

# COMMITTEE OF BAR EXAMINERS

## OPEN SESSION AGENDA ITEM

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### Review of 2014-2015 Goals and Accomplishments Operations and Management Subcommittee *Updated 10/2015*

1. Review Proposed 2015 Admissions Fund Budget.

*During its December 2014 meeting, the Committee received a presentation on the proposed 2015 Admissions Fund Budget.*

2. In conjunction with Subcommittee on Examinations, review reports on administration of the California First-Year Law Students' Examination.

*During its December 2014 and August 2015 meetings, the Committee considered reports on the administration of the October 2014 and June 2015 California First-Year Law Students' Examination.*

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

*During its March 2015 and August 2015 meetings, the Committee considered reports on the administration of the February 2015 and July 2015 California Bar Examination.*

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

*Deferred.*

5. Consider potential alternate testing sites for the First-Year Law Students' Examination in response to need for smaller venues due to a reduced testing population.

*During its August 2015 meeting, the Committee considered a report on the administration of the June 2015 California First-Year Law Students' Examination, which included information on how the State Bar office in San Francisco was utilized to administer the examination to the TA applicants and that the South San Francisco Conference Center was used in lieu of the Oakland Convention Center for the general applicants in Northern California. Potential utilization of alternate and more cost-effective facilities will be an on-going area of focus in the future.*

6. Consider potential alternate testing sites for the testing accommodations test centers due to increased numbers and costs associated with current locations.

*See item #5. In the report there was information to the effect that while material cost savings were realized by utilizing the State Bar office in San Francisco for TA testing during the administration of the June 2015 California First-Year Law Students' Examination, a number of logistical challenges would most likely prevent future use of this facility. During the administration of the July 2015 California Bar Examination, some partial utilization of certain hotel floors was attempted with limited success.*

7. Review report on whether there are alternatives that should be pursued with respect to the Admissions Ceremonies and cost-sharing opportunities with other departments within the State Bar and/or external legal organizations, such as local Bar Associations, commercial MCLE providers, etc.

*During its June 2015 meeting, the Committee considered an updated report on the cost and attendance of the Admissions Ceremonies held in June and December of each year. No actions were taken to change how the Ceremonies are currently administered.*

8. Explore additional potential cost savings related to Admissions functions.

*A number of cost savings initiatives were reviewed, discussed and/or implemented throughout the year.*