



The State Bar *of California*

OPEN SESSION AGENDA ITEM JUNE, 2019 COMMITTEE OF BAR EXAMINERS ITEM O-201

DATE: June 7, 2019

TO: Members, Committee of Bar Examiners

FROM: Lisa Jeong Cummins, Program Manager III, Examinations

SUBJECT: 2018 - 2019 Examinations Goals

1. Edit and approve final versions of the essay questions and select performance test questions for administration on California Bar Examinations.

December 2018 / April 2019

2. Consider draft reports to the Supreme Court of California on February and July California Bar Examinations, which include analyses by psychometrician.

December 2018 / June 2019

3. In conjunction with Operations and Management, review reports on administration of the California First-Year Law Students' Examination.

December 2018 / August 2019

4. Consider report prepared by psychometrician related to law school performance and performance on the bar examination.

Completed

5. Consider next steps with regard to conducting additional studies relative to the content, format and scope of the California Bar Examination, including the California Job Analysis Study and other studies as mandated by the California Supreme Court.

Ongoing

6. In conjunction with Operations and Management, review reports on the administration of the California Bar Examination.

April 2019 / August 2019

7. Implement Appendix I recommendations relative to Examinations, to include evaluation of sampling for bar exam questions and an evaluation of the grading process.

Ongoing

8. Training from State Bar Staff on the Processing of Testing Accommodations Petitions and on Substantive Issues Concerning Evaluating Testing Accommodations Petitions.

June 2019

9. Consider proposals on ways to reduce the time it takes to release results for the California Bar Examination.

August 2019

10. Review report to be prepared by the Committee's psychometrician on the impact of the modified (2-Day) California Bar Examination, as requested by the Board of Trustees to be done after the new examination format has been administered for two years to determine whether there are any problems or disparities.

October 2019

11. Continue to monitor the modified California Bar Examination in order to determine whether there are any problems or disparities.

Ongoing

12. Consider petitions seeking waivers of the Committee's examinations related policies, procedures and rules.

Monthly

13. Review appeals from applicants with disabilities who are appealing Director, Admissions, decisions relative to their requests for testing accommodations.

Monthly