Forensic Science Standards Board – Standards Review Rubric Scoring Model

Overview

The Standards Review Scoring Model is a tool designed to help streamline the review of documents undergoing the development and OSAC Registry Approval process, including OSAC Technical Guidance Documents. **Scores are based on consensus scoring, rather than an individual's score.**

1. **All proposed standards or documents (regardless of where the document is in the process):**
   a. The consensus score cannot equal zero on a question – regardless of the overall average score - the document will be returned to the Subcommittee.
   b. Any document that receives a consensus score of one (1) on a question will require a ballot for the document to proceed to the next step.
   c. Any document that receives an average score of three (3) or below will not be approved to proceed to the next step and will be returned to the Subcommittee for further review and revision.
   d. Any document that receives an average score between three (3) and four (4) will require a ballot to proceed to the next step.
   e. Any document that receives an average score of four (4) and above will be automatically approved to move to the next step.

2. **All SDO published documents:**
   a. The consensus score cannot equal zero on a question – regardless of the overall average score - the document will be returned to the Subcommittee.
      i. A Subcommittee could petition for an exception if the zero (0) is a new mandatory requirement as of **January 1, 2026**. This petition must include a documented plan that addresses the zero(s) (0) through revision. A ballot at the SAC will be required to accept or reject this petition.
   b. Any document that receives a consensus score of one (1) on a question will require a ballot at the SAC for the document to be approved and posted to the registry.
   c. Any document that receives an average score of three (3) or lower will not be approved and will not be posted to the registry.
   d. Any document that receives an average score between three (3) and four (4) will require a ballot at the SAC to be approved and posted to the registry.
   e. Any document that receives an average score of four (4) and above will be automatically approved for the registry.