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Dear Mr. Christensen:

Enclosed please find the BBE's response and attachment to the letter dated January 8, 2026, from Supreme Court Commissioners Barber and Schoenborn in which they posed several questions regarding Rule Petition 25-04.

Should you need anything further or if you have questions regarding this matter, kindly contact me. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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Executive Director & General Counsel

Enclosure

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Timothy M. Barber  
Bridget Schoenborn  
Supreme Court Commissioners  
110 E. Main Street  
Suite 440  
Madison, WI 53703

Dear Commissioners Barber and Schoenborn:

I write in response to your letter of January 8, 2026, in which you posed four questions to the Board of Bar Examiners (BBE) with regard to Rule Petition 25-04.

The first question was whether the BBE had received information from CCAP as to how much time it requires to develop and implement programming changes associated with adoption of the rule petition and whether it can do so in time for the UBE to be administered this July. Please be advised that I have met with both Brittney Richmond, Chief Information Officer for CCAP, and Audrey Skwierawski, Director of State Courts, to address this question. CCAP has indicated that it will take approximately 400 hours to complete this project and that it can get done in time for the July exam. However, CCAP has also indicated that it will need a final order from the Court preferably by March 13, 2026, but no later than March 23, 2026, to ensure that there are no changes that would impact the development of the project or its timeline for completion. CCAP has also noted that it does not yet have the required information it needs from the National Conference of Bar Examiners and the State Bar of Wisconsin for this project.

Next, you asked how the BBE proposes to provide applicants notice of the rule amendments and associated changes to the bar exam for this July if the Court grants the petition. The BBE has posted a notice on our webpage with information about the pending rule petition, noting that it was filed in December of 2025, and recommends the adoption of the UBE beginning in July 2026. The notice further points out that the petition includes a recommendation for the completion of a Wisconsin law educational component for purposes of admission. It also includes information about the upcoming public hearing, along with a link to the petition. Additionally, the posting notes that following the hearing in March, a decision about which exam will be administered in July will be forthcoming and that thereafter the application for it will become available. We also indicate that additional updates will be posted on our webpage as they become known.

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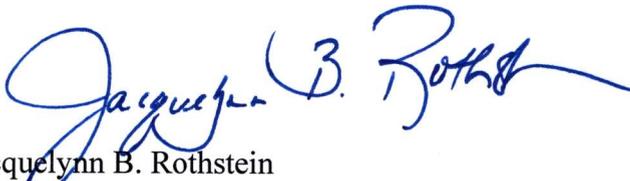
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The third question asked when the BBE anticipates that course content will be available from the State Bar (or other providers) to satisfy the proposed Wisconsin law and practice educational component. While the BBE and the State Bar have engaged in preliminary discussions about providing the course content for the Wisconsin law and practice educational component required for admission and while the State Bar has indicated support for doing so, a specific date has not yet been identified as to when it will be available. State Bar Executive Director Jill Rothstein is scheduled to appear at the Board's next meeting on February 27, 2026, at which time we hope to learn more information as to when those course offerings may be available. The BBE has not engaged in discussions with any other provider about the proposed Wisconsin law and practice educational component.

Finally, your letter asked whether proposed Supreme Court Rule §40.04 (10) should contain a time limit for completion of the Wisconsin law and practice educational component. Currently SCR 40 app. BA §4.03 provides that any bar examination application file that remains incomplete six months following the date on which applicants are notified of their passing scores may be closed. Consistent with that provision, the BBE's long-standing practice is to close bar examination files if they are not complete within six months of an applicant receiving a passing score. The proposed rule would not affect that provision and therefore the BBE would continue its practice of closing any such file that remained incomplete six months following notice of a passing UBE score. Under the proposed rule, the BBE would consider a file incomplete if an applicant did not submit proof of having completed the Wisconsin law and practice educational component within six months of having received notice of a passing UBE score. Nevertheless, the BBE does not object to adding a six month time limit within the rule for the completion of the Wisconsin law and practice educational component. In other words, applicants with a passing UBE score would need to complete the Wisconsin law and practice educational component within six months following notification of their score. Similarly, for those applying for admission by the transfer of an eligible UBE score, the BBE welcomes additional language that would impose a six month deadline for the completion of the Wisconsin law component once a UBE transfer application has been filed. Attached please find an updated "clean version" of the rule that adds those specific deadlines to SCR 40.04 (10).

Kindly contact me should you have any further questions about this matter.

Very truly yours,

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**SCR 40.04 (2) Scope of Examination**

Commencing in July 2026, the board shall administer the Uniform Bar Examination (UBE) prepared by the National Conference of Bar Examiners. Commencing in July 2028, the board shall administer the successor to the UBE prepared by the National Conference of Bar Examiners.

**SCR 40.04 (9) Eligibility for Admission by transferred UBE Score**

Commencing in July 2026, an applicant may be eligible for admission provided the applicant has received a scaled score of 260 or higher earned in another jurisdiction on the UBE and the score is certified as a UBE score by the National Conference of Bar Examiners. The applicant shall submit evidence of the score and a complete application for admission to the Board within 36 months of the date of the qualifying examination being used as the basis for the admission.

**SCR 40.04 (10) Wisconsin Law and Practice Educational Component**

(a) Before being admitted to the practice of law in Wisconsin by UBE examination or by transferred UBE score, an applicant shall successfully complete 30 hours of the Wisconsin law and practice educational component.

(b) The Wisconsin law and practice educational component shall be completed within six months of receiving notification of a passing UBE score or within six months of filing an application for admission via an eligible UBE transfer score.

(c) The Wisconsin law and practice educational component shall be comprised of subject matter areas based on the requirements of the diploma privilege as found in SCR 40.03 and approved by the board. The board shall review any such programming annually.

**SCR 40.14 (3) (a) Application; fees**

Bar examination fee \$950

**SCR 40.14 (3) (j) Application; fees**

Fee for admission by transferred UBE score \$850