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The COVID-19 pandemic forced many professional association governing boards to act fast and temporarily disregard organizational long-term goals. The Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards shared their experiences in shifting their board to adopt a more strategic focus as it emerged from the pandemic. Governance changes made it easier to bring new voices to leadership, and redesigning meetings allowed for the board to identify outcomes and strategies for important discussion topics. Read about how easy to implement changes yielded excellent results in [Associations Now](#).

Sneak Preview of the NextGen Bar Exam

Last week the National Conference of Bar Examiners unveiled a preview of the planned updates of the bar exam. Set to debut in July 2026, the new exam will eliminate the current exam's three separate components — the Multistate Bar Examination, the Multistate Essay Examination and the Multistate Performance Test. The new format will deemphasize memorization in favor of more emphasis on legal skills. Learn more about the committee work and pilot testing behind these efforts in [Reuters Law](#).

California Commission Deadlocked on Alternative Attorneys Licensure

Supporters of a California proposal to create an alternative pathway to attorney licensure were asked by members of the State Bar of California's board of trustees to develop their proposals further. The full Blue Ribbon Commission on the Future of the Bar Exam had deadlocked over proposals that include supervised work, "a portfolio of accomplishments" or a different assessment. Trustees asked that commissioners present their updated proposal at either the board's July or September meeting. The [ABA Journal](#) has additional information on the arguments for and against this proposal.

Authentic Leadership Requires Hard Work and Open Dialogue

Demonstrating authentic leadership in the workplace is always a challenge particularly for women of color. In the [Harvard Business Review's Women at Work](#) podcast, Babson College management professor Tina Opie explains how leaders can bring their best selves to work and help others do the same. Learn how emotional intelligence and being unafraid of difficult conversations are key tactics in embracing an authentic leadership style.



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