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Rule 6.60 In general

Unless these rules provide otherwise, rules applicable to meetings of the Board of Governors apply to meetings of Board-appointed committees that act on its behalf (in this chapter, “Board-appointed bodies”).

Rule 6.61 Open meeting policy

Meetings of Board-appointed bodies are open to the public unless closed pursuant to rule or law. Meeting space for members of the public may be limited and the State Bar is not obligated to provide seating for all members of the public in attendance.

Rule 6.62 Closed sessions

- (A) In addition to the rules governing meetings of the Board of Governors, a Board-appointed body may also meet in closed session to discuss, deliberate, or take action upon
- (1) matters designated confidential by its charge, these rules, or otherwise by law;
 - (2) matters related to the character, competence, or physical or mental health of an individual;
 - (3) allegations of criminal or professional misconduct;
 - (4) applications, petitions, requests, investigations, opinions, complaints, recommendations, or reports regarding specific cases or programs;
 - (5) proposals, negotiations, or discussions related to contractual, labor, business, or legislative matters;
 - (6) matters related to the development, administration, or grading of an examination; or
 - (7) matters relating to internal management of the Board-appointed body.
- (B) State Bar staff and others who are reasonably necessary for consideration of a closed session matter may attend the closed session at the discretion of the body’s chair.

Rule 6.63 Committee records exempt from disclosure

- (A) The following records are exempt from disclosure:
- (1) Records directly relating to matters that would be exempt from disclosure at meetings of the Board or a board committee.
 - (2) Records exempt or prohibited from disclosure by court decisions, Rules of Procedure of the State Bar, federal or state law relating to privilege and privacy.
 - (3) Written memoranda prepared for the Board-appointed body by the Office of General Counsel, or outside counsel, related to advice, litigation, or claims.
 - (4) Drafts, notes, or memoranda which are not distributed in the course of committee business.
- (B) Nothing in these rules prevents the board from opening records to public inspection, unless disclosure is otherwise prohibited by law.

(C) The Board-appointed body must cite the express authority under which the record is exempt from disclosure.

Appendix ____

State Bar of California committees subject to open meeting rules

- Committee on Administration of Justice
- Committee on Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Committee on Appellate Courts
- Committee of Bar Examiners
- Committee on Delivery of Legal Services
- Committee on Federal Courts
- Committee on Group Insurance
- Committee on Mandatory Fee Arbitration
- Committee on Professional Liability Insurance
- Committee on Professional Responsibility and Conduct
- Council of State Bar Sections
- Council on Access and Fairness
- Client Security Fund Commission
- California Commission on Access to Justice
- Judicial Nominees Evaluation Commission
- Judicial Nominees Evaluation Review Committee
- Lawyer Assistance Program Oversight Committee
- Legal Services Trust Fund Commission
- California Board of Legal Specialization