



The State Bar *of California*

OPEN SESSION AGENDA ITEM JANUARY 2020 COMMITTEE OF BAR EXAMINERS ITEM O-201

DATE: January 31, 2020

TO: Members, Committee of Bar Examiners

FROM: Lisa Jeong Cummins, Program Manager III, Examinations

SUBJECT: Approval of 2019 - 2020 Examinations Goals

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

December 2019 / April 2020

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

December 2019 / June 2020

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

December 2019 / August 2020

4. 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.

December 2019 / Ongoing

5. Review report 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.

December 2019

6. Review and consider report on proposed sampling plan for selection of California Bar Examination question subjects, as part of the implementation of the Appendix I recommendation to develop such a plan. If appropriate, consider and decide whether to implement proposed sampling plan.

January 2020 / Ongoing

7. Review and consider final report prepared for the California Attorney Practice Analysis (CAPA).

April 2020

8. In conjunction with Operations and Management, consider report prepared by the State Bar's Office of Finance on the financial and budgetary impacts of the transition to the modified (2-Day) California Bar Examination.

April 2020

9. Review and consider proposals on ways to reduce the time it takes to release results for the California Bar Examination. Review and consider report prepared by the Committee's psychometrician, as part of the implementation of the Appendix I recommendation to evaluate the grading process for the California Bar Examination. If appropriate, consider and decide whether to implement any changes to the Committee's grading policies, processes, or procedures.

April 2020 / Ongoing

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

April 2020 / August 2020

11. Training from Subject Matter Expert on Substantive Issues Concerning Evaluating Testing Accommodations Petitions.

June 2020

12. Consider report on recommended best practices in examination administration and examination grading prepared by the California Department of Consumer Affairs.

August 2020

13. Training from State Bar Staff on the Phased Grading System for the California Bar Examination.

August 2020

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

Ongoing

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

Monthly, per Committee meeting schedule

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

Monthly, per Committee meeting schedule