



BOARD OF LEGAL SPECIALIZATION

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

Wednesday, February 8, 2023 - 4:00 p.m.
via **Zoom**

MINUTES - APPROVED

Approved March 8, 2023

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

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

Wendi Sorensen - Z

James Cross - Z

James Anderson - Z

Cynthia Braun - Z

Robert Denison - Z

Michael Goldberg - Z

Kimberly Heldt - Z

Phoebe Moffatt - Z

Blake Moscatello - P

Jeffrey Neff - Z

Elizabeth Ortiz - Z

Teresa Welborn - Z

State Bar Staff: Kendra Owen-Johnson; Randal Westbury

Minutes taken by: Randal Westbury

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Wendi Sorensen

4:01 p.m.

2. Call to the Public –

No public members present

3. Approval of minutes

The minutes of the January 8, 2023 General Session meeting were reviewed.

Motion for approval by: Jim Cross

Second by: Robert Denison

Chair calls for vote: Unanimous, motion passes

The minutes of the January 8, 2023 Executive Session meeting were reviewed.

Motion for approval by: Cynthia Braun

Second by: Jim Cross

Chair calls for vote: Unanimous, motion passes

4. Construction Defect Law Initial Certification Application Review:

The discussion opened with the BLS Administrator commented that the content of the presented application contains all the segments of the Standards for Certification. The BLS Administrator pointed out the specific sections where the Standards for Certification were incorporated into the application and the additional portions added by the Advisory Commission.

Cynthia Braun made comments regarding the typographical errors in the application as well as clarification to Section III (D) (2) which reference “Department of Construction Defect”. It was clarified by the Construction Defect Chair, Bob Willis, that the reference was an error of the Advisory Commission. The correct language in the application should read: “Department of Real Estate”.

The members agreed that the Construction Defect Application for Initial Certification be approved pending the following:

1. Correct all typographical errors.
2. Replace verbiage in Section III (D) (2) to state “Department of Real Estate”.

The BLS Administrator will notify the Construction Defect Chair of the changes requested by the BLS. Once the requested changes are made by the Construction Defect Advisory Commission, the BLS Administrator will update the Specialty are website and publish the application.

5. Motion to move into Executive Session for purposes of reviewing recommendations for Certification and Recertification:

Motion by: Jim Cross

Second by: Phoebe Moffatt

Chair calls for vote: Unanimous, motion passes

Convene into Executive Session

4:18 pm.

Reconvene to General Session

4:22 pm

6. Motion to approve the initial certification recommendation of Family Law Advisory Commission for:

- A) Travis Owen

By: James Cross

Second: James Anderson

Chair calls for recusals: none

Chair calls for discussion: none

Chair call for vote: Unanimous, motion passes

7. Motion to approve the recertification recommendations of Family Law Advisory Commission for:

- A) William Bishop
- B) Mervyn Braude
- C) Helen Davis
- D) Erin Fox
- E) Annalisa Masunas
- F) Jeffrey Pollitt
- G) Marlene Pontrelli
- H) Russell Wenk
- I) Leonce Richard

By: James Cross

Second: Robert Denison

Chair calls for recusals: none

Chair calls for discussion: none

Chair call for vote: Unanimous, motion passes

8. Motion to approve the recertification recommendations of Workers' Compensation Law Advisory Commission for:

- A) R Todd Lundmark
- B) Christopher Norton
- C) Richard Reynoso
- D) Dee Dee Samet
- E) Eric Slavin
- F) Robert Wisniewski

By: James Cross

Second: Cynthia Braun

Chair calls for recusals: none

Chair calls for discussion: none

Chair call for vote: Unanimous, motion passes

9. Motion to approve the recertification recommendations of Personal Injury and Wrongful Death Law Advisory Commission for:

- A) Daryl Audilett
- B) H Christian Bode
- C) Charles A Bowman
- D) Donald Crowell
- E) Paul Englander
- F) Charles Fleury
- G) Paul Friedman
- H) Robert Greer
- I) Jack Hirsch
- J) Kurt Kroese
- K) Stephen Leshner
- L) Paul McGoldrick
- M) William C Wilder
- N) H Michael Wright

By: Cynthia Braun
Second: Robert Denison
Chair calls for recusals: none
Chair calls for discussion: none
Chair call for vote: Unanimous, motion passes

10. Motion to approve the recertification recommendations of Bankruptcy Law Advisory

Commission for:

- A) Adam Nach
- B) Randy Nussbaum

By: James Cross
Second: James Anderson
Chair calls for recusals: none
Chair calls for discussion: none
Chair call for vote: Unanimous, motion passes

11. Motion to approve the recertification recommendation of Tax Law Advisory

Commission for:

- A) Pat Derdenger
- B) Gerald Hawley
- C) Scott Oberg
- D) Austin Potenza
- E) Jason Silver
- F) Jay Tomback

By: James Anderson
Second: James Cross
Chair calls for recusals: none
Chair calls for discussion: none
Chair call for vote: Unanimous, motion passes

12. Date of next meeting: March 8, 2023

13. Adjourn – 4:23 pm