



Board of Behavioral Sciences



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## **POLICY & ADVOCACY COMMITTEE Meeting Notice and Agenda**

**July 31, 2025  
9:00 a.m.**

### ***PRIMARY PHYSICAL LOCATION***

Department of Consumer Affairs  
Ruby Room  
1747 N. Market Blvd., #182  
Sacramento, CA 95834

### ***MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE***

Christopher Jones, Chair, LEP  
John Sovec, LMFT  
Kelly Ranasinghe  
Wendy Strack

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**The Committee will meet by teleconference in accordance with Government Code section 11123.5. Committee members will participate remotely from private, nonpublic sites. The public may participate in-person or remotely. To participate in the WebEx Events meeting, please log on to the website below on the day of the meeting.**

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Members of the public may, but are not obligated, to provide their names or personal information as a condition of observing or participating in the meeting. When signing into the WebEx platform, participants may be asked for their name and email address. Participants who choose not to provide their names will be required to provide a unique identifier such as their initials or another alternative, so that the meeting moderator can identify individuals who wish to make public comment; participants who choose not to provide their email address may utilize a fictitious email address in the following sample format: XXXXX@mailinator.com.

For those who wish to participate or observe the meeting, please click the following link:

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### **If joining using the link above**

Webinar number: 2488 461 0700

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**IMPORTANT NOTICES TO THE PUBLIC**

The time and order of agenda items are subject to change at the discretion of the Committee chairperson.

Action may be taken on any item listed on the agenda.

Public comment on items of discussion will be taken during each item. Public comments will be limited to two minutes unless, in the discretion of the Board, circumstances require a shorter period. Members of the public will not be permitted to “yield” their allotted time to other members of the public to make comments.

The meeting is accessible to persons with disabilities. A person who needs a disability-related accommodation or modification to participate in the meeting may submit a request to the Board. Please submit the request at least five (5) business days before the meeting to ensure availability of the requested accommodation.

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## AGENDA

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1. Call to Order and Establishment of Quorum
2. Introductions\*
3. Consent Calendar
  - a. Discussion and Possible Approval of August 9, 2024 Committee Meeting Minutes
  - b. Discussion and Possible Approval of January 24, 2025 Committee Meeting Minutes
4. Discussion and Possible Recommendation to Initiate a Rulemaking to Amend the Board's Experience Requirements for Licensed Educational Psychologists (Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations (16 CCR) § 1856)
5. Discussion and Possible Recommendations Regarding Restructuring the Pathway to Licensure for Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists, Licensed Clinical Social Workers, and Licensed Professional Clinical Counselors (Business and Professions Code (BPC) §§4980.397, 4980.398, 4980.399, 4980.40, 4980.41, 4980.43, 4980.50, 4984.01, 4984.7, 4984.72, 4989.20, 4989.68, 4992.05, 4992.07, 4992.09, 4992.1, 4996.1, 4996.3, 4996.4, 4996.23, 4996.28, 4999.46, 4999.46.1, 4999.50, 4999.52, 4999.53, 4999.55, 4999.64, 4999.100, 4999.120)
6. Discussion and Possible Recommendations Regarding Statutory Amendments Related to the Practice of Pastoral Counseling (Amend BPC §§4980.01, 4996.13, 4999.22)
7. Discussion and Possible Recommendation Regarding Senate Bill 775 Amendments (Ashby) (BPC §§4980.11, 4996.16.1, 4999.23)
8. Update on Board-Sponsored and Board-Monitored Legislation:
  - a. Assembly Bill 427 (Jackson) Social Workers: Interstate Compact
  - b. Assembly Bill 489 (Bonta) Health Care Professions: Deceptive Terms or Letters: Artificial Intelligence
  - c. Assembly Bill 742 (Elhawary) Department of Consumer Affairs: Licensing: Applicants who are Descendants of Slaves

- d. Senate Bill 470 (Laird) Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act: Teleconferencing
  - e. Senate Bill 497 (Wiener) Legally Protected Health Care Activity
  - f. Senate Bill 579 (Padilla) Mental Health and Artificial Intelligence Working Group
  - g. Senate Bill 641 (Ashby) Department of Consumer Affairs and Department of Real Estate: States of Emergency: Waivers and Exemptions
  - h. Senate Bill 775 (Ashby) Board of Psychology and Board of Behavioral Sciences
- 9. Update on Board Rulemaking Proposals
  - 10. Suggestions for Future Agenda Items
  - 11. Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda  
*Note: The Board may not discuss or take action on any matter raised during this public comment section, except to decide whether to place the matter on the agenda of a future meeting. [Gov. Code §§11125, 1125.7(a)]*
  - 12. Adjournment

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*\*Introductions are voluntary for members of the public.*

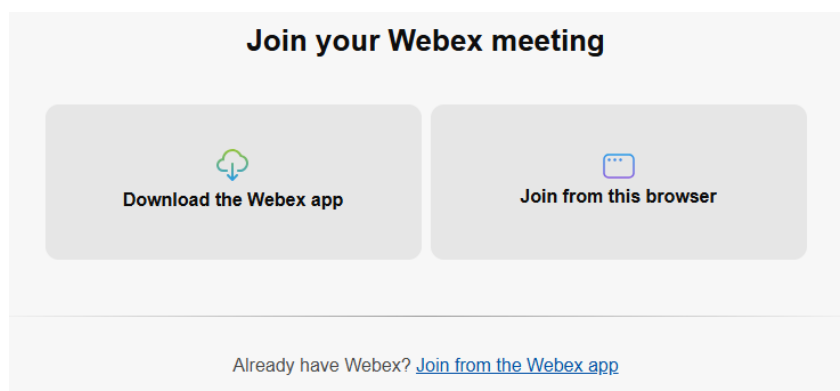
*This agenda as well as Board meeting minutes can be found on the Board of Behavioral Sciences website at [www.bbs.ca.gov](http://www.bbs.ca.gov).*

### Recommended: Join using the meeting link.

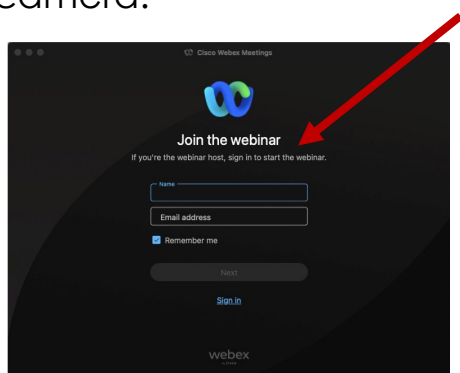
- 1 Click on the meeting link. This can be found in the meeting notice you received and is on the meeting agenda.
- 2 If you already have Webex on your device, click the bottom instruction, "Join from the Webex app."

If you have **not** previously used Webex on your device, your web browser will offer "Download the Webex app." Follow the download link and follow the instructions to install Webex.

**DO NOT** click "Join from this browser," as you will not be able to fully participate during the meeting.



- 3 Enter your name and email address\*. Click "Next."  
Accept any request for permission to use your microphone and/or camera.



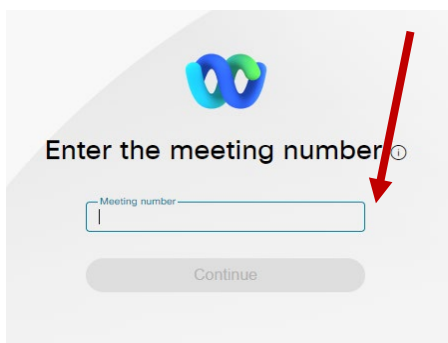
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### Alternative 1. Join from Webex.com

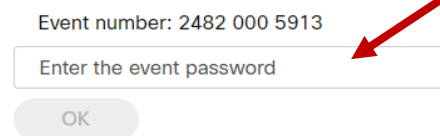
- 1 Click on “Join a Meeting” at the top of the Webex window.



- 2 Enter the meeting/event number and click “Continue.” Enter the event password and click “OK.” This can be found in the meeting notice you received or on the meeting agenda.



To view more information about the event, enter the event password.



- 3 The meeting information will be displayed. Click “Join Event.”

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#### Meeting Name

Jones, Shelly@DCA | 9:45 AM - 9:55 AM | Thursday, Oct 14 2021 |  
(UTC-07:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)



Join Event



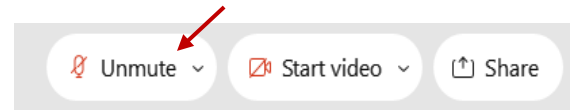
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### Alternative 2. Connect via Telephone



You may also join the meeting by calling in using the phone number, access code, and passcode provided in the meeting notice or on the agenda.

Microphone control (mute/unmute button) is located at the bottom of your Webex window.



Green microphone = Unmuted: People in the meeting can hear you.



Red microphone = Muted: No one in the meeting can hear you.

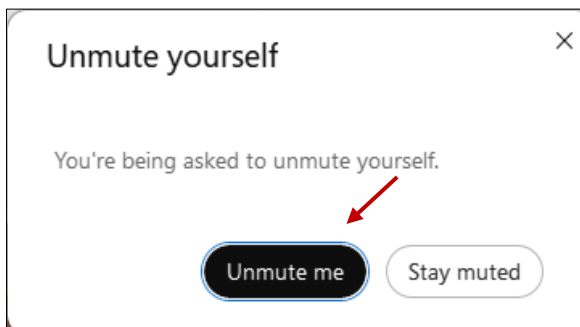
Note: Only panelists can mute/unmute their own microphones. Attendees will remain muted unless the moderator invites them to unmute their microphone.

### Attendees/Members of the Public

#### Joined via Meeting Link

The moderator will call you by name and indicate a request has been sent to unmute your microphone. Upon hearing this prompt:

Click the Unmute me button on the pop-up box that appears.



#### Joined via Telephone (Call-in User)



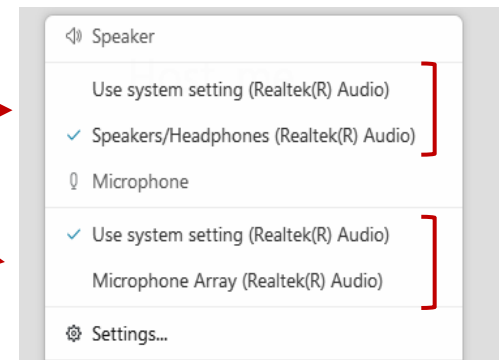
1. When you are asked to unmute yourself, press \*6.
2. When you are finished speaking, press \*6 to mute yourself again.

## If you cannot hear or be heard

- 1 Click on the bottom facing arrow located on the Mute/Unmute button at the bottom of the Webex window.



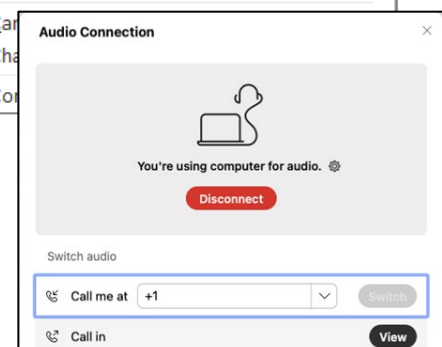
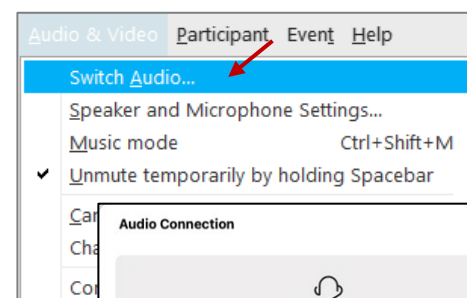
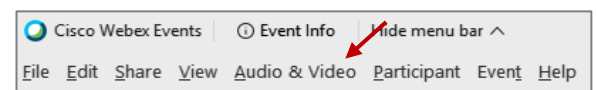
- 2 From the drop-down menu, select different:
  - Speaker options if you can't hear participants.
  - Microphone options if participants can't hear you.



## Continue to Experience Issues?

If you are connected by computer or tablet and you have audio issues, you can link your phone to your Webex session. Your phone will then become your microphone and speaker source.

- 1 Click on "Audio & Video" from the menu bar.
- 2 Select "Switch Audio" from the drop-down menu.
- 3 Hover your mouse over the "Call In" option and click "View" to show the phone number to call and the meeting login information. You can still un-mute from your computer window.





## Hand Raise Feature

### Joined via Meeting Link

- Locate the hand icon at the bottom of the Webex window.
- Click the hand icon to raise your hand.
- Repeat this process to lower your hand.



### Joined via Telephone (Call-in User)



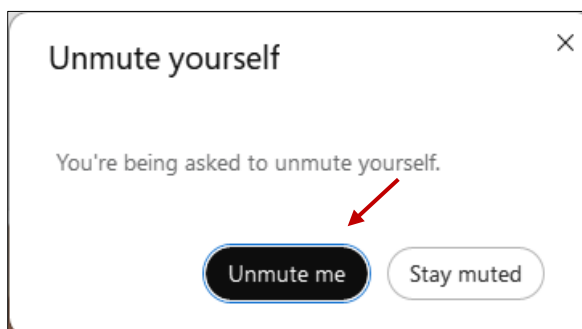
Press \*3 to raise or lower your hand.

## Unmuting

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Click the Unmute me button on the pop-up box that appears.

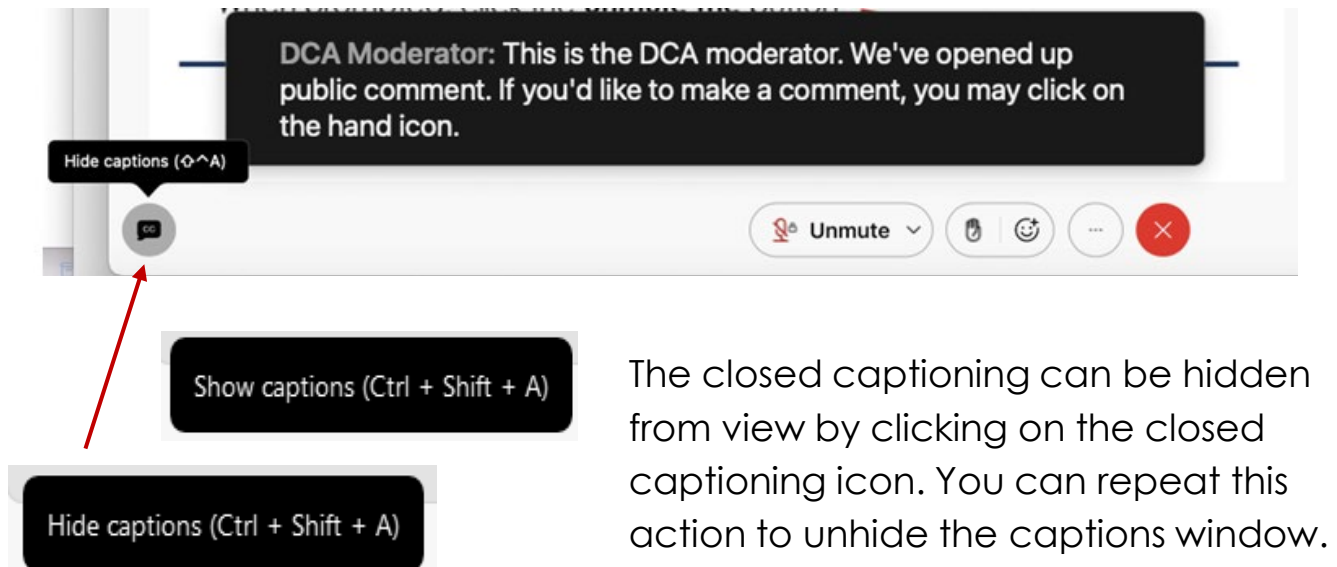


### Joined via Telephone (Call-in User/Audio Only)



1. When you are asked to unmute yourself, press \*6.
2. When you are finished speaking, press \*6 to mute yourself again.

Webex provides real-time closed captioning displayed in a dialog box in your Webex window. The captioning box can be moved by clicking on the box and dragging it to another location on your screen.



You can view the closed captioning dialog box with a light or dark background or change the font size by clicking the 3 dots on the right side of the dialog box.

