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**To:** Committee Members **Date:** May 25, 2021  
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**Subject:** **Overview of the Purpose of the Licensing Committee and Identification of Issues for Discussion**

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### **Purpose of the Committee**

The Board established the Licensing Committee in order to conduct an in-depth discussion about several topics related to the licensing process.

The Committee held its first meeting on March 26, 2021. At its first meeting, the Committee discussed potential issues for discussion (below), and also conducted a discussion regarding the 12-hour California law and ethics course requirement for renewing registrants with a failing score on the California law and ethics examination.

### **Issues for Discussion**

Potential topics related to the Board's licensing and examination process that the Committee may wish to discuss at future meetings are as follows:

1. The 12-hour California law and ethics course requirement for renewing registrants with a failing California law and ethics exam score.
2. The allowable age of a passing California law and ethics examination score.
3. Whether California law and ethics examination attempts should be limited to only those pursuing licensure (i.e. those with a current or delinquent registration number or open application).
4. Whether or not the number of exam attempts should be limited.
5. Accepting the National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Examination (NCMHCE) from Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC) applicants who may have taken and passed the examination prior to gaining all required experience hours (which is when the Board grants eligibility to take the examination).
6. The six-year limit of registration numbers, the prohibition on working in a private practice with a subsequent number, and the requirement that experience hours be

no more than six years old. (These together are commonly referred to as “the six-year rule.”)

7. Discussion of life coaching and pastoral counseling.
8. Discussion of requiring continuing education for pre-licensees (associates), and a modernization of required continuing education courses for licensees.
9. Discussion of national exam (LMFT)/ timing of exams.