

OREGON STATE BAR
BUSINESS LAW SECTION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

February 5, 2026

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 at Black Helterline LLP, 805 SW Broadway, Suite 2600, Portland, OR 97205 on February 5, 2026 at 12:00 p.m. Pacific time.

PRESENT

Present were Committee members Krista Evans (*Chair*), Blake Bowman (*Chair Elect*), Kimberly Boswell (*Secretary*), Leigh Gill (*Treasurer*), Matthew Larson, Timothy Crippen, Justin Monahan, Mark Reinhardt, Paul Britton, and Alex Hutchinson . Jackie Krantz was also present.

Joe Cerne, Berit Everhart, Jennifer Nicholls, Taylor Gersch, and Dylan Lowe (Committee members) and Mike Williams from the Bar were not present at the meeting.

Ms. Boswell acted as Secretary and kept the minutes.

MEETING

Ms. Evans called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

1. Approval of Prior Minutes

The Committee reviewed the minutes of the Committee’s meeting held on January 24, 2026. Mr. Bowman moved to approve the minutes, and Mr. Gill seconded the motion. The Committee unanimously adopted the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Committee’s January 24, 2026 meeting are approved.

2. Treasurer

Mr. Gill advised that our annual award to our previous Chair Mr. Cerne hasn’t shown up on our Financial Report. We are looking at the fall CLE budget and find that it is a good value compared to other options. We will look at finances for the event to consider whether the budget is satisfactory for future year(s).

3. Subcommittee Reports

A. CLE Subcommittee. Mr. Bowman advised the CLE Subcommittee had its first meeting of the year on Tuesday, February 3. The group discussed quarterly CLE’s and will work toward a March or April CLE that features ethical or abuse reporting. Mr. Bowman

indicated that the second lunch-time CLE will be in June or July, organized by Ms. Nicholls. For the third quarter, Mr. Larson will organize that event. Mr. Bowman said that the Nines will continue to be the venue for the November CLE. We will need to do some sleuthing to check on CLE's to be offered by other groups during early November to discover conflicts with our planned CLE. We may need to change our date to accommodate. Mr. Bowman commented that we need to offer fully remote attendance at the November CLE – last year it was not well advertised, so we may have missed out on attendees. For the agenda of the November CLE, the Subcommittee talked about having the Scholarship Presentation during the early part of the lunch. We'll need to make sure we let the scholarship recipients know they are invited to attend. If possible, we'd like to lock in a keynote speaker for the November CLE. We will talk with the Oregon Business Council and local Chambers of Commerce to see if we can find a speaker of note. Mr. Bowan asked for the Executive Committee's support and input if they know of potential speakers.

B. Newsletter and Communications Subcommittee. Ms. Everhart was not present. Ms. Krantz advised that everything is going well for the Quarter 1 newsletter. Submissions have been timely. The first 2026 subcommittee meeting should be held this month (not yet scheduled). The Q1 newsletter will go out at the end of March. Ms. Krantz addressed previous issues relating to newsletters not getting to member inboxes. She asked that we let her know if we hear of this with Business Law section members in future and she will work to resolve the issue(s). Discussion was held regarding how to get newsletters out to member inboxes. Mr. Monahan asked that if anyone has something they'd like to see in newsletter, to e-mail Ms. Everhart, Mr. Monahan or Ms. Krantz with those ideas.

C. New Business Lawyers Subcommittee. Ms. Evans reported that a brief meeting was held this week. Due to the short time between setting of the meeting date and the actual meeting, the initial meeting was low in attendance, but excitement is building as the group plans its activities for the year. Ms. Evans advised the Subcommittee is exploring changes to the Scholarship Program for 2026. She noted the next New Business Lawyers Subcommittee meeting will be held February 24, 2026.

D. Legislative Subcommittee. Mr. Gill advised that regular meetings for this Subcommittee will be on the second Tuesday of each month. Michael Walker and James Hein will be approached for membership to this subcommittee. There are about 18 bills pending legislation that seem to be of interest to the Business Law section. Mr. Gill said these bills will be discussed in the next Subcommittee meeting to see if they merit our tracking. 2026 will have a short session of legislative activity. Our goal is to make good progress on the continuing promotion of laws and to see if we can be creative in promoting these laws.

E. Outreach Subcommittee. Ms. Evans indicated that the Outreach Subcommittee has not met yet.

F. Castles Leadership Award Subcommittee. Mr. Cerne was not present. Ms. Evans advised this Subcommittee will start its work in mid-summer, 2026.

G. Nominating and Member Recruitment Subcommittee. Ms Evans advised this Subcommittee will begin work in mid-summer, 2026.

5. Other Business

Mr. Crippen asked if any Subcommittee needs to get additional membership from the Business Law section. Mr. Bowman advised the CLE Subcommittee is small but mighty, and is feeling ready to take on CLE sessions. However, if anyone wants to join, let him know. Ms. Krantz indicated the Newsletter Subcommittee could use additional members to review newsletter submissions. Ms. Evans advised that she will send an email to encourage non-Executive Committee members to join the CLE, Newsletter, and New Business Lawyers Subcommittees.

Ms. Evans advised the next Business Law Section Executive Committee meeting will be held Thursday, March 5, 2026 at Hathaway Larson.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business of the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m. Pacific time.