

MILITARY AND VETERANS LAW SECTION

MARCH 2026 MEETING MINUTES

The March 2026 meeting of the Military and Veterans Law Section was held at 12:00 P.M. on Tuesday, March 17, 2026 by Zoom Video Conference with virtual attendance by the Oregon State Bar Center in Tigard, Oregon. In attendance at the meeting was:

In Person	By Zoom	Unable to Attend	Position	Name
	X		Chairperson	Ross Neher
		X	Chair-Elect	Jennifer B. Sackett
		X	Treasurer	Jennifer E. Dunn
			Secretary	TBD (not William Purdy – Chair to send note to OSB)
	X		Member-At-Large	Timothy D. LaBadie
	X		Member-At-Large and Website Committee Chair	Collin Clark McKean
	X		Member-At-Large	Michael D. Curtis
	X		Member-At-Large and CLE Committee Chair	Leslie A. Nelson
	X		Member-At-Large and Legislative Committee Chair	Leah Eccles Watson
	X		Member-At-Large	Joshua James Williams
		X	OSB BOG President; MVLA BOG Representative	Tomás Hernandez
	X		Bar Liaison	Eric Eugene McClendon
		X	Law School Liaison - L&C	Parker Gunnhild
	X		Law School Liaison - WL	Jared Rumsey
	X		Law School Liaison - UO	David Sha
		X	Bar Liaison	Logan Stewart

Opening Remarks: Briefed by Chairperson, Ross Neher

- Welcome

Roll of Attendees:

- 10 people in attendance to include 7 voting members
- Meeting minutes for February 2026 sent out just as meeting began, so will be voted on next meeting.

Standing Committee Reports:

Treasurer Report: Briefed by Ross Neher

- Link to OSB Financial Report
- Link February Report
- Available Funds
- Anticipated Expenses
- Membership status – 84 members according to OSB
<https://www.osbar.org/sections/military.html>

CLE & Events: Briefed by Committee Chair, Leslie Nelson and committee member, Leah Watson

- Disability Law Section would like to jointly sponsor a CLE
 - Friday May 15th ½ day afternoon at OSB Tigard
 - Details and date to be determined
 - Speakers include Micheal Curtis, Disability Rights OR, Panel on Reasonable Accommodations
- Joint CLE with Oregon Military Department (OMD) on Law Day
 - Friday May 1 ½ afternoon at OMD HQ Salem
 - Details and date to be determined
 - Speakers include Col Mike McLane, Lt Col Aaron Buzzawa, Lt Col Leah Watson
- Details for both to be provided to Collin McKean for inclusion on website and creation of flyers; email to be sent to Section ListServe; Law Student Reps to send out to classmates

Website: Briefed by Committee Chair, Collin McKean

- Please send update requests by email.
- Discuss getting approved meeting minutes added

Legislative /Update: Briefed by Committee Chair, Leah Watson

- March 26th deadline for proposals to OSB
- Section to re-submit victim-victim advocate privilege amendment

Old Business/Announcements:

- Secretary role to be filled; request for volunteer; question to OSB liaison on ability to have a current EC member transfer to or assume Secretary to do both.
 - Motion to appoint Leah Watson as Secretary by Ross Neher
 - Second by Leslie Nelson
 - Motion pass anomalously

Law School Representatives:

Lewis & Clark Law

- Rep not in attendance

Willamette Law

- No updates; students are ready to evict the 3Ls

University of Oregon Law

- New Rep – introduction
 - Member of OR Army Guard; recently promoted to SGT; MOS is 42A (HR), but also drills with JA folks and assists paralegals
 - Currently a Law Student; Bachelors form UofO in history
 - Looking to start a military/veteran affiliated club but may not have enough interest to make a formal club at this time.

New Business/Announcements:

- Motion to appoint David Sha as UofO Law Rep by Ross Neher
 - Second by Leslie Nelson
 - Motion pass anomalously

Closing Remarks: Briefed by Chairperson, Ross Neher

- Thank you all for attending
- Next meeting is April 21st at noon, via Zoom

Wrap-Up/Adjourn

- Meeting adjourned by consensus.