

OREGON STATE BAR
BUSINESS LAW SECTION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

May 7, 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 Immix Law Group, 600 NW Naito Pkwy Suite G, Portland, OR 97209 on May 7, 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, Blake Bowman Jennifer Nicholls, and Taylor Gersch. Michael Williams and Jackie Krantz were also present.

Joseph Cerne and Berit Everhart 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 April 2, 2026. The Committee unanimously adopted the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Committee’s April 2, 2026 meeting are approved.

2. Bar Liasion Report

Mr. Williams advised that tomorrow is the deadline for HOD signup. He encouraged us to individually 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 the March financials are in – it has been pretty quiet. We are still down about 10% in fees compared to last year due to lower membership totals. This will result in a financial shortfall of about \$2,000 unless we take other actions in coming months.

4. Updates since last meeting:

a. Mr. Williams advised we sent in our deposit to The Nines for our annual event in November.

b. Sponsorship request – Ms Evans advised we were asked to contribute \$100 for the Bar’s New Attorney Swearing-in Ceremony.

Ms. Nicholls moved and Ms. Evans seconded that we approve sponsorship of \$100 for the event. The Committee unanimously adopted the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Business Law Section give \$100 to the Bar for the upcoming Swearing-in Ceremony.

5. Subcommittee Reports

A. *CLE Subcommittee.* Mr. Bowman advised that the CLE we hosted on April 21, 2026 with Dani Huck had 120 attendees. Well attended!

Keeping in mind our not charging for attendance at CLEs, we may want to charge more for Membership this coming year to raise revenues for the Section.

CLE July 16 – Mr. Reinhardt’s firm Best Best & Krieger will cover the cost of the alcohol served at the event after the CLE. He advised catering for the event will be between \$500 to \$600. Mr. Bowman asked if a Zoom connection would be possible, and Mr. Reinhardt indicated he would look into this. Mr. Bowman said we’d like to have the CLE be a hybrid in-person /virtual event.

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

CLE November 5 – Mr. Bowman advised CLE planning is moving along. He asked that we move the November Executive Committee meeting from November 5 to October 29 as the Fall CLE falls on the same date. Ms. Evans advised she will confirm the meeting date.

He indicated that the contract with The Nines has been signed. We don’t have an “official” cost of the CLE from them but we do need to get formal approval for the pricing of the CLE. Discussion was held to go over the different lines of the contract, and items we will pay for outside of the contract. The November CLE will potentially cost about \$23,000, which we will cover with the participant registration fee of \$225 per person, and CLE sponsorship coming in around \$20,000 to \$30,000.

Mr. Reinhardt moved and Mr. Larson seconded that we approve The Nines contract covering the November 5 CLE. The Committee unanimously adopted the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the contract covering the November 5 CLE with The Nines Hotel is approved by the Business Law Section.

Mr. Bowman brought up our speakers and sponsors for the November 5 CLE – he indicated we have one speaker locked in, and other potential speakers we’re working on. He encouraged us to help to find sponsors for the CLE.

B. Newsletter and Communications Subcommittee. Ms. Krantz indicated we have published our Q1 newsletter. Q2 is shaping up with 3 articles and the Barrister Banter section being worked on – it will come out in June.

C. New Business Lawyers Subcommittee. Ms. Gersch advised that Mr. Britton and Ms. Hutchinson will represent the Business Law Section at the Bar’s New Attorney Swearing-in Ceremony, May 23, 2026.

Ms. Gersch advised that Ms. Evans has e-mailed details regarding our Law Student Scholarship to the board. The template for the scholarship application will go out to law students soon, with a deadline of September 7 (?) The three universities will each choose a recipient. Mr. Gill indicated we have budgeted \$1,200 per scholarship for this year.

Mr. Gill moved and Ms. Hutchinson seconded that we approve the scholarship template as e-mailed by Ms. Evans. The Committee unanimously adopted the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the scholarship template is accepted and can be distributed to the three Oregon law schools.

D. Legislative Subcommittee. Mr. Gill advised his subcommittee has three objectives – 1) track legislation; 2) Liase with CLE and newsletter subcommittees on pertinent topics; 3) Advocate on pertinent topics. He said that the LLC Act Amendments topic didn’t come up for vote in the most recent Legislative session. We will need to look at this document and advise if we have clients who may be impacted either by the document not being addressed or by it passing.

E. Outreach Subcommittee. Ms. Evans provided an update – The June social with Oregon Tax Institute, OSB Tax Section, and the Oregon Society of CPAs is fixed for June 3. We will send out another reminder this week. As of last week, we had 60 people confirmed for the event. Our Executive Committee meeting will be held at 3:30, social at 4:30 (both at Miller Nash).

F. Castles Leadership Award Subcommittee. This will be addressed in our next newsletter. We will start on this soon.

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.

7. Adjournment

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