

COMMITTEE OF BAR EXAMINERS OPEN SESSION AGENDA ITEM

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: October 2016 – O-200

Proposed 2016 – 2017 Goals Examinations Subcommittee 10/2016

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

December 2016 / August 2017

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

December 2016 / April 2017

3. Training from psychometrician on examination scaling, validity, reliability and fairness.

January 2017

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

January 2017 / June 2017

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

March 2017 / August 2017

6. Training from psychiatrist relating to testing accommodations for applicants with mental disabilities.

April 2017

7. Review and consider proposed Admissions Rules guidelines for examinations, testing accommodations, and any other rules that fall within the purview of the Subcommittee on Examinations.

June 2017

8. Training from Performance Test Drafting Team Member: Performance Test Drafting 101 (Basics).

August 2017

9. Continue to study examination grading process to determine whether bar examination results can be released earlier.

Ongoing

10. Review bar examination process, including scope, format, grading and UBE, to determine whether changes to current process should be explored.

Ongoing

11. Consider conducting future psychometric studies to ensure the reliability, validity and fairness of examinations administered by the Committee of Bar Examiners.

Ongoing

12. Receive reports on progress of Uniform Bar Examination.

Ongoing

13. In conjunction with Subcommittee on Operations and Management, receive updates on progress of preparations for administration of the modified California Bar Examination effective July 2017.

Monthly (through June 2017)

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

Monthly

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

Monthly