



The State Bar *of California*

OPEN SESSION AGENDA ITEM O-201 OCTOBER 2021 COMMITTEE OF BAR EXAMINERS

DATE: October 15, 2021

TO: Members, Committee of Bar Examiners

FROM: Lisa J. Cummins, Program Manager III, Examinations

SUBJECT: Approval of Proposed 2021–2022 Examinations Goals

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Below are the Examinations Subcommittee's 2021-2022 proposed goals for the Committee's approval.

BACKGROUND

The Examinations Subcommittee's proposed goals for the 2021-2022 Committee year are listed below.

1. Training from Subject Matter Expert on the Principles of Scaling Written Test Scores on the California Bar Examination to the Multistate Bar Examination.

December 2021

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

December 2021 / April 2022

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

December 2021 / August 2022

4. Consider draft reports to the Supreme Court of California on the July 2022 and February 2022 California Bar Examinations.

March 2022 / June 2022

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

April 2022 / October 2022

6. Training from Subject Matter Expert on Substantive Issues in Determining Accessibility and Disability for Purposes of Testing Accommodations

June 2022

7. Consider next steps with regard to conducting additional studies relative to the content, format and scope of the California Bar Examination, including any recommended by the Blue Ribbon Commission on the Future of the California Bar Exam and other studies as mandated by the California Supreme Court.

Ongoing

8. Work with the State Bar's Office of Access & Inclusion and the Council on Access and Fairness to develop processes and procedures in Examination Development and Examination Grading that advance the Mission of the State Bar to support efforts for greater access to, and inclusion in, the legal system; including, but not limited to, participating in the Differential Item Functioning (DIF) Working Group in its charge to review flagged items from the DIF Analysis Report and to develop guiding principles to mitigate against DIF prospectively.

Ongoing

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

Monthly, per Committee meeting schedule

10. Review appeals from applicants with disabilities who are appealing the Director for Admissions' decisions with respect to their requests for testing accommodations.

Monthly, per Committee meeting schedule

FISCAL/PERSONNEL IMPACT

None

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee of Bar Examiners approve the report on 2021–2022 Examination Subcommittee goals set forth above.

PROPOSED MOTION

Should the Committee of Bar Examiners agree with the staff recommendation, the following motion should be made:

MOVE, that the report on 2021–2022 Examination Subcommittee goals be approved.

ATTACHMENT(S) LIST

A. None