

**OREGON STATE BAR**  
**BUSINESS LAW SECTION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

**March 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 Hathaway Larson LLP, 1125 NW Couch, Suite 550, Portland, OR 97209 on March 5, 2026 at 12:00 p.m. Pacific time.

**PRESENT**

Present were Committee members Krista Evans (*Chair*), Kimberly Boswell (*Secretary*), Leigh Gill (*Treasurer*), Matthew Larson, Timothy Crippen, Justin Monahan, Mark Reinhardt, Paul Britton, Alex Hutchinson, Joseph Cerne, Berit Everhart, Jennifer Nicholls, and Taylor Gersch. Michael Williams and Jackie Krantz were also present.

Blake Bowman and Dylan Lowe were not present at the meeting.

Ms. Boswell acted as Secretary and kept the minutes.

**MEETING**

Ms. Evans called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

**1. Approval of Prior Minutes**

The Committee reviewed the minutes of the Committee’s meeting held on February 5, 2026. Mr. Reinhardt moved to approve the minutes, and Ms. Gersch seconded the motion. The Committee unanimously adopted the following resolution:

**RESOLVED**, that the minutes of the Committee’s February 5, 2026 meeting are approved.

**2. Bar Liasion Report**

Mr. Williams advised that tomorrow is the deadline for HOD signup. He encouraged us to consider being part of the HOD. The Oregon Bar exam was held yesterday, and had the lowest number of exam takers in years – 130 people in total.

**3. Treasurer**

Mr. Gill advised that we have the January, 2026 financial report. We received \$24,395 in revenue from membership fees - up from 2025. Expenditures included the OSB Support Service assessment of \$9,672 and Committee Expenses of \$9,976, resulting in a change in net assets of \$4,727. Our current balance is \$25,509.

#### 4. Updates since last meeting:

a. Promotion request from the UofO Law School– FIFA presentation. Ms. Evans asked whether we want to promote this and do we need to develop a promotion policy. Mr. Crippen suggested that we should promote this – it would improve our visibility and would be good for us, good for members. He agreed we should set up an ad-hoc committee to determine a promotion policy. Mr. Gill moved to promote the presentation to our membership on LinkedIn and send an e-mail to the section. Mr. Larson seconded the motion. The Committee unanimously adopted the following resolution:

**RESOLVED**, that we will promote the University of Oregon Law School FIFA presentation through LinkedIn and by e-mail.

b. Law Improvement Program deadline – Ms. Evans indicated the deadline for submitting any proposals to improvement of Oregon laws is April 1. She advised the Special Committee of the BOG Public Affairs Committee will meet on April 16 to review/discuss any proposals they receive.

c. Mr. Ankur Doshi of the Ethics Committee has indicated they are looking at a change to RPC1.14, based on a recent amendment to ABA model rules. The last page of materials sent to us this week has information relating to the proposed changes. They are seeking our comment if there is any interest – April 30 deadline.

#### 5. Subcommittee Reports

*A. CLE Subcommittee.* Ms. Nicholls advised we are actively planning annual/quarterly CLEs. She asked for suggestions for speakers for both of these timeframes. Discussion was held as to whether we should hold our annual CLE on a Thursday or Friday early in November. Mr. Reinhardt asked for data collection relating to where attendees are coming from. Ms. Nicholls indicated we have that information in hand. Discussion led to agreement that we would want a Thursday CLE.

*B. Newsletter and Communications Subcommittee.* Ms. Everhart indicated that Q1 is on track. Ms. Krantz indicated Q1 will have articles relating to Wellness, Update on Committee of Foreign Investments in the U.S., AI tools for lawyers, and Barrister Banter, and a notice of 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday Happy Hour. Q2 – 2 authors have confirmed, covering the Oregon Consumer Privacy Act and Reps and Warranties insurance. Ms. Everhart asked if we knew anyone who could write about upcoming PEO issues. She advised that in talking with Jennifer Ballard, the author of the AI tools piece for Q1, we asked her if she could write a follow-on article. Ms. Ballard said no, but she did refer to a CLE she offers- she'd offer it with a discount of \$60 to her CLE fee to Business Law members. Mr. Gill indicated that when we can add value to our membership by informing them of learning sessions, this would be a benefit to our membership. The committee discussed and approved presenting this opportunity to our membership.

*C. Legislative Subcommittee.* Mr. Gill advised that they haven't had a meeting yet. The 2026 Short Session hasn't had much activity on the bills we're tracking. There are a

few tax proposals that may be of interest. If we want to make any law improvement proposals, we have a short period of time in which to do so. Mr. Gill pointed out that there are two proposals currently out there which we're watching– the LLC Act and the Corporations Act – he is not aware of anything else we need to tackle.

*D. New Business Lawyers Subcommittee.* Ms. Gersch indicated this subcommittee has had two meetings so far. Fall law school panels are set up: Willamette with Business Law Section's Mr. Mick Harris, Lewis & Clark with Business Law Section's Mr. Steven Cooper, and University of Oregon with Business Law Section's Mr. Paul Britton and Mr. Alex Brookes. For the Scholarship Program, the University of Oregon sent a previous template to get us started for this year. Mr. Cody Greg came up with an idea to do a standing happy hour on Thursdays 5-6:30 at the Swine Restaurant Moonshine & Whiskey Bar. We are encouraged to drop in when our schedule permits.

*E. Outreach Subcommittee.* Ms. Everhart advised June 4 is planned for our Outreach session – Our Executive Committee meeting will be held at the offices of Farleigh Wada Witt at 4:00, with the Outreach social at the offices of Ballard Spahr across the street following the Executive Committee meeting.

*F. Castles Leadership Award Subcommittee.* Mr. Cerne will be talking with Mr. Michael Walker to get the committee moving in mid-summer, 2026.

*G. Nominating and Member Recruitment Subcommittee.* Ms. Evans said this Subcommittee will assemble a group this summer and will begin work later this year.

**6. Other Business:** None.

Ms. Evans indicated the next Business Law Section Executive Committee meeting will be held Thursday, April 2, 2026 at Schwabe Williamson & Wyatt.

**7. Adjournment**

There being no further business of the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 12:38 p.m. Pacific time.