted by Seattle Chinese Bar Association to have its mentorship program obtain official approval as an approved structured mentoring program pursuant to APR 11(e)(8). Under such a designation, licensed legal professionals would be allowed to claim mentoring credit by virtue of having participated in the program (provided that all requirements set forth in APR 11(e)(8) are fulfilled). The Board discussed the standards of approval applicable generally. A vote was taken on whether to approve the application to become a structured mentoring program. The Board voted unanimously to approve the program.

MCLE Board Staff Liaison Decisions

The MCLE Board decided reviewed and approved by motion the staff liaison decision one one writing credit decision. No further information is provided in order to protect member confidentiality.

Adjournment

There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 AM. The next regularly scheduled MCLE Board meeting will be held at 10:00 AM on Friday January 19, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Adelaine Shay  
MCLE Board Staff Liaison