

AGENDA ITEM

A&E I.A. JULY 2017 – SPECIAL MEETING

DATE: July 21, 2017

TO: Members, Admissions and Education Committee

FROM: Gayle Murphy, Director, Admissions

SUBJECT: Recommendation from the Committee of Bar Examiners re California Bar Examination Pass Line and Report on “Conducting a Standard Setting Study for the California Bar Exam” prepared by Chad Buckendahl, Ph.D. – Request to Circulate for Public Comment

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A special joint meeting of the Board of Trustees Admissions and Education Committee and the Committee of Bar Examiners (Committee) will be held July 31, 2017. At that meeting, the Committee will consider a report: “Conducting a Standard Setting Study for the California Bar Exam” prepared by psychometrician Chad Buckendahl, Ph.D. that will be an attachment to an agenda item regarding the California Bar Examination Pass Line. The materials for the joint meeting will be published at the conclusion of the July 2017 California Bar Examination, which for those taking the examination under extended time schedules is July 28, 2017.

Following a discussion of the item and action taken by the Committee, the Board Committee will be asked for authorization to circulate the Committee’s recommendation(s) for public comment. The public comment period would begin August 1, 2017, and conclude August 25, 2017. In addition to encouraging the submission of written comments, two public hearings will be held: August 14, 2017 in the Los Angeles State Bar offices and August 15, 2017 in the San Francisco State Bar offices.

The public comments received and final recommendations concerning the California Bar Examination pass line will be considered by the Committee during its meeting on August 31, 2017. The Committee’s recommendation regarding the pass line would then be considered by the Board of Trustees during its meeting on September 6 and 7, 2017. The Board’s recommendation would be submitted to the Supreme Court shortly thereafter.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Please refer to the Committee of Bar Examiners’ agenda item when posted the evening of July 28, 2017.

FISCAL/PERSONNEL IMPACT

Pending recommendation.

RULE AMENDMENTS

Admissions Rules; California Rules of Court.

BOARD BOOK IMPACT

None

BOARD GOALS & OBJECTIVES

None

BOARD COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Admissions and Education Committee authorize the release of the Committee of Bar Examiners' recommendation(s) regarding the California Bar Examination pass line for a public comment period to begin August 1, 2017 through August 25, 2017. If the Board Committee agrees, it is recommended that the Admissions and Education Committee approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Admissions and Education Committee authorizes staff to release the Committee of Bar Examiners' recommendation(s) regarding the California Bar Examination pass line for a public comment period beginning August 1, 2017 through August 25, 2017, which will include two public hearings to be held; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this authorization for release for public comment is not, and shall not be construed as, a statement or recommendation of approval of the proposed item.

ATTACHMENT(S) LIST

None.