

The Supreme Court of Ohio

Law School Accreditation Advisory Committee

Minutes of May 12, 2026, Meeting, Lincoln Conference Room 735

Present: Administrative Director Robert W. Horner, III (*Chair*), Mary Amos Augsburger, Dean Kent Barnett, Sophia Friguleto (*on behalf of* Amanda “Mandi” Gould), Dean Emily Janoski-Haehlen, Senator Nathan Manning, Deputy Administrative Director Gina White Palmer, Representative Brian Stewart, and Dr. Frank Woodside, III.

Staff Present: Zach Holscher.

Call to Order

The Chairman called the meeting to order. All members were present.

Approval of Minutes

The Chairman presented the minutes from the November 6, 2025, January 15, 2026, and April 2, 2026, Committee Meetings. Upon motion duly made (Dr. Woodside) and seconded (Rep. Stewart), the minutes were unanimously approved.

Accreditation Operational Plan Development and Implementation

The Chairman led the Committee through the main components of the accreditation operational plan and how those components would be implemented.

Approval of Recommendation to Court

Upon motion duly made (Rep. Stewart) and seconded (Dep. Admin. Dir. Palmer), the Committee voted to recommend the following three items to the Supreme Court of Ohio:

1. Amending the Ohio Government of the Bar Rules to replace language currently limiting bar eligibility to graduates of ABA-accredited law schools and send out the amendments for a 45-day public comment period;
2. Directing Administrative Director Horner to file a comprehensive application for variances with the ABA reflecting unified requests of all Ohio law schools and Northern Kentucky University; and
3. Directing Administrative Director Horner to begin the designing of an operational framework for an Ohio based accreditation entity and process.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.