

MEMORANDUM

TO: Executive Committee – Construction Law Section  
FROM: Katie Jo Johnson, Secretary  
DATE: Created March 10, 2025; circulated May 12, 2025  
RE: Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – March 10, 2025 Meeting

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**Attendance:**

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Position:</b>	<b>In Attendance:</b>
<i>Van White</i>	<i>Chair</i>	<i>Y</i>
<i>Stephanie Holmberg</i>	<i>Chair Elect</i>	<i>N</i>
<i>Katie Jo Johnson</i>	<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Y</i>
<i>Alex Naito</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Y</i>
James Chaney	Member	Y
Zach Davis	Member	Y
Elizabeth Graves	Member	Y
David Guild	Member	Y
Ethan Hasenstein	Member	N
Matthew Juhren	Member	N
Vanessa Kuchulis	Member	Y
Andrew MacKendrick	Member	N
Andrea Meyer	Member	Y
Emily Miller	Member	N
Mario Nicholas	Member	Y
Bob O’Halloran	Member	Y
Stacey Martinson	Past Co-Chair, Advisory Member	Y

Jacob Zahniser	Past Co-Chair, Advisory Member	Y
Laurie Hagar	Advisory Member	Y
Alix Town	Advisory Member	Y
Eddie Passadore	BOG Liaison	N
Angela Bennett	Bar Liaison	Y

The meeting was called to order at 12:03 p.m.

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes from January 13, 2025

Alex Naito moved to approve the January minutes as circulated; David Guild seconded the motion. On the vote, all approved; none opposed, and none abstained. The minutes were approved.

2. Financial Report

Alex Naito reported that he passed the Oregon State Bar Treasurer training. In reviewing financial information, headcount is currently down, but we're hoping that increases as the year continues. We are also hoping to be able to have a social again this year. Last year, it helped to have firms make donations of space, food and beverages.

3. Newsletter Update

Alex Naito reported that there were several first quarter articles late, but he was still hoping to be able to have the first quarter newsletter published by the end of the month.

More authors were needed for fourth quarter.

Authors are signed up as follows:

First Quarter

Alex Naito  
Mario Nicholas/Chris Rifer  
Stephanie Holmberg

Second Quarter

Van White  
Zachary Davis  
Stacey Martinson  
Jacob Zahniser

### Third Quarter

Matthew Juhren  
Elizabeth Graves  
Vanessa Kuchulis  
Bill Fig

### Fourth Quarter

Alex Naito  
Andrew MacKendrick  
Katie Jo Johnson

If you have not yet signed up for an article, please contact Alex.

#### 4. 2025 CLE Committee

Matthew Juhren, Zach Davis, Stephanie Holmberg and Jacob Zahniser are on this committee.

Zach Davis reported that they met in January with a focus on whether to shift the date to before summer, but are now turning back to a September or October date.

#### 5. Legislative Update

Bob O'Halloran reported on a number of bills, but noted that most of the bills have only been referred to committees and have had no work sessions or public hearings. He thinks that most bills will probably not go anywhere.

Specific updates are as follows:

SB 827 (provides rebates for installation and use of solar panels): recently passed Senate at the end of February, and is now in committee in House

SB 864 (requires \$20K bond for landscape contractors): lots of work sessions, but not sure if it will get out of committee

SB 865 (expands the type of work that landscape contractors can do): passed Senate, and referred over to House

HB 3144 (stops private bans on mobile homes): currently in public hearings

SB 426 (makes prime contractors jointly and severally liable for payment of wages to subs): referred to judiciary, has had public hearing, but no work sessions held; has had lots of comments from interested parties

SB 436 (amends requirements for contractors working on child care centers in affordable housing): in work session, but no recommendation for passage

Bob reports that all other bills have been referred to committees and have had either no action, or only public hearings over a month ago with no work sessions on the horizon. For example, HB 2462 (consumer protection) appears to be losing steam.

5. 2025 Executive Committee Meeting Calendar

The Section will meet, at 12:00 p.m. in person and via Zoom, on the following dates:

- **Monday, May 12** at Stoel Rives
- **Monday, July 14** at Miller Nash
- **Monday, October 13** (location TBD)

Van White stated that he would like to see more in-person attendance.

6. 2025 OSB Construction Law Section Social

Mario Nicholas and David Guild are on this committee.

Mario Nicholas reported that there are no new updates, but that they intend to aim for a similar timeline as last year (late summer). Preference is to have a law firm host.

Stacey Martinson reported that Stoel Rives hosted last year and that the food and beverages were donated by law firms.

Mario hopes to have more information by the next meeting.

7. 2025 Nominating Committee

Stacey Martinson and Vanessa Kuchulis are on this committee. Vanessa Kuchulis asked for everyone to send names of any construction lawyers they know to Vanessa and Stacey.

8. New Business

None.

**Upcoming meetings:**

- Next Meeting: **May 12 at 12:00 p.m.** at Stoel Rives and via Zoom

Meeting adjourned at 12:34 p.m.