



# The State Bar of California

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## OPEN SESSION AGENDA ITEM AUGUST 2019 COMMITTEE OF BAR EXAMINERS ITEM O-300

**DATE:** August 13, 2019

**TO:** Members, Committee of Bar Examiners

**FROM:** Tammy Campbell, Program Manager, Office of Admissions

**SUBJECT:** 2018-2019 Operations and Management Goals and Accomplishments

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1. Receive updates on the status of the Admissions Information Management Systems (AIMS) Project.

*The Director of Admissions regularly provided updates on the status of the AIMS project that went live on March 1, 2019.*

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

*During each of its meetings, the Committee considered and evaluated a number of applicant petitions seeking waivers of its administrative related policies, procedures, and rules.*

3. Implement proposed amendments to the statute regarding Application Deadlines.

*The last set of application deadlines for the July 2019 California Bar Examination were fully implemented on March 1, 2019.*

4. In conjunction with the Subcommittee on Examinations, review reports on administration of the California Bar Examination.

*During its April 2019 meeting, the Committee received a report on the administration of the February 2019 California Bar Examination. The report on the July 2019 California Bar Examination will be presented to the Committee during its August 2019 meeting.*

5. Complete the production for the three Admissions training videos on the following topics: an on-line video on “preparing to take the Bar Exam” for applicants and two proctor training videos.

*Deferred. While the budget for the video has been approved and the format and length of the video have been determined, more time will be required for production. Tentatively planning for the video to be ready in time to release before the February 2020 Bar Exam.*

6. Consider proposed guidelines for interpretation of the *Admissions Rules*, such as in the area of eligibility and administration of examinations.

*The Office of General Counsel and the Office of Admissions plan to review the guidelines related to eligibility and exam administration after all Appendix I items have been fully implemented, in December of 2019.*

7. In conjunction with Examinations, review report to be prepared by the Committee’s psychometrician on the financial and psychometric 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.

*The Operations and Management Unit are working with finance to provide exam financial information for this analysis, as finance will be spearheading this portion of the report. Office of Admissions staff is also working with the contracted psychometrician on the other component of this report. It is anticipated that the report will be presented to the CBE at an upcoming meeting.*

8. In conjunction with Subcommittee on Examinations, review reports on administration of the First-Year Law Students’ Examination.

*During its December 2018 meeting, the Committee received a report on the administration of the October 2018 First-Year Law Students’ Examination. The report on the June 2019 First-Year Law Students’ Examination will be presented to the Committee during its August 2019 meeting.*