Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Law Examiners
Board Meeting – May 26, 2026 at 1:00 p.m.
205 West 14th Street, Suite 500 / Video Conference
Austin, Texas 78701

1. **Call to order, determine quorum, and consider requests for excused absences – Chair**

On Tuesday, May 26, 2026, Chair Augustin Rivera, Jr. called the meeting to order in open session at 1:04 p.m.

The following Board Members were present in person:

- W. Stephen "Steve" Benesh

The following Board Members were present via Zoom:

- Augustin Rivera, Jr.
- Cynthia Orr
- Anna McKim
- Harold "Al" Odom
- Teresa Ereon Giltner, and
- Carlos Soltero

The following staff were present in person:

- Nahdiah Hoang, Executive Director
- Celine Johnson, Staff Service Officer

The following staff were present via Zoom:

- Rod Shahee, Chief Accountant
- Michael Sullivan, Director of Admissions

2. **Consider communication from the public, if any – Chair**

No members of the public were in attendance to present comments.

3. **Report of Finance Committee – Ereon Giltner**

Ereon Giltner reported that the Finance Committee had reviewed staff's proposed budget with Hoang and R. Shaheen.

4. **Consider budget proposal for fiscal year 2027 – Hoang; Shaheen**
Deliberations concerning personnel matters may be conducted in closed session under the authority of the Open Meetings Act Section 551.074, Government Code.

Shaheen presented all items in item 4.

Soltero suggested adding a footnote in writing to court that the paraprofessional order is still on our radar even though it has been put on pause.

Rivera suggested a cover letter to Supreme Court which addresses standards RE: non-aba approved law schools and paraprofessionals.

1:29 p.m., Rivera moved to executive session to discuss personnel matters.

2:20 p.m., Rivera returned the meeting to open session.

5. Consider issues arising from agenda items – Chair

Odom moved to recommend the staff's proposed budget, with the addition of a 3% salary increase for the Executive Director. Orr seconded, and the Board unanimously approved the motion.

6. Adjourn – Chair

At 2:27 PM, with no additional business to discuss, Rivera adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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Nahdiah Hoang, Executive Director

Approved

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Augustin Rivera, Jr., Chair

Date