

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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3 Open sessions of this Board Meeting were webcasted. Records of the webcasts are
4 available on the following links:

5 November 3: https://youtu.be/8skLyA123_4
6 November 4 (part 1 of 2): <https://youtu.be/99iEOFDmJmc>
7 November 4 (part 2 of 2): <https://youtu.be/tiKYq-09Cjw>
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11 **DATE** November 3, 2022
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13 **TIME** 9:00 a.m.
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15 **ATTENDEES**
16 **Members Present:** Max Disposti, Chair, Public Member
17 Christopher Jones, Vice Chair, LEP Member
18 Susan Friedman, Public Member
19 Justin Huft, LMFT Member
20 Abigail Ortega, LCSW Member
21 Kelly Ranasinghe, Public Member
22 John Sovec, LMFT Member
23 Wendy Strack, Public Member
24 Dr. Annette Walker, Public Member
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26 **Members Absent:** Ross Erlich, Public Member
27 Yvette Casares Willis, Public Member
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29 **Staff Present:** Steve Sodergren, Executive Officer
30 Marlon McManus, Assistant Executive Officer
31 Gena Beaver, Discipline and Probation Manager
32 Christina Kitamura, Administrative Analyst
33 Sabina Knight, Legal Counsel
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35 **Other Attendees:** Jessica Wall, Administrative Law Judge
36 Anahita Crawford, Deputy Attorney General
37 Chris Pirrone, Legal Counsel
38 Karen Okicich, DCA Office of Professional Examination Services
39 (OPES)

1 Heidi Lincer, OPES
2 Olivia Trejo, DCA Office of Human Resources
3 Christine Guerrero, Petitioner
4 Gregory Pospisil, Petitioner
5 Mini Fanega, Petitioner
6 Public participation via WebEx platform and in-person
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8 OPEN SESSION

9 10 11 I. Call to Order and Establishment of Quorum

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13 Max Disposti, Chair of the Board of Behavioral Sciences (Board), called the
14 meeting to order at 9:22 a.m. Roll was called, and a quorum was established.
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16 II. Suggestions for Future Agenda Items

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18 Hector Ramirez: Suggested a future topic to look at accessibility to care and “the
19 idea of what a stakeholder is.”
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21 III. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

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23 None
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25 *Administrative Law Judge Jessica Wall presided over the following petition hearings.*
26 *Deputy Attorney General Anahita Crawford presented the facts of each case on behalf*
27 *of the People of the State of California.*
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29 IV. Christine S. Guerrero, LCSW 80840, Petition for Early Termination of 30 Probation

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32 Christine Guerrero represented herself. After she was sworn-in, Ms. Guerrero
33 presented her request for early termination of probation and information to
34 support the request. She was cross-examined by Ms. Crawford and Board
35 members. Witnesses testified on behalf of Ms. Guerrero: Christian Alzubi,
36 LMFT; Jeanine Arellano Davis; Roxanne Romell. The record was closed after
37 witnesses testified.
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39 V. Gregory A. Pospisil, LMFT 51293, Petition for Early Termination of 40 Probation

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42 Gregory Pospisil represented himself. After he was sworn-in, Mr. Pospisil
43 presented his request for early termination of probation and information to
44 support the request. He was cross-examined by Ms. Crawford and Board
45 members. The record was closed after cross-examination.
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1 **VI. Mini Fanega, LMFT 50567, Petition for Early Termination of Probation or**
2 **Modification**

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4 Mini Fanega represented herself. After she was sworn-in, Ms. Fanega presented
5 her request for early termination of probation or modification and information to
6 support the request. She was cross-examined by Ms. Crawford and Board
7 members. The record was closed after cross-examination.
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10 **CLOSED SESSION**

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13 *The Board entered closed session immediately following the hearings.*

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15 **VII. Pursuant to Section 11126(c)(3) of the Government Code, the Board will**
16 **Meet in Closed Session for Discussion and to Take Action on Disciplinary**
17 **Matters, Including the Above Petitions.**

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19 **VIII. Pursuant to Section 11126(a)(1) of the Government Code, the Board will**
20 **Meet in Closed Session to Evaluate the Performance of the Executive**
21 **Officer.**

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23 **IX. Pursuant to Section 11126(c)(1) of the Government Code, the Board will**
24 **Meet in Closed Session for a Presentation by the Office of Professional**
25 **Examination Services regarding the evaluation of the Association of**
26 **Marriage and Family Therapist Regulatory Boards Clinical Examination.**

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28 **X. Recess Until 9:00 a.m., Friday, November 4, 2022**

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30 The Board recessed at 5:15 p.m.
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1 **DATE** November 4, 2022
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3 **TIME** 9:00 a.m.
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5 **ATTENDEES**
6 **Members Present:** Max Disposti, Chair, Public Member
7 Christopher Jones, Vice Chair, LEP Member
8 Susan Friedman, Public Member
9 Justin Huft, LMFT Member
10 Abigail Ortega, LCSW Member
11 Kelly Ranasinghe, Public Member
12 John Sovec, LMFT Member
13 Wendy Strack, Public Member (9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.)
14 Eleanor Uribe, LCSW Member
15 Dr. Annette Walker, Public Member (9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.)
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17 **Members Absent:** Ross Erlich, Public Member
18 Yvette Casares Willis, Public Member
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20 **Staff Present:** Steve Sodergren, Executive Officer
21 Marlon McManus, Assistant Executive Officer
22 Rosanne Helms, Legislative Manager
23 Christy Berger, Regulatory Analyst
24 Christina Kitamura, Administrative Analyst
25 Sabina Knight, Legal Counsel
26
27 **Other Attendees:** MaryKathryn Jones, Department of Consumer Affairs' (DCA)
28 Executive Office
29 Karen Okicich, DCA Office of Professional Examination Services
30 (OPES)
31 Dr. Heidi Lincer, OPES
32 Dr. Robert Calvert, OPES
33 Dr. Tracy Montez, DCA
34 Stacey Hardy-Chandler, Association of Social Workers Board
35 (ASWB)
36 Dale Atkinson, ASWB Counsel
37 Bob Blackwood, Pearson VUE
38 Ross Lallian, Department of Health Care Access and Information
39 Public participation via WebEx platform and in-person
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2 **OPEN SESSION**
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5 **XI. Call to Order and Establishment of Quorum**
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7 Max Disposti, Chair of the Board of Behavioral Sciences (Board), called the
8 meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. Roll was called, and a quorum was established.
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10 The following items were taken out of order: XV was heard after XVI, and XX
11 was heard after XXIII.
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13 **XII. Introductions**
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15 Board members, staff and attendees introduced themselves.
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17 **XIII. Consent Calendar**

- 18 **a. Possible Approval of the May 5-6, 2022, Board Meeting Minutes**
19 **b. Possible Approval of the August 11-12, 2022, Board Meeting Minutes**
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21 Public Comment: None
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23 Motion: Approve the May 5-6, 2022 and August 11-12, 2022 Board Meeting
24 minutes.
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26 Disposti moved. Walker seconded.
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28 Public Comment: None
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30 Roll call vote

| Member | Yea | Nay | Abstain | Absent | Recusal |
|-----------------------|-----|-----|---------|--------|---------|
| Max Disposti | x | | | | |
| Ross Erlich | | | | x | |
| Susan Friedman | | | x | | |
| Justin Huft | x | | | | |
| Christopher Jones | x | | | | |
| Abigail Ortega | x | | | | |
| Kelly Ranasinghe | x | | | | |
| John Sovec | x | | | | |
| Wendy Strack | x | | | | |
| Eleanor Uribe | x | | | | |
| Dr. Annette Walker | x | | | | |
| Yvette Casares Willis | | | | x | |

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1 Motion carried: 9 yea, 0 nay, 1 abstention

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3 **XIV. Board Chair Report**

4 **a. Board Member Attendance**

5 Eleanor Uribe has been appointed to the Board as a licensed clinical social
6 worker (LCSW) member.

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8 Board member attendance reports for fiscal years 2021-2022 and 2022-2023
9 were presented.

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11 **b. Future Board Meetings**

12 Proposed 2023 meeting dates were announced: February 2-3, May 4-5,
13 August 17-18, and November 16-17.

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15 **c. Future Agenda Items**

16 A list was provided outlining suggested agenda items from previous meetings.

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18 **d. Staff Recognitions**

19 The following staff were recognized for their service:

- 20
- 21 • Chris Catalano: 5 years of state service (2 years at BBS)
 - 22 • Alex Juarez: 10 years of state service (1 year at BBS)
 - 23 • Dawn Herrera: 25 years of state service (14 years at BBS)

24 **XV. Department of Consumer Affairs Update**

25
26 MaryKathryn Jones from the Department of Consumer Affairs' (DCA/department)
27 Executive Office, provided the update:

- 28
- 29 • Announced new Deputy Director of Board and Bureau Relations, Melissa Gear
 - 30 • DCA's first Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee to guide the
 - 31 department in its equity strategy initiatives and action plans
 - 32 • Strategic Plan development and/or updates to advance equity and drive
 - 33 outcomes
 - 34 • COVID-19 safety measures and practices for public meetings
 - 35 • Board member guidelines for travel arrangements and flight changes
 - 36 • DCA's partnership with the Department of General Services for unclaimed
 - 37 property program

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39 **XVI. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Acceptance of the**
40 **Association of Marriage and Family Therapist Regulatory Boards Clinical**
41 **Examination for California Licensure**

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43 The Board requested that DCA's Office of Professional Examination Services

1 (OPES) review the Association of Marital and Family Therapy Regulatory Boards'
2 (AMFTRB) Marital and Family Therapy National Examination (MFT National
3 Examination). OPES performed this review to evaluate the suitability of the MFT
4 National Examination for use in California licensure of marriage and family
5 therapists.
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7 The findings were discussed during the Board's November 3, 2022 closed
8 session. The Review of the MFT National Examination was provided.
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10 Board Member Comments

- 11 • The Board must consider the disparate impact that could occur from
12 integration of a national exam. The Board cannot make an informed decision
13 without that data.
- 14 • It is not clear whether an exam is the best thing to address racial disparities in
15 receiving mental health care or who's providing mental health care and wants
16 to consider whether the Board wants to have a clinical exam in this state.
- 17 • The Board needs to look at the gaps in the information provided to the Board;
18 it cannot make an informed decision without having relevant information.
- 19 • We're not measuring objective pieces; we're measuring proximity to
20 whiteness and the ability for therapists to use traditionally white approaches
21 to therapy. What the exam looks like right now is not what therapy looks like
22 in the real world.
23

24 Public comment

25 Ben Caldwell: There is no disparity data on the national exam and on the
26 California clinical exam. AMFTRB does not publish it and OPES does not gather
27 it. A research team has been looking into this using a survey of examinees and
28 found patterns of racial disparity in outcomes on both exams. White examinees
29 have a pass rate above 80%. Black examinees have about a 50% pass rate.
30 Requested that the Board makes its decision regarding the exam, with equity and
31 fairness.
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33 Rebecca Gonzales, National Association of Social Workers, California Chapter
34 (NASW-CA): NASW-CA has concerns regarding racial disparities.
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36 Cathy Atkins, California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists (CAMFT):
37 CAMFT has concerns regarding racial disparities in the exams. CAMFT
38 advocates for the move to the national exam, but that it be done with an
39 assessment and review and discussion of concerns related to racial disparities.
40

41 Comments were received in regards to obtaining demographic data.
42

1 Jon Deline: Suggests that the Board look into other means to test for
2 competency. Supports changing over to the national licensing exam because it
3 could bring in more therapists.
4

5 Dr. Tracy Montez: Former Division Chief of Programs and Policy Review.
6 Before her appointment as Executive Officer to the California Dental Board, she
7 was part of the national exam review. California exam follows professional
8 standards, one of which is fairness. OPES works to ensure that the exam is valid
9 and reliable and fair. OPES is not permitted by government code to collect
10 demographic information upon licensure. OPES must take steps to address any
11 disparity or inequity through the development of the exam, which starts with the
12 occupational analysis, ensuring that they have a substantive sample. OPES
13 utilizes a diverse group of subject matter experts and has an editor review.
14 OPES is happy to explore how to collect that data in a manner that is appropriate
15 given government codes and separate from licensing decisions, which is why
16 that government code exists. Also warned of other associations that collect the
17 data, especially on a voluntary basis, that sometimes the data can be skewed.
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19 Additional Board Member Comments

- 20 • Concerns regarding racial disparities in the national exam and the California
21 exam
- 22 • More data is needed.
- 23 • There is not enough information and data to make a decision.
- 24 • Questioning about the utilizing exams altogether
- 25 • To not make a decision regarding the national exam, and address
26 government code prohibiting the collection of demographic information for
27 licensure
- 28 • Opposition to using the AMFTRB exam. AMFTRB has not been transparent.
29

30 Motion: Decline use of AMFTRB clinical exam for California licensure and direct
31 staff to continue working with OPES to address all concerns brought up in closed
32 session and additional concerns in today's discussion.
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34 Sovec motioned. Ranasinghe seconded.
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36 Public Comment

37 Montez: The Board has a strong licensing exam. The department is aware of
38 the conflicting code and the ability to collect data and how to be responsive.
39 DCA is working on how it can collect this data in a fair manner that does not
40 impact licensing decisions but being responsive in exam development.

41 Atkins, CAMFT: Urged the Board to not end the discussion regardless of what
42 exam is pursued. Also urged the Board to be open-minded if and when AMFTRB
43 returns with responses to questions raised by the Board.
44

1 Karen Okicich, OPES: Not certain that the questions posed to AMFTRB is due to
 2 non-transparency or because the data was not available. OPES is willing to work
 3 with the Board and with AMFTRB to get the questions answered.
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5 Roll call vote

| Member | Yea | Nay | Abstain | Absent | Recusal |
|-----------------------|-----|-----|---------|--------|---------|
| Max Disposti | x | | | | |
| Ross Erlich | | | | x | |
| Susan Friedman | x | | | | |
| Justin Huft | x | | | | |
| Christopher Jones | x | | | | |
| Abigail Ortega | x | | | | |
| Kelly Ranasinghe | x | | | | |
| John Sovec | x | | | | |
| Wendy Strack | x | | | | |
| Eleanor Uribe | x | | | | |
| Dr. Annette Walker | x | | | | |
| Yvette Casares Willis | | | | x | |

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 7 Motion carried: 10 yea, 0 nay
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9 **XVII. Presentation By the Department of Consumer Affairs Office of**
 10 **Professional Examination Services Regarding Remote Proctoring of**
 11 **Examinations**

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 13 Remote Proctoring and Licensure Examinations: Mitigating the Risks presented
 14 by Dr. Robert Calvert, OPES Research Data Specialist and Dr. Heidi Lincer,
 15 OPES Chief.
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17 **XVIII. Presentation By Ross Lallian Regarding the Department of Health Care**
 18 **Access and Information**

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 20 Ross Lallian, Health Workforce Development Research and Evaluation Chief,
 21 Department of Health Care Access and Information (HCAI) gave a presentation
 22 centered around healthcare workforce data collection.
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24 AB 133 created the California Health Workforce Research Data Center. HCAI
 25 reports on the following to the Legislature each year:

- 26 • Education and employment trends
- 27 • Supply and demand, and gaps in the educational pipeline
- 28 • Inform state policy to address workforce issues
- 29 • Workforce program outcomes and effectiveness

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 31 Data is collected from various sources and includes:

- Supply and demand for workers
- Geographical distribution of workers
- Diversity of workforce
- Educational capacity to produce workers

HCAI partnered with DCA to implement a workforce data tool integrated into the license renewal process. The data collection tool went live in July 2022, and the data is voluntary.

XIX. Presentation By Board Staff Regarding the Legislative Process

This item was tabled.

XX. Executive Officer Report

- a. Budget Report
- b. Personnel
- c. Licensing Report
- d. Exam Report
- e. Enforcement Report
- f. Education and Outreach Report
- g. Organizational Development Report

The Executive Officer’s report was provided for review.

Public Comment: None

XXI. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) 2022 Release of Exam Data

ASWB released demographic data related to their exams. The data showed major disparities in the pass rates.

Stacey Hardy-Chandler, CEO of ASWB and Dale Atkinson, counsel to ASWB presented ASWB’s exam development process and addressed the report concerning its pass rates.

Public Comment

Gonzales, NASW-CA: NASW-CA is very concerned regarding the ASWB report findings. NASW-CA urged the Board to consider increasing evidence concerning the ineffectiveness of standardized testing in clinical exams and begin a conversation about equity and equitable pathways toward licensure. The data does not show a correlation between passage of clinical exams and safe practice. The exams do not protect the public; the exams hold up structural racism.

1 Caldwell: Suggested that perhaps the steps that ASWB and other developers
 2 are taking to reduce bias might be inadequate or that the exam structure (not just
 3 its specific content) may be flawed. There is a failure to identify bias, which
 4 raises concerns about the adequacy of processes and the moral defensibility of
 5 the exams.
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7 Board Member Discussion Points

- 8 • Serious concerns regarding racial disparities in the exam
- 9 • Exams do not reflect what social work looks like
- 10 • Alternative options to standardized testing

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 12 Additional Public Comment

- 13 • Frustration regarding difficulties in passing the exam expressed by
 14 associates
- 15 • Concerns regarding disparities and implications that these results hold for
 16 developing and sustaining a diverse workforce
- 17 • Whether the exam is flawed, rather than the individual test items or the
 18 process of evaluating the test items

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 20 Motion: Direct staff to conduct research and an investigation on the disparate
 21 impact of administering the NASW exam to California applicants and research
 22 other mechanisms of investigating demographic data in line with the existing law.
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24 Ranasinghe moved. Disposti second.

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 26 Public Comment

27 No public comments relevant to the motion were offered.
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29 Roll call vote

| Member | Yea | Nay | Abstain | Absent | Recusal |
|-----------------------|-----|-----|---------|--------|---------|
| Max Disposti | x | | | | |
| Ross Erlich | | | | x | |
| Susan Friedman | x | | | | |
| Justin Huft | x | | | | |
| Christopher Jones | x | | | | |
| Abigail Ortega | x | | | | |
| Kelly Ranasinghe | x | | | | |
| John Sovec | x | | | | |
| Wendy Strack | | | | x | |
| Eleanor Uribe | x | | | | |
| Dr. Annette Walker | | | | x | |
| Yvette Casares Willis | | | | x | |

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 31 Motion carried: 8 yea, 0 nay

1 **XXII. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Draft Statutory Language for a**
 2 **Temporary Practice Allowance: Add Business and Professions Code (BPC)**
 3 **§§4980.011, 4996.16.1, 4999.23**
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5 The Telehealth Committee discussed this issue and the proposed language at its
 6 June 2022 meeting. That Committee directed staff to bring the proposed
 7 language to the Policy and Advocacy Committee for consideration.
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9 The Policy and Advocacy Committee discussed this topic at its July 2022
 10 meeting. Two concerns were discussed: 1. The draft proposal regarding out-of-
 11 state licensees’ self-attestation could lead to abuse. 2. Telehealth platforms
 12 could potentially exploit the system.
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14 Staff amended the proposal, which was discussed at the Policy and Advocacy
 15 Committee meeting in October 2022. Staff was directed to bring the draft
 16 proposal to the full Board for consideration as a legislative proposal.
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18 The proposed language was provided and discussed by the Board.
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20 Motion: Direct staff to make any discussed changes, and any non-substantive
 21 changes, to the language proposed in Attachment A, and to pursue as a
 22 legislative proposal.
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24 Ranasinghe moved. Jones seconded.
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26 Public Comment

27 Atkins, CAMFT: CAMFT supports
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29 Roll call vote

| Member | Yea | Nay | Abstain | Absent | Recusal |
|-----------------------|-----|-----|---------|--------|---------|
| Max Disposti | x | | | | |
| Ross Erlich | | | | x | |
| Susan Friedman | x | | | | |
| Justin Huft | x | | | | |
| Christopher Jones | x | | | | |
| Abigail Ortega | x | | | | |
| Kelly Ranasinghe | x | | | | |
| John Sovec | x | | | | |
| Wendy Strack | | | | x | |
| Eleanor Uribe | x | | | | |
| Dr. Annette Walker | | | | x | |
| Yvette Casares Willis | | | | x | |

30 Motion carried: 8 yea, 0 nay.
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1 **XXIII. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Proposed Amendments to the**
 2 **Business and Professions Code: Add BPC §4990.11 Regarding Online**
 3 **License Verification; and Amend BPC §4989.14 Regarding Supervision of**
 4 **Trainees**

5
 6 Staff identified two sets of amendments to consider for inclusion in the
 7 upcoming omnibus bill.

- 8 1. Add BPC §4990.11: Online License and Registration Verification
 9 2. Amend BPC §4989.14(b): Inclusion of MFT Trainees in list of LEP
 10 Supervisees

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 12 Motion: Direct staff to make any discussed changes, and any non-substantive
 13 changes, and to pursue as a legislative proposal.

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 15 Sovec moved. Disposti seconded.

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 17 Public Comment: None

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 19 Roll call vote

| Member | Yea | Nay | Abstain | Absent | Recusal |
|-----------------------|-----|-----|---------|--------|---------|
| Max Disposti | x | | | | |
| Ross Erlich | | | | x | |
| Susan Friedman | x | | | | |
| Justin Huft | x | | | | |
| Christopher Jones | x | | | | |
| Abigail Ortega | x | | | | |
| Kelly Ranasinghe | x | | | | |
| John Sovec | x | | | | |
| Wendy Strack | | | | x | |
| Eleanor Uribe | x | | | | |
| Dr. Annette Walker | | | | x | |
| Yvette Casares Willis | | | | x | |

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 21 Motion carried: 8 yea, 0 nay.

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 23 **XXIV. Discussion of any Comments Received During 45-Day Public Comment**
 24 **Period on Proposed Revisions to Examination Waiting Periods;**
 25 **Corporations; and Accreditation Rulemaking Proposal to Amend Title 16,**
 26 **California Code of Regulations §§1805.05, 1850.6, 1850.7 and 1854; and**
 27 **Repeal §1832; and Possible Adoption of Amended Text**

28
 29 No comments were received during the 45-day public comment period;
 30 therefore, this item was cut from the agenda.
 31

1 **XXV. Telehealth Committee Update**

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3 At its June 2022 meeting, the Telehealth Committee discussed the following:

- 4
- 5 • Developing a telehealth best practice document
 - 6 • Temporary practice allowance in law for out-of-state licensees whose clients
7 are visiting in California or whose clients are transitioning to reside in
8 California.

9 December 9th is the next scheduled meeting.

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11 **XXVI. Licensing Committee Update**

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13 The Licensing Committee (Committee) will be revived in 2023. It last met in
14 November 2021.

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16 The Committee will meet on January 13, 2023. Topics to be discussed include
17 workforce development, pastoral counseling, and life coaching.

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19 **XXVII. Update on Board-Sponsored and Monitored Legislation**

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21 AB 1758 Board of Behavioral Sciences: Marriage and Family Therapists:
22 Clinical Social Workers: Professional Clinical Counselors: Supervision of
23 Applicants for Licensure via Videoconferencing

24 Status: Signed by the Governor and became effective on August 29, 2022

25
26 AB 1759 Board of Behavioral Sciences: Licensees and Registrants: Marriage
27 and Family Therapy, Educational Psychology, Clinical Social Work, and
28 Professional Clinical Counseling

29 Status: Signed by the Governor.

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31 SB 1495 Professions and Vocations

32 Status: Signed by the Governor.

33
34 AB 988 (Bauer-Kahan) Mental Health: 988 Crisis Hotline

35 Status: Signed by the Governor.

36
37 AB 2222 Student Financial Aid: Golden State Social Opportunities Program

38 Status: Vetoed

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40 AB 2666 Behavioral Health Internship Grant Program

41 Status: Vetoed

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2 SB 923 Gender-Affirming Care

3 Status: Signed by the Governor
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5 SB 966 Federally Qualified Health Centers and Rural Health Clinics: Visits

6 Status: Signed by the Governor
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8 SB 1002 Workers' Compensation: Licensed Clinical Social Workers

9 Status: Signed by the Governor
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11 **XXVIII. Update on Board Rulemaking Proposal**

12 Continuing Education and Additional Training Requirements

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14 Status: Approved by the Office of Administrative Law and takes effect July 1,
15 2023
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17 **XXIX. Suggestions for Future Agenda Items**

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19 Ortega: 1) Protection of client confidentiality on social media, therapists talking
20 about clients (not using identifying information but discussing case details); 2)
21 implication of having a DUI (licensees) – preventative measures, education.
22

23 Ranasinghe: Present a plan for mental health month for May, National Minority
24 Mental Health Awareness in June, National Therapist Day on September 25th
25 and National Suicide Awareness in September.
26

27 **XXX. Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda**

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29 Atkins, CAMFT: 1.) CAMFT will bring concerns regarding processing delays for
30 associate registrations and licensing. 2.) CAMFT will reach out to DCA with
31 concerns/suggestions of funding additional positions for BBS for researching
32 exams, reduction in processing times, etc.
33

34 Joseph Fisher: Expressed frustration regarding the 6-year rule.
35

36 Paige Clark, California Alliance of Child and Family Services: 1.) Concerned
37 that recently graduated staff are experiencing delays in processing times of
38 their registrations. 2.) Would like to explore alternate pathways to licensure or
39 an equivalency process for applicants who may be deficient by a single course
40 in their application and if applicants can demonstrate equivalent experience.
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42 Alexandra Lewis: Addressed concerns regarding the associate application
43 process and the length of time it takes to process applications. Suggests that
44 the Board extend the 90-day post-graduation period for those who have
45 submitted applications.
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1 **XXXI. Adjournment**

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3 The Board adjourned at 3:24 p.m.