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BOARD CHAIR UPDATE



Chris Jones

I am excited to be serving as your new Board Chair, and I am happy to announce that Vice Chair Wendy Strack was reappointed by Governor Gavin Newsom for a second term as a public member. Congratulations, Wendy! Two other appointments were also made. Aimee Eng was appointed by the Assembly and will serve as a public member. Nick Boyd was appointed by Governor Newsom and will serve as the Board's licensed professional clinical counselor member. Welcome Aimee and Nick!

Public members Ross Erlich and Max Disposti have concluded their tenure on the Board. Ross served on the Board from February 2020 to June 2023. Max served on the Board from March 2016 to August 2023. Max served as chair of the board from June 2020 to May 2023, and as vice chair from May 2018 to June 2020. Max was also a member of the Policy and Advocacy Committee. We cannot thank them enough for their years of service to the Board and California. They will be greatly missed, and we are sure they will continue to do great work in their respective fields.

The Board is closely following AB 232 (Aguiar-Curry). This bill proposes a 30-day temporary practice allowance to qualifying therapists licensed out of state whose client is visiting California or is in the process of moving here. Current law requires a therapist to hold an active and current California license or registration to provide therapy to a client who is physically located in California. This can cause continuity of care issues for a client who is temporarily visiting, or has recently moved to California and needs to see their out-of-state licensed therapist via telehealth. Several other states have temporary practice allowances for the equivalent out-of-state licensees so that visiting or relocated clients can have access to their current therapist for a limited period of time.

Recently, the Board published [10 Tips for a Smoother Licensing Process](#). This is just one of a variety of resources for registrants that are easily accessible on the Board's website. Additional resources are listed on [page 4](#). Please reach out to the Board for support on the licensing process. This can be done by visiting the [Contact Us](#) link on the Board's website, following the Board on Facebook, or calling the Board directly. We are here to help!

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THE BOARD'S MISSION IS TO PROTECT AND SERVE CALIFORNIANS BY SETTING, COMMUNICATING, AND ENFORCING STANDARDS FOR SAFE AND COMPETENT MENTAL HEALTH PRACTICE.

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We welcome stakeholders and the public to attend and participate in all our Board and committee meetings. The Board's Licensing Committee is addressing workforce development and is creating a consumer outreach document that will explain what licensees can offer a client. The Telehealth Committee recently completed a survey on practitioner use of online therapy companies and will continue to explore this subject. All Board and committee meetings are open to the public and accessible either in person or online. Upcoming meeting dates are listed on the [back cover](#) and on the [Board's website](#). Your input and insight are an invaluable part of the process. We look forward to seeing you at a future meeting!

Chris Jones
Board Chair

IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR LICENSEES AND REGISTRANTS

LAW CHANGES EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

LICENSEE CONTINUING EDUCATION (CE) REGULATION CHANGES

A number of new requirements pertaining to continuing education will affect licensees whose licenses expired as of July 1, 2023, as well as licensees submitting a renewal application after July 1, 2023 (regardless of expiration date). There are also some changes that CE providers should be aware of. These changes are detailed in the Board's [Continuing Education Changes FAQ](#).

ONE-TIME TELEHEALTH COURSEWORK REQUIRED FOR LICENSEES AND APPLICANTS FOR LICENSURE

This new law requires applicants for licensure and current licensees to complete three hours of training or coursework in the provision of mental health services via telehealth, including law and ethics related to telehealth, as a one-time requirement. There is no age limit on this course. Licensees must certify at their first renewal after July 1, 2023, that this requirement has been met. Individuals submitting an application for licensure on or after July 1, 2023, must attach proof of completion to their application. See the [AB 1759 FAQ](#) for more information.

CHANGES TO ADDITIONAL COURSEWORK REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRATION OR LICENSURE

"Additional Coursework" refers to the coursework required to be submitted with certain types of applications. There are no new courses required, but the types of acceptable providers have changed (all courses must be taken from an acceptable CE provider). In addition, the Human Sexuality course must now include the study of gender identity and gender dysphoria. See the [Additional Coursework Changes FAQ](#) for details.

REMINDERS

ASSOCIATES: NEW ANNUAL CE REQUIREMENT FOR RENEWAL EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023

For more information on registrant CE requirements see the [AB 1759 FAQ](#). Also see the Board's new [Registrant Continuing Education Brochure](#).

SUPERVISOR SELF-ASSESSMENT REPORTS WERE DUE JANUARY 1, 2023

Haven't submitted your Supervisor Self-Assessment yet? A [Supervisor Self-Assessment Report](#) was required to be submitted by all active supervisors by January 1, 2023. This report is also required to be submitted by new supervisors within 60 days of commencing supervision. Please submit yours as soon as possible if you have not done so.

GET TO KNOW MARLON MCMANUS, THE BOARD'S ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Tell us a little bit about yourself and your career journey so far:

I'm from Sacramento and I'm a triple Gemini. In my 20-year state career, I've worked in numerous positions such as a return-to-work coordinator, workers' compensation claims

adjuster, and as an enforcement manager. In my free time I volunteer for a few different youth sports organizations. I've coached youth soccer, football, and basketball.

How did you become a part of BBS?

After working as a workers compensation claims adjuster for about three years, I was ready for my next challenge. At the time, I had never heard of the Board of Behavioral Sciences. A co-worker sent me the advertisement for an enforcement analyst position. I applied for the position and interviewed with the then assistant executive officer. Two weeks later I was offered the position and I've now been with BBS for about 16 years.

What is your position as the Assistant Executive Officer at BBS and what does a day at the office look like for you?

No two days are alike. Going into my day, I'll have a list of tasks to work on. My day could consist of meetings to discuss personnel, data reports, legislation, enforcement investigations, etc. I do enjoy interacting with the public, so on occasion I'll assist someone at our front counter. It's really cool seeing the smile on a person's face when submitting their initial license application.

What are the most interesting aspects of the work?

As a naturally curious person who loves to explore new ideas, I really enjoy having group discussions with my fellow co-workers to problem-solve. Being presented with an issue and working to come up with solutions is always a highlight for me.

What is one thing that you wish more people knew about BBS?

BBS staff has done an amazing job of providing information and resource materials on our website for applicants, registrants, licensees, and consumers. In our outreach events, we are spreading the word to explore our website for answers to any questions they may have.

Who or what inspires you?

Darren Zanders helped shape me into the man that I am today. He was a mentor to many who had a knack for saying the right thing at the right time. In a single conversation with Mr. Zanders he would heap praise, demand more, and challenge the group to compete and elevate to a higher level.

What is one fun fact about you that few people know?

Once upon a time, I was a guest on a very popular talk show. I'll never give details, but it was pure comedy!

IMPORTANT BBS PUBLICATIONS FOR STUDENTS, NEW GRADUATES AND ASSOCIATES

STUDENTS

[Handbook for Future LCSWs](#)

[Handbook for Future LPCCs](#)

[Handbook for Future LMFTs](#)

[FAQs for MFT Trainees and AMFTs](#)

[Guide to Supervision for MFT Trainees and AMFTs](#)

NEW GRADUATES

[10 Tips for a Smoother Licensing Process](#)

[90-Day Rule FAQ](#)

[Guide to Supervision for ASWs](#)

[Guide to Supervision for APCCs](#)

[FAQs for ASWs](#)

[FAQs for APCCs](#)

ASSOCIATES

[Registrant CE Information Brochure](#)

[Law and Ethics Exam FAQ](#)

[Exam Candidate Handbooks](#)

(select your license type, then select Forms/Pubs)

NEW TELEHEALTH-RELATED PUBLICATIONS

In addition to the existing [Telehealth FAQs](#), the Board has developed several new publications related to telehealth.

FOR LICENSEES

[Planning to Supervise via Videoconferencing?](#)

[Are You Going to Provide Telehealth Services in California?](#)

FOR CONSUMERS

[Are You in California and Considering Receiving Mental Health Services via Telehealth?](#)



UPDATES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE ACCESS AND INFORMATION (HCAI)

GRANT, LOAN REPAYMENT AND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION CYCLES NOW OPEN

The Department of Health Care Access and Information (HCAI) improves health care access and works to promote a culturally competent and diverse health care workforce by providing scholarships, loan repayments, and grants to students, graduates, and institutions providing direct patient care in areas of unmet need. HCAI also collects, analyzes, and publishes data about California's health professional training, as well as identifies health care shortage areas in the state.

HCAI PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY TOOL

HCAI has developed an online eligibility tool for students, health care professionals, and organizations to quickly see what HCAI programs they may be eligible to apply for. To determine your eligibility, visit [Funding Eligibility](#).

STATE LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM

The State Loan Repayment Program (SLRP) assists with the repayment of educational loans in exchange for working at an eligible site. Eligible practice sites must be in a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) and agree to match SLRP awards.

The SLRP application cycle opened July 17, 2023, and closes on September 15, 2023. Learn [more](#).

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Advanced Practice Healthcare Scholarship Program (APHSP) increases the number of appropriately trained health care professionals providing direct patient care in a qualified facility in California. The APHSP offers a scholarship for those earning a master's in rehabilitation counseling.

The APHSP application cycle opened on August 1, 2023, and closes on October 31, 2023. Learn [more](#).

SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION CAPACITY EXPANSION

The Social Work Education Capacity Expansion (SWECE) program provides grants to educational institutions to develop new Bachelor of Arts in Social Work and/or Master of Social Work (MSW) programs, as well as expand MSW programs.

The SWECE application cycle opened on August 15, 2023, and closes on October 16, 2023. Learn [more](#).

HEALTH PROFESSIONS PATHWAYS PROGRAM

The Health Professions Pathways Program (HPPP) is designed to recruit and support students from underrepresented regions and backgrounds to pursue health careers. HPPP is a competitive grant opportunity to award organizations that will develop and implement health professions pathways programs that can include pipeline programs, summer internships, and post undergraduate fellowships.

The HPPP application cycle opened on August 15, 2023, and closes on October 16, 2023. Learn [more](#).

HEALTH CAREERS EXPLORATION PROGRAM

The Health Careers Exploration Program (HCEP, formerly Mini-Grants Program) is designed to strengthen educational and social foundations by providing direct and indirect program support for underrepresented and/or disadvantaged individuals interested in pursuing health care careers. HCEP awards up to \$25,000 to institutions to support conferences, workshops, or career exploration activities, exposing students to health careers.

The HCEP application cycle opened on August 15, 2023, and closes on October 16, 2023. Learn [more](#).

STAFF PROFILE: KATRINA MARTINEZ



TELL US A LITTLE BIT ABOUT YOURSELF AND YOUR CAREER JOURNEY SO FAR:

I began my state career almost six years ago. In this time, I've worked in the licensing units for multiple boards including the Speech and Hearing, the Medical Board, and Accountancy Board. While working with these

boards, I worked in a variety of areas including processing complex applications, training staff, committee and board meetings, outreach, and developing regulations. I also spent some time working in legislation at the Department of Health Care Services.

HOW DID YOU BECOME A PART OF BBS?

I had been interested in a position in enforcement for some time. When I worked with the Medical Board, I acted as a bridge between licensing and enforcement by processing applications where there may be concerns for licensure including criminal history, malpractice, out-of-state discipline, etc. I really enjoyed this type of work and wanted to become more involved in the enforcement process. I found the job posting for an Enforcement Analyst with the Consumer Complaint and Investigations Unit, and knew I would be a good fit for the position.

WHAT IS YOUR POSITION AT BBS AND WHAT DOES A DAY AT THE OFFICE LOOK LIKE FOR YOU?

As an Enforcement Analyst, each day is a little different, but usually consists of reviewing complaints, mailing letters requesting additional information, analyzing the information and documentation that is received, and preparing reports for management's review.

WHAT ARE THE MOST INTERESTING ASPECTS OF THE WORK THAT YOU DO FOR BBS?

Working with consumer complaints often feels like putting together a puzzle where the pieces come from multiple sources. Sometimes the picture is very clear and easy to put together, other times the pieces are missing, and the puzzle may never be completed. I love being able to gather evidence in order to see the whole picture for each complaint.

WHAT IS ONE THING THAT YOU WISH MORE PEOPLE KNEW ABOUT BBS?

I wish more people knew how dedicated the staff are and how each person plays an important role at BBS. We are only able to perform the work we do to protect consumers because we are able to rely on one another every day.

WHO OR WHAT INSPIRES YOU?

My wife, Mercedes, inspires me every day. She is such an amazing and kind person, she inspires me to want to be the same.

WHAT IS ONE FUN FACT ABOUT YOU THAT FEW PEOPLE KNOW?

I love to read and collect books. I have about 900 books in my collection, and so far this year, I've read 65 books. My favorite genre is fantasy, but I'm open to reading just about anything. Don't ask me what my favorite book is; there are way too many to choose from!



GUIDE TO EQUITY TERMINOLOGY: PROMOTING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EQUITY THROUGH THE WORDS WE USE

In the field of behavioral health, words are often our primary tools. We don't have hammers and saws, thermometers and stethoscopes, or brushes and palettes. Words are powerful tools and using them with intention is central to our craft.

"I'll never forget, years ago, when I was asked to give a talk about tribes and behavioral health indicators, I presented the data showing higher rates of suicide, alcohol use, earlier ages of initiating substance use, etc. I thought I had done a good job of documenting 'need.' However, a tribal leader came up to me saying I had painted such a negative view of their community, I had said nothing about the richness and the survival strengths of their tribe."

This quote from Larke Huang, Director of the Office of Behavioral Health Equity (OBHE), underscores how our words have the capacity to uplift communities or to marginalize them.

How often have you asked yourself, "Should I say BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) or People of Color? Limited English Proficient (LEP) or Non-English Language Preference (NELP)? Minority or minoritized? At OBHE, we receive these questions routinely and struggle with them often. There are times when an answer is straightforward, but more often, the complexity of the issue leads to the response: "It depends." Facing this ambiguity, we decided to develop a Guide to Equity Terminology (GET) as a decision-support tool. And, in recognition of July as Minority Mental Health Month, we are sharing a preview of the GET.

PRINCIPLES OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EQUITY TERMINOLOGY

Equitable terminology refers to consciously selecting words that promote inclusivity and respect while also considering who is represented and who is absent from the conversation. It is built on the following guiding principles:

1. Person-Centered: Prioritizing the whole person by considering their multiple intersecting identities and qualities, rather than reducing them to a single attribute. This often involves using person-first language, which puts the person before their

diagnosis, disability, or other characteristics. Person-centered language also means deferring to the terminology expressed by individuals with lived experience.

2. Strengths-Based: Highlighting the inherent strengths and assets in all individuals, families, and communities. It seeks to depict people in terms of their strengths and assets rather than exclusively describing their vulnerabilities and weaknesses through a deficit lens. If referencing deficits is necessary in our work, then it is important to also counterbalance with strengths and assets.

3. Non-Stigmatizing: Avoiding discriminatory, prejudicial, offensive, and stigmatizing words. Stigmatizing language creates negative associations and devalues individuals, families, and their communities. It also can contribute to internalization of negative attitudes and beliefs, known as self-stigma or internalized stigma, which is often harmful to an individual's mental health and well-being.

4. Ever-Evolving: Adapting to changes in terminology. Language is fluid and changes with social norms. It also is context-dependent, meaning that terms deemed appropriate in one situation may not be suitable in another.

THE POWER OF WORDS IN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

SHIFTING ATTITUDES TO INCREASE SUPPORT

Equitable terminology can shape the culture around behavioral health. The words we use can influence strategies to address challenges. For example, the term "substance abuse" implies a personal failure within an individual's control, cultivating prejudicial beliefs and hindering public support for treating addiction as a health condition. In contrast, using the term "substance use disorder" identifies the issue as a behavioral health condition, requiring public health support. Words can be tools for advocacy that nudge societal attitudes and policies towards a more inclusive and supportive approach to behavioral health.

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CREATING A CULTURE OF ACCEPTANCE AND EMPOWERMENT

Equitable terminology not only reduces stigma surrounding mental health and substance use but can also promote a culture of acceptance, inclusion, and dignity, where individuals are not devalued based on their behavioral health status. This process can encourage the development of environments that foster empowerment in seeking behavioral health services and resources.

ACKNOWLEDGING HISTORICAL AND SYSTEMIC INFLUENCES

Equitable terminology acknowledges the historical and systemic factors that contribute to behavioral health disparities, including the impact of social determinants of health influenced by racism, colonization, ableism, and other forms of oppression. For instance, "minority" indicates a numerically smaller group compared to "majority," but the term "minoritized" implies that societal power structures actively marginalize certain groups. This nuanced shift in terminology underscores the active process of marginalization that unfairly disadvantages specific groups

ADOPTING TERMINOLOGY FOR EQUITY: SOME CONSIDERATIONS

- 1. Accept:** Understand that engaging in equity-related discussions may generate discomfort, as it often calls for addressing personal biases, presumptions, and areas of privilege.
- 2. Be Respectful:** Acknowledge and respect how people choose to define and identify themselves.
- 3. Learn and Listen:** Embrace the insights from those with different life experiences, especially people with lived experience. This might mean unlearning pre-existing beliefs and attitudes that no longer match today's realities.
- 4. Be Receptive:** Stay open to feedback and willing to adapt terminology with changing norms.

5. Take Responsibility: If you offend someone, even unintentionally, take responsibility and apologize. Mistakes are a part of being human, and normalizing apologies fosters a safe environment for difficult conversations about equity.

6. Seek Education: Find learning opportunities about equitable terminology, social determinants of health, and historical and systemic causes of behavioral health disparities. This information provides context and informs our word choice.

7. Engage: Stay in the conversation, even when unsure about the correct terms to use. Ask questions in good faith.

GUIDE TO EQUITY TERMINOLOGY (GET): THE NEXT STEPS

A forthcoming guide blog introduces the importance of equitable language and its role in promoting behavioral health equity, setting the stage for the forthcoming Guide to Equity Terminology. This guide will provide further insights and practical guidance in this vital area. Stay tuned for its release.

RESOURCES

- [SAMHSA: Office of Behavioral Health Equity Website](#)
- [SAMHSA: Language Access Plan](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\): Inclusive Communication Principles](#)
- [CDC: Healthy People 2030 Social Determinants of Health](#)
- [National Institute on Drug Abuse \(NIDA\): Words Matter—Terms to Use and Avoid When Talking About Addiction](#)
- [Executive Order on Further Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government](#)

Source: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (2023): Guide to Equity Terminology: Promoting Behavioral Health Equity Through the Words We Use.



CaIHOPE builds community resiliency, and helps people recover from disasters through free outreach, crisis counseling, and support services. CaIHOPE is a crisis counseling assistance and training program funded by the [Federal Emergency Management Agency](#), and run by the [California Department of Health Care Services](#).

Services include:

- Individual and group crisis counseling and support.
- Individual and public education.
- Community networking and support.
- Connection to resources.
- Media and public service announcements.

CaIHOPE Warm Line: (833) 317-HOPE (4673)

The CaIHOPE warm line connects callers to other people who have persevered through struggles with stress, anxiety, depression—emotions triggered by circumstances and

events in everyday life. The peer counselors listen with compassion, provide non-judgmental support and guide people to additional resources that can give hope and help them cope.

CaIHOPE Connect

[CaIHOPE Connect](#) offers safe, secure, and culturally sensitive emotional support for all Californians who may need support related to stress, anxiety, depression, and worries we face. Individuals in need of emotional and/or crisis support can receive “visits” by phone, videoconference, smart device, or computer chat.

CaIHOPE partnered with the California Mental Health Services Association, which has a statewide experienced workforce comprised of peers, community mental health workers, and other non-licensed personnel. Depending upon needs and situation, family and/or group support sessions are also available. Individuals also may be connected to county-based services.



BOARD MEMBER PROFILE: MAX DISPOSTI



HOW DID YOU BECOME A PART OF THE BBS?

I became involved with the BBS thanks to my advocacy work in the community where I reside. In leading our local LGBTQI Center I became aware of the disparities that our LGBTQI community was experiencing around health-related disparities in accessibility and support. I decided to start our own behavioral health services that were mostly composed by trans and non-binary interns and clinicians. While growing the team we soon realized that the disparities we encountered were even greater than expected. My advocacy work has expanded from my city, my county, and my region until our own now-Sen. Pro Tem Toni Atkins noticed my efforts, which resulted in my appointment to BBS six years ago.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PART OF BEING A BOARD MEMBER?

Serving in a board member capacity is always a great privilege but also even a greater responsibility. Learning from BBS staff on how to best utilize our resources and impact was certainly the first thing I have noticed and benefitted from. The staff of BBS and the California Department of Consumer Affairs are the very reason why

continuity does exist and transparency is protected. I have also enjoyed hearing from our consumers in the numerous meetings we had, and of course our licensees and their advocacy for better access and streamlined practices. Lastly, but not least, the interaction with my fellow Board members whose personal and professional perspectives have enriched my knowledge and understanding.

WHO OR WHAT INSPIRES YOU?

I am inspired every day by the good that our licensees do in serving our state but I am also inspired by the history of civil rights and advocacy that our state has been influenced by. I look up to the people who are pushing for change, equity, and affirming inclusive practices.

WHAT IS ONE FACT ABOUT YOU THAT FEW PEOPLE KNOW?

Growing as a public figure in my community leaves you with nothing that is too personal and secretive from others. However, I tend to be happy with little in my private life—I live a very humble and simple life that often contrasts with my busy and engaged activities that revolve around activism and representation.



BOARD MEMBER UPDATE



BBS WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Nick Boyd was appointed by Governor Gavin Newsom to the Board as a licensed professional clinical counselor (LPCC) member in June 2023. Nick is also a nationally certified counselor. He has held various clinical, research, and

leadership appointments within the Department of Defense, Veterans Affairs (VA), and in the community. Currently, Boyd is the director of clinical training for counseling and lead LPCC at VA San Diego Health Care and assistant professor at the University of San Diego. Previously, Boyd was an adjunct instructor in the San Diego City College Alcohol and Other Drug Studies program. He was also the clinical director and co-founder of e3 Civic High's school-based mental health counseling program. Prior to his appointment, Nick was a California Association for Licensed Professional Clinical Counselors (CALPCC) board member and co-chair of the legislative and advocacy committee. Boyd is an Army veteran and has served in both the Oregon and California Army National Guard as enlisted military police. He continues to serve in the California National Guard as a behavioral health officer supporting soldiers across Southern California. Boyd received his M.A. in clinical mental health counseling from the University of San Diego and earned his Ph.D. in counseling education and supervision from the University of the Cumberland. Welcome Nick!



Aimee Sueko Eng was appointed by the Assembly as a public member in June 2023. She is a philanthropic leader and former public servant with over 15 years of experience in the nonprofit and philanthropic sectors, primarily focused on supporting equitable access to education and health outcomes for children, youth, and families. Most recently, Eng

was the director of strategy and education partnerships at the California Children's Trust. She currently serves as the executive director of the Gerbode Foundation, a private grant-making foundation supporting artists and nonprofits in the Bay Area and Hawaii. From 2015–2023, Eng was an elected member of the Oakland Unified School District Board of Education, serving as Board president twice and as the longstanding chair of the Budget and Finance Committee. She proudly lives in Oakland, where six generations of her family have lived. In her spare time, Eng can be found chasing her two toddlers around the playground and harvesting fruit from her family's chestnut farm. She has a master's in education from Stanford University. Welcome Aimee!

NEW BOARD CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR ELECTED

Chris Jones, licensed educational psychologist member, was elected in May 2023 as the Board's new chair. **Wendy Strack**, public member, was elected in May 2023 as the Board's new vice chair. We are excited to have them in these important leadership roles. Congratulations, Chris and Wendy!

GOODBYE TO A DEPARTING BOARD MEMBER

Ross Ehrlich served as a public Board member from February 6, 2020, to June 1, 2023. The perspective and insights he shared via his background as a criminal defense attorney were appreciated. We are grateful to Ross for his contributions and service to the Board.

ONLINE IS EASIER AND FASTER!

A Variety of Online Services Available via BreEZe

- For faster service, manage your registration and license online! BreEZe provides services for applicants, registrants, and licensees that can save you weeks of processing time compared to paper applications. BreEZe allows payment via major credit card in a secure environment. Services available include the ability to:
 - Submit an address change (takes effect instantly).
 - Add or change your email address.
 - Verify a license and obtain proof of renewal status.
 - Obtain a certification of licensure.
 - Renew a license or registration instantly (up to 90 days in advance).
 - Submit an application to change from Inactive to Active status.
 - Request a replacement registration or license (allow two weeks for delivery).
 - Apply for your initial Law and Ethics Exam.
 - Apply for Initial License Issuance.

Consumer complaints can also be filed on BreEZe. Visit www.breeze.ca.gov.

HELPFUL TIPS

If you are new to the Board's online services, helpful tips are available online:

[BreEZe Helpful Hints](#)
[BreEZe Help Tutorial Videos](#), including:

- An overview of BreEZe services.
- How to search for a license.
- How to register for BreEZe.
- What to do if you forgot your password or user ID.
- How to submit a renewal.
- How to update license information.
- How to make a payment.



If you need additional assistance using BreEZe, technical support can be reached at (855) 227-9633.

STAY INFORMED ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH BBS!

Are you an applicant, registrant, licensee, or consumer who would like increased access to BBS activities and updates? Join our email subscriber's list! You can also follow the Board on Facebook and Twitter. Scan, click on a graphic, or go to www.bbs.ca.gov to connect!



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IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING A VALID EMAIL ADDRESS WITH THE BOARD

The Board strongly encourages all licensees, associates, and individuals in the exam process to ensure that their current email address is on file with the Board. The email address you provide will not be disclosed to the public.

This is important for everyone, but especially registrants working on passing an exam. This is because candidates are notified of approval to test via email. Without an email address on file, they will not receive notification of how to register for and schedule the exam.

DID YOU KNOW?

The email address you provide when **creating** a BreEZe account is not automatically uploaded into your record. Even if you have created a BreEZe account, your email address may not be accessible to Board staff.

HOW TO ADD OR UPDATE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS

You can easily add or update your email by accessing the "Change of Address Application" located within the drop-down menu under "Manage Your License" on BreEZe. See [BreEZe Helpful Hints](#) for further details.

EMAIL ADDRESS REQUIRED EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

Effective July 1, 2022, a new law requires all licensees, registrants, and applicants who have an email address to provide it to the Board. The Board must be notified of any changes to your email address within 30 calendar days of the change.

EXPLANATION OF DISCIPLINARY TERMS AND ACTIONS

Accusation—Formal statement of charges against the registrant/licensee.

Statement of Issues—Formal statement of reasons why an application for registration/license should be denied.

Effective Date—The date the disciplinary decision goes into effect.

Revoked—The registration/license is canceled, voided, rescinded. The right to practice is terminated.

Revoked, Stayed, Probation—“Stayed” means the revocation is postponed. Professional practice may continue so long as the registrant/licensee complies with specific probationary terms and conditions. Violation of probation may result in the revocation that was postponed.

Suspension—The registrant/licensee is prohibited from practicing for a specific period of time.

License Surrender—To resolve a disciplinary action, the registrant/licensee has given up his or her registration/license—subject to acceptance by the Board. The right to practice is terminated.

ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

Citation and Fine—An administrative action used for minor violations. Citations and fines are public information but are not considered disciplinary action.

ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS February—June 2023		
Name	License Number	Fine Amount
Donna Jean Hugh	Unlicensed	\$1,000
David Andrew Grandin	LMFT 20066	\$1,500
Terrance Scott Mclarnan	LMFT 28597	\$500
Jill Renee Wu	Unlicensed	\$1,500

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FORMAL DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS FEBRUARY 1–JUNE 30, 2023

Select the individual’s name for a link to more information.

[Diana Aguayo](#)

LCSW 86906
Chino

CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS

Action: License revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of three years with terms and conditions.

Effective: May 18, 2023

[Oscar A. Aquino](#)

AMFT 87545
Los Angeles

UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

Action: Registration surrendered
Effective: March 9, 2023

[Claudia Cristina Dubon](#)

ASW 95470
South Gate

CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS

Action: Registration revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of three years with terms and conditions.

Effective: March 9, 2023

[Anthonie Ontreay Etienne](#)

LMFT 138474
Victorville

CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS

Action: Public Repeal
Effective: March 9, 2023

[Stephanie Ann Fagundes](#)

ASW 103912
Los Alamitos

CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS

Action: Registration revoked
Effective: May 18, 2023

[Tami Sue Foster](#)

AMFT 99375
Yreka

CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS

Action: Registration surrendered
Effective: March 9, 2023

[Gilbert Garcia](#)

ASW 99683
Riverside

CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS

Action: Registration revoked
Effective: May 18, 2023

[Jessica Katherine Gasior](#)

LMFT 88541
San Diego

CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS

Action: License surrendered
Effective: March 9, 2023

[Eyal Goren](#)

LMFT 116292
San Francisco

UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

Action: License surrendered
Effective: March 9, 2023

[Abdysalaam Haji](#)

APCC 5094
San Diego

CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS

Action: Registration revoked
Effective: May 18, 2023

[Lillian Taylor Hansen](#)

AMFT 138471
Montara

CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS

Action: Registration revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of three years with terms and conditions.
Effective: March 9, 2023

[Rose Hollow Horn Bear](#)

LMFT 81220
Shingle Springs

CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS

Action: License revoked
Effective: May 18, 2023

[Ting Ting Jiang](#)

LCSW 88774
Anaheim

CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS

Action: License revoked
Effective: March 9, 2023

[Andrea Lambert](#)

LMFT 7126
Sacramento

UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

Action: License surrendered
Effective: May 18, 2023

[Rocio Limon Graciano](#)

LCSW 20871
Hacienda Heights

CRIMINAL CHARGES CONVICTIONS

Action: License revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of three years with terms and conditions.

Effective: March 9, 2023

[Joshua Raul Marroquin](#)

AMFT 124132/APCC 9121
Pleasanton

CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS

Action: Registrations surrendered
Effective: May 18, 2023

[Iris Louise Mendoza](#)

AMFT 101458
Escondido

CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS

Action: Registration revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of three and a half years with terms and conditions.

[Marina Michelle Nojima](#)

AMFT 113611/APCC 6392
Santa Rosa

CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS

Action: Registrations revoked
Effective: May 18, 2023

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Bruce Eugene Osborn
LMFT 105933/LPCC 7272
San Diego

CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS
Action: Licenses revoked
Effective: May 18, 2023

Jasmine Rhodes
ASW 115314
Inglewood

CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS
Action: Registration revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of three years with terms and conditions.
Effective: May 18, 2023

Lisette Carolina Rivas-Hermina
LMFT 42272
Glendale

CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS
Action: License revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of five years with terms and conditions.
Effective: March 30, 2023

Monnie Shawn Smith
LMFT 89717
Santa Cruz

CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS
Action: License revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of three years with terms and conditions.
Effective: May 18, 2023

Patricia Ann Tomnitz
LMFT 24683
Aptos

CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS
Action: License surrendered
Effective: May 18, 2023

Jazmine Carrina Whisenant
LCSW 101096
Oakland

CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS
Action: License revoked, revocation stayed, and placed on probation for a period of three years with terms and conditions.
Effective: May 18, 2023

John Franklin Workman III
LMFT 14419
Tustin

CRIMINAL CHARGES/CONVICTIONS
Action: License surrendered
Effective: March 9, 2023





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2023 UPCOMING MEETING DATES

BOARD MEETINGS

September 21*

November 16–17

* Disciplinary hearing date only.
This date may be canceled
if the Board does not receive
any petition requests.

Policy and Advocacy Committee

October 27

Telehealth Committee

TBD

Licensing Committee

October 27

EVENTS TO REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER 10

World Suicide Prevention Day

SEPTEMBER 25

National Psychotherapy Day

OCTOBER

National Domestic Violence
Awareness Month

National Bullying Prevention Month

OCTOBER 2–8

Mental Illness Awareness Week

OCTOBER 10

World Mental Health Day

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