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Subject: Licensing Committee Update

The Licensing Committee (Committee) held its last meeting on July 21, 2023. The Board formed the Licensing Committee to conduct an in-depth discussion about several topics related to the licensing process.

Previously, the Committee developed a legislative proposal to delete the requirement that renewing registrants with a failing California law and ethics exam score must complete a 12-hour California law and ethics course. Instead, this was replaced with a 3-hour California law and ethics continuing education course requirement for all renewing registrants. This proposal (AB 1759, Aguiar-Curry) was recently signed into law.

At the July 21, 2023 meeting, the Committee discussed short term and long term goals for its workforce development action plan. The workforce development action plan consists of three main efforts: data analysis, reducing barriers to licensure, and recruitment and retention. The Committee also reviewed a draft of a consumer outreach document designed to explain the Board's regulated professions to the public.

The next Licensing Committee meeting will be held on October 12, 2023.