



Board of Behavioral Sciences

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To: Committee Members **Date:** October 2, 2023
From: Rosanne Helms, Legislative Manager
Subject: **Overview of the Purpose of the Licensing Committee and Identification of Issues for Discussion**

Purpose of the Committee

The Board of Behavioral Sciences (Board) established a special Licensing Committee (Committee) to conduct in-depth discussions about numerous topics related to the licensing process.

Previous Committee Action

The last meeting of the Committee was on July 21, 2023. At that meeting, the Committee reviewed a draft consumer outreach document intended to clearly define the professions licensed by the Board. It also discussed its workforce development action plan, including short-term and long-term goals.

Issues for Discussion

The topics below are planned as future agenda items for the Licensing Committee:

1. Discussion of the six-year rule for age of experience hours and length of registration.
2. Review of current English as a second language accommodation requirements.
3. Discussion of developing practice examinations for Board developed exams.
4. Discussion of developing a no-cost California law and ethics course for registrants.
5. Discussion of implementing an age limit for a passing California law and ethics exam score.
6. Discussion of providing a continuing education incentive for serving as a supervisor.
7. Discussion of permitting early eligibility for the clinical exam, before all required supervised experience is gained.

8. Review of the recruitment process for examination subject matter experts.
9. Discussion of the average time it takes to complete the licensure process and how many candidates drop out of the pathway.
10. Discussion on how many applicants who apply have a non-qualifying degree and the most common deficiencies.
11. Discussion of common application deficiencies and possible solutions to reduce those deficiencies.