



**Meeting Minutes
February 18, 2026
Remote Meeting
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

Practice of Law Board Members in Attendance:

- ☒ Lesli Ashley, Chair
- ☒ John Dirgo Deweese
- ☐ Rory Hardy
- ☒ Cindy Kim
- ☒ Melissa Kover
- ☒ Ellen Reed

- ☒ Ronald Satterthwaite
- ☒ Craig Shank
- ☒ Leah Snyder
- ☐ Murugeshwari Subramanian
- ☐ Michael Terasaki
- ☒ Aaron Vanderpol
- ☐ Shainna Xi

Liaisons in Attendance:

- ☒ Bobby Henry, WSBA Staff Liaison
- ☒ Kevin Fay, BOG Liaison

Other WSBA Staff in Attendance:

- ☒ Renata de Carvalho Garcia, Chief Regulatory Counsel
- ☒ Anne Trent, RSD Paralegal
- ☐ Cathy Biestek, Managing Regulatory Counsel
- ☐ Terra Nevitt, Executive Director

PUBLIC SESSION

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:06 p.m. by Chair Lesli Ashley.

Meeting Minutes for Approval

The January 21, 2026, meeting minutes were approved.

Entity Regulation Application Committee - Update

The Entity Regulation Application Committee met on February 4, 2026, and interviewed the compliance officer from Legata Inc. The Committee is currently reviewing the draft proposed order for submission to the court. After finalizing the draft, the Committee will send it to the Legata compliance officer. The committee intends to have a recommendation and proposed order for the March Board meeting.

The Law on Call application was posted on the website. This is the second full application and is now under review by the Committee.

Form a GR 25 Board Duties Subcommittee

The Board discussed the purpose of updating GR 25 to include a new duty regarding legal technology (to assess and make recommendations regarding AI and emerging technologies as they impact the practice of law) and any other changes to GR 25 the Board might want to consider.

The Board agreed to examine GR 25 to determine how to include this new oversight duty. Members also raised related questions, including whether the Board should continue its Unauthorized Practice of Law (UPL) functions and whether new programs should operate on a financially self-funded and self-sufficient basis.

The Board also discussed the scope and structure of future legal technology oversight. After finalizing amendments to GR 25, the Board could form a broader Legal Technology Committee to study developing technologies and make recommendations.

Subcommittee Assigned to Review GR 25:

Lesli, Craig, Ellen, and John.

Unauthorized Practice of Law Complaints Summary

WSBA Paralegal Anne Trent provided a summary of UPL complaints received and referred.

POLB Press, Update, & Information Sheet

Board members reviewed recent articles and upcoming events.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:26 p.m.

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