

OREGON STATE BAR
BUSINESS LAW SECTION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

June 3, 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 Miller Nash LLP, 1140 SW Washington Street, Portland, OR 97205 on June 3, 2026 at 12:00 p.m. Pacific time.

PRESENT

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

Matthew Larson and Paul Britton 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 May 7, 2026. The Committee unanimously adopted the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Committee’s May 7, 2026 meeting are approved.

2. Bar Liason Report

Mr. Williams advised there is a position open for the BOG Region 6; if you know anyone who might be interested, let him know. BOG Region 6 covers Corvallis to the Coast, including Benton, Linn, Marion, Polk counties.

He advised we have a new contact at the Bar; Logan Stewart has moved to a new position and Jo Aceves is the new Volunteer Engagement Specialist at the OSB. jaceves@osbar.org 503-431-6427.

Mr. Williams also advised that nominations for awards for Oregon Lawyers are being accepted, with a special eye toward the 250-year celebrations.

3. Treasurer

Mr. Gill advised we have received the April financial report. Our payment for the Nines has gone through. We have an opportunity to increase membership dues for the coming year. We have had the same fees for the past seven years. Mr. Williams advised that five other sections will be increasing their fees in 2027. He commented that inflationary pressures are widespread. Speaking to the possibility of a dues increase, Ms. Nicholls said that we've had changes to CLEs – they used to be CLEs for which we charged a fee, but now they're free. Mr. Bowman said that if we don't get the number of attendees we need from the annual CLE, we'll be looking at a true need for a fee increase. The issue is that we need to make a decision now. Discussion was held regarding a \$5 increase or a \$10 increase. Mr. Williams indicated that we can always ask for an increase and then not implement a part of (or the whole) increase later.

Mr. Crippen moved and Mr. Bowman seconded that we increase annual membership dues from \$35 to \$45 for the year 2027 and beyond. The Committee unanimously adopted the following resolution:

RESOLVED: that the Business Law Section dues be set at \$45 per person beginning with the 2027 year.

4. Subcommittee Reports

A. CLE Subcommittee. Mr. Bowman advised:

CLE July 16 – The CLE at Mr. Reinhardt's firm Best Best & Krieger will be an in-person event. We are working to pin down the speaker – the topic is scheduled to be real estate development. Mr. Reinhardt said we will advertise this event via Linked In as well.

CLE September – Mr. Larson is still working to coordinate the event.

CLE November 5 – Three out of 6 timeslots for speakers for the November 5 CLE have been nearly set. So far, we have three sponsorships for the CLE, amounting to nearly \$6,500. If you need more information about the sponsorship package, please contact Mr. Bowman. At the luncheon portion of the CLE, we will be presenting the scholarship recipients for the coming year. The New Business Lawyer subcommittee can provide more information about the scholarship process if you are interested.

B. Newsletter and Communications Subcommittee. Ms. Krantz said the Subcommittee has been doing a great job getting topics and authors for the coming Q2 newsletter. They are also working on the Q3 newsletter. The November 5 CLE will have a "Save the Date" notice in both the Q2 and Q3 publications and the Castles Award will also be mentioned in those issues.

C. New Business Lawyers Subcommittee. Ms. Gersch advised that Mr. Britton attended the May swearing-in ceremony in Salem; he indicated about 15 people came to the after party. Scholarship information has been sent to the three Oregon law schools to get them started in the process of awarding our scholarship to deserving students. They will choose winners and let us know to award monies.

D. Legislative Subcommittee. Mr. Gill advised there isn't much to report. No activity – the subcommittee's focus is on liaising to provide insight on legislation that did pass. Oregon voters have spoken on the Transportation bill, and now we're back to square zero.

E. Outreach Subcommittee. Ms. Evans provided an update - the June social with Oregon Tax Institute, OSB Tax Section, and the Oregon Society of CPAs will be held after this Board Meeting, and tonight's event will have the largest attendance that we've seen in a long time-

F. Castles Leadership Award Subcommittee. Mr. Cerne said he will send e-mails out to the Business Section to ask for nominations. We have received one nomination already. The Subcommittee will formally convene later this summer.

G. Nominating and Member Recruitment Subcommittee. Ms. Evans indicated she will get the subcommittee put together and it will reach out to get the 2027 Executive Committee established. Work hasn't really started yet – she will have more info later.

5. Other Business: None.

6. Next Meeting – *Thursday, July 16, 2026, 12:00 p.m., hosted Best, Best & Krieger , 360 SW Bond Street, Suite 400, Bend, OR 97702 with CLE and social to follow.*

7. Note Meeting Date Change – *the last EC meeting of the year is on October 29, 2026 instead of November 5, 2026.*

8. Adjournment

There being no further business of the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 12:56 p.m. Pacific time.