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Assembly Chamber, Sacramento
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Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Rule 59, the following Assembly Journal for the 2025–26 Regular Session was printed while the Assembly was in Summer Recess.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were presented by the Chief Clerk and ordered printed in the Journal:

**Joint Legislative Audit Committee
Notice of Solicitation of Qualified Candidates for
the Office of the California State Auditor in Compliance with
the Provisions of Government Code Section 8543.2(a)**

July 13, 2026

Sue Parker

*Chief Clerk of the Assembly
State Capitol, Room 319
Sacramento, California*

Dear Ms. Parker: The Joint Legislative Audit Committee is tasked with nominating three qualified candidates to be the next State Auditor. In accordance with Government Code, Section 8543.2(a), the committee must provide “notice in the Journals of the Senate and the Assembly” that it is seeking applicants to nominate. Accordingly, I request that the below language be inserted in the Assembly Daily Journal.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 8543.2, this letter is to inform you that the Joint Legislative Audit Committee is accepting applications and nominations for the position of California State Auditor.

Sincerely,

JOHN HARABEDIAN, Chair
Assembly Member
Forty-first District

July 6, 2026

*Sue Parker**Chief Clerk of the Assembly
State Capitol, Room 319
Sacramento, California*

RE: Appointment of Debora Beaver to
the Advisory Commission on Special Education

Dear Ms. Parker: Please be advised that I have appointed Ms. Debora Beaver to the Advisory Commission on Special Education for a term appointment effective July 6, 2026 and the expiration date is December 31, 2029. Ms. Beaver will be replacing Ms. Lieu.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,

ROBERT RIVAS
Speaker of the Assembly

July 7, 2026

*Sue Parker**Chief Clerk of the Assembly
State Capitol, Room 319
Sacramento, California*

RE: Appointment of Jeff MacPhail to
the Paramedic Disciplinary Review Board

Dear Ms. Parker: Please be advised that I have appointed Mr. Jeff MacPhail to the Paramedic Disciplinary Review Board for a term appointment effective July 7, 2026 and the expiration date is June 1, 2030.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,

ROBERT RIVAS
Speaker of the Assembly

July 7, 2026

*Sue Parker**Chief Clerk of the Assembly
State Capitol, Room 319
Sacramento, California*

RE: Appointment of Kenneth Wayne Norton to
the California Commission on Aging

Dear Ms. Parker: Please be advised that I have appointed Mr. Kenneth Wayne Norton to the California Commission on Aging for a term appointment effective July 8, 2026 and the expiration date is July 8, 2029. Mr. Norton will be replacing Mr. Campos.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,

ROBERT RIVAS
Speaker of the Assembly

July 8, 2026

Sue Parker

*Chief Clerk of the Assembly
State Capitol, Room 319
Sacramento, California*

RE: Appointment of Yalile Cintron to
the California Council for Interstate
Adult Offender Supervision

Dear Ms. Parker: Please be advised that I have appointed Ms. Yalile Cintron to the California Council for Interstate Adult Offender Supervision for a term appointment effective July 8, 2026 and the expiration date is July 8, 2030.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,

ROBERT RIVAS
Speaker of the Assembly

July 8, 2026

Sue Parker

*Chief Clerk of the Assembly
State Capitol, Room 319
Sacramento, California*

RE: Appointment of Miriam Mimi Hernandez to
the Consumer Motor Vehicle Recovery Corporation
Board of Directors

Dear Ms. Parker: Please be advised that I have appointed Ms. Miriam Mimi Hernandez to the Consumer Motor Vehicle Recovery Corporation Board of Directors for a term appointment effective July 8, 2026 and the expiration date is January 1, 2028. Ms. Hernandez will be replacing Ms. Jeang.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,

ROBERT RIVAS
Speaker of the Assembly

July 9, 2026

*Sue Parker**Chief Clerk of the Assembly
State Capitol, Room 319
Sacramento, California*

RE: Appointment/Reappointment of James Poole to
the State Bar Committee of Bar Examiners

Dear Ms. Parker: Please be advised that I have appointed/reappointed Mr. James Poole to the State Bar Committee of Bar Examiners as follows:

1. Mr. Poole was appointed effective July 9, 2026, to serve the remainder of a term that expires on October 1, 2026. This appointment fills the unexpired term of the previous appointee.
2. Mr. Poole has also been reappointed to a full four-year term effective October 1, 2026, through October 1, 2030.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,

ROBERT RIVAS
Speaker of the Assembly

July 9, 2026

*Sue Parker**Chief Clerk of the Assembly
State Capitol, Room 319
Sacramento, California*

RE: Appointment of Francine Rodd to
the Commission on the State of Hate

Dear Ms. Parker: Please be advised that I have appointed Ms. Francine Rodd to the Commission on the State of Hate. The effective date of her four-year pleasure term appointment is July 9, 2026, and it expires on January 1, 2030.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,

ROBERT RIVAS
Speaker of the Assembly

SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

By unanimous consent, the following committees were permitted to meet:

Housing and Community Development, on Wednesday, August 12, 2026, at 9:30 a.m., in Room 437;

Select Committee on Biotechnology and Medical Technology, on Tuesday, August 4, 2026, at 10 a.m., in Room 126;

Select Committee on Developing Pathways to Purpose for Young Men, on Wednesday, August 12, 2026, at 9:30 a.m., in Room 127.

REPORTS

The following letter of transmittal was presented by the Chief Clerk and ordered printed in the Journal:

California State Auditor

2025-051
July 9, 2026

*The Honorable Speaker of the Assembly
The Honorable Members of the Assembly
of the Legislature of California
State Capitol, Room 319
Sacramento, California*

Members of the Assembly: As required by Business and Professions Code section 6145, subdivision (d), my office conducted an audit of the State Bar of California (State Bar) and its administration of the California Bar Examination administered in February 2025 (February 2025 bar exam). In general, we determined that the State Bar poorly implemented certain changes to the bar exam, which had a negative effect on test takers.

In part to reduce costs and address the solvency of its Admissions Fund, the State Bar decided in 2024 to switch from administering the bar exam in person to offering test takers the option to take the bar exam remotely or in person. To make this switch, the State Bar contracted with Kaplan Exam Services, LLC (Kaplan) to develop multiple-choice questions for the bar exam. However, the State Bar did not specify to Kaplan certain legal topics required for the bar exam, and the State Bar asked another of its vendors, ACS Ventures, LLC (ACS Ventures) to develop additional exam questions, which it did using artificial intelligence. Although the State Bar engaged in a content validation process to review, edit, and validate all the newly developed multiple-choice questions, the State Bar's execution of this process had flaws that hindered its effectiveness.

The State Bar also contracted with ProctorU Inc., dba Meazure Learning (Meazure Learning), to administer the February 2025 bar exam without first defining business requirements or establishing criteria to evaluate the vendor's performance. It also contracted with Meazure Learning despite knowing that it lacked an important tool to administer the exam's performance test portion. Further, the State Bar did not ensure that Meazure Learning addressed the causes of computer freezes, crashes, and error messages that test takers faced during a November 2024 pretest. The technical and administrative problems that test takers experienced caused the State Bar to raise its pass rate from about 36 percent of test takers to about 65 percent of test takers of the February 2025 bar exam.

The State Bar did not achieve cost savings in its administration of the February 2025 bar exam, which has cost \$5.1 million, not including the costs of pending legal matters, and it experienced at least \$4 million in lost revenue from the remedies it provided to February 2025 test takers, which included exam refunds and fee waivers.

Respectfully submitted,

GRANT PARKS
California State Auditor

Above report referred to the Committee on Business and Professions.

ADJOURNMENT

ROBERT RIVAS, Speaker

DANIEL ALVAREZ, Assistant Minute Clerk

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