

Washington Uniform Law Commission (WULC)
Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2025

This meeting was coordinated by the Code Reviser's Office (CRO), 505 12th Ave. SW, Olympia, WA, 98504, as a Zoom conference.

1. Call to Order/Attendance

Chair Michele Radosevich (MR) was absent; therefore Kathy Buchli (KB) led the meeting.

KB called the meeting to order at 4:07 PM.

Commissioners in attendance: Kathy Buchli (KB), Dennis Cooper (DC), Marlin Appelwick (MA), Anita Ramasastry (AR), and Karen Boxx (KBX).

Commissioners absent: Michele Radosevich (MR) and Jamie Pedersen (JP).

Shayne O'Grady (SO) and Jennifer Bourke (JB) from the Code Reviser's Office also attended the meeting.

2. Approval of Minutes of October 3, 2024, Meeting

DC made a motion, seconded by KBX, to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2024, meeting. All in attendance voted to approve and the minutes were adopted.

3. Legislative Report

JP sent legislative update via email to the committee with the following information:

SSB 5017 is joint request legislation with the Washington Secretary of State to adopt the Uniform Military & Overseas Voters Act. The bill advanced out of the Senate Rules Committee on February 5 and is likely to come to a vote on the Senate floor on February 12.

SB 5037 is the Uniform Custodial Trust Act. The bill passed the Senate unanimously on February 5 and is now in the House Civil Rights & Judiciary Committee. (There is unlikely to be further action for several weeks; most Senate bills will not be heard in House committees until after the March 12 house of origin cutoff.)

SB 5122 is the Uniform Antitrust Premerger Notification Act. The bill also passed the Senate on February 5; unfortunately, it was a party-line vote. The bill has been referred to the House Civil Rights & Judiciary Committee.

SB 5720 is the Uniform Consumer Debt Default Judgments Act. I introduced it today after many weeks of negotiations among the parties. Senator Judy Warnick, who chairs the Republican caucus and has owned a collection business, agreed to be the second sponsor. The bill is scheduled for a public hearing on February 13 in the Senate Law & Justice Committee, which will give it just enough time to be reported out before the following week's cutoff.

4. Commissioner Activities

DC reported that he continues to serve as chair of the Parliamentary Practice Committee. He reported Executive Director Tim Schnabel resigned his position as Executive Director of the ULC. Going forward, Tim will work on building a new organization—the Law Reform Institute—that was inspired by the ULC and its working methods.

KBX recently testified on Custodial Trust Act. She is also part of the Pornographic Deep Fakes Drafting Committee and has just been appointed to the Child Entertainers Committee.

AR has recently joined an International Litigation Procedure Study Committee.

MA was asked by JP to review the Uniform Enforcement of Foreign Protection Orders. He will continue to review into next year.

KB shared that the appeal for CLE credits have again been denied but she will submit CLE credits again this year.

5. Other Business

None.

6. Adjournment

Chair MR adjourned the meeting at 4:23 PM.