

OREGON STATE BAR
BUSINESS LAW SECTION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

September 4, 2025

TIME AND PLACE

Upon notice duly given, a meeting of the Executive Committee (the “**Committee**”) of the Business Law Section (the “**Section**”) of the Oregon State Bar (the “**Bar**”) was held virtually via Zoom on September 4, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. Pacific time.

PRESENT

Present were Committee members Joe Cerne (*Chair*), Krista Evans (*Chair-Elect*), Michael Walker (*Past Chair*), Matt Larson (*Treasurer*), Blake Bowman (*Secretary*), Tim Crippen, Leigh Gill, Ben Pirie, Jennifer Nicholls, Berit Everhart, Taylor Gersch, and Melanie Choch. Mike Williams (*Bar Liaison*) and Jackie Kranz (*Newsletter Editor*) were also present.

Kimberly Boswell, Justin Monahan and Melissa Jaffe were not present at the meeting.

Mr. Bowman acted as Secretary and kept the minutes.

MEETING

Mr. Cerne called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

1. Approval of Prior Minutes

The Committee reviewed the minutes of the Committee’s meeting held on August 7, 2025. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Committee unanimously adopted the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Committee’s August 7, 2025 meeting are approved.

2. Bar Liaison Report

Mr. Williams reported regarding activities at the Bar. He noted that the Bar is still look for public members for the Board of Governors; they need two people and currently have no applicants. He also noted that the Bar is monitoring the current special legislative session for relevant matters, but the focus of that session seems to be on transportation.

3. Treasurer’s Report

Mr. Larson provided the report. Mr. Larson reviewed the July 2025 financial report. He noted that there was not much activity, with only \$247 spent in the month of July. He is starting to work with the Bar on the Section’s budget for next year. The Committee needs to decide if it wants to maintain or increase member dues, which are currently \$35. The Committee discussed whether

to increase member dues, including performance based on the budget for this year, expectations to break even or profit from this year's annual CLE and the value proposition for Section membership. The Committee decided to keep membership dues at \$35.

Ms. Nicholls reminded the Committee that it had previously considered upgrading its Zoom account to add webinar features, at a cost of \$690 for 12 months. The Committee discussed the benefits of the webinar features relative to the costs. The Committee will make a final decision on the Zoom account upgrade at the November budget meeting.

4. Subcommittee Reports

A. CLE Subcommittee. Mr. Crippen provided the report. He indicated that the Subcommittee is getting speakers lined up for the annual CLE and walked the Committee through the current speakers and topics. Mr. Bowman reminded Committee members about the upcoming quarterly CLE on September 11 on the corporate practice of medicine and new regulations in this space.

B. Newsletter and Communications Subcommittee. Ms. Everhart provided the report. She noted that the Subcommittee had articles lined up for its Q3 and Q4 newsletters, but they do not have a person finalized for the Q4 barrister banter. Ms. Kranz then provided a summary of article topics for the Q3 and Q4 newsletter.

C. New Business Lawyers Subcommittee. Ms. Evans and Ms. Everhart provided the report. They indicated that the panel events at the three law schools were in the works and are planned for this Fall. The Subcommittee is getting support from its members in this process. The Subcommittee is planning a casual happy hour this Fall near Lewis & Clark Law School and would like to get members from the Committee to attend.

D. Legislative Subcommittee. Mr. Gill provided the report. He indicated that the dust had settled on the regular legislative session. There is a special session ongoing. While it's all about transportation, there may be some tax items of interest to Section members that the Subcommittee is tracking. The first new legislation education event is the quarterly CLE presentation on the corporate practice of medicine and SB 951. Going forward, the Subcommittee will work on advocating for passage of the new LLC act in the next legislative session.

E. Outreach Subcommittee. Ms. Evans and Ms. Everhart provided the report. They noted that, in addition to the casual social event near Lewis & Clark Law School, the Subcommittee is planning the annual Committee retreat. The plan for the annual Committee retreat is similar to last year: in McMinnville, stay at the Atticus Hotel, dinner at McMenamins, and meeting at a nearby meeting venue. Expected budget is about \$11,200. The Committee discussed the details of the annual Committee retreat, the proposed budget, and the process for reviewing contacts and making deposits.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Committee unanimously adopted the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Committee approves and authorizes expenditures of up to \$11,200 related to the Committee's 2026 annual retreat, as presented.

F. Castles Leadership Award Subcommittee. Mr. Walker provided the report. He indicated that there was a Subcommittee meeting on August 22, focusing on the nomination process. The Subcommittee has received two nominations so far and coordinated with the Bar to send out an email blast seeking additional nominations. The Subcommittee will meet again on September 29 to review nominations and make a decision to present to the Committee at the October meeting.

G. Nominating and Member Recruitment Subcommittee. Mr. Cerne provided the report. He noted that the Subcommittee had received emails from people interested in officer and Committee positions, and had discussions with current officers and Committee members about their future plans. The Subcommittee will send out notices in the newsletter and via email about officer and Committee participation. The Subcommittee will cut off applications in early October and will present proposed officers and Committee members to the Committee at the November meeting.

5. Other Business

The Committee moved the date of its November meeting to November 4 to accommodate Committee member schedules.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business of the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 12:51 p.m. Pacific time.