

## **AGENDA ITEM**

### **A&E I.A. AUGUST 2017 – SPECIAL MEETING**

**DATE:** August 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. – Return from Public Comment

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#### **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 August 31, 2017. At that meeting, the Committee will consider the public comment received after circulating for public comment the report entitled: “Conducting a Standard Setting Study for the California Bar Exam” prepared by psychometrician Chad Buckendahl, Ph.D. and staff’s recommendation that two options relative to the California Bar Examination (CBX) pass line be considered: 1) No change to the current CBX cut score; or 2) A reduced interim CBX cut score of 14142 to be used for the July 2017 CBX only. The materials for the joint meeting are expected to be posted on the State Bar’s webpages on Monday, August 28, 2017, which is the Monday following the last day of public comment, which is Friday, August 25, 2017.

The public comments received and final recommendations from staff concerning the California Bar Examination pass line will be considered by the Committee during its meeting on August 31, 2017. It is anticipated that the Committee will take action recommending a certain course of action relative to the pass line for consideration by the Board of Trustees (Board) during its meeting on September 6, 2017. After consideration of the Committee’s recommendation, the Board Committee may determine that it would like to make a specific recommendation regarding this matter for consideration by the Board or refer the matter to the Board without a specific recommendation from the Board Committee. Whatever action is taken by the Board during its September 6 meeting will be communicated to the Supreme Court shortly thereafter.

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#### **BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION**

Please refer to the Committee of Bar Examiners’ agenda item when posted on Monday, August 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**

Pending

**ATTACHMENT(S) LIST**

None.