



Board of Behavioral Sciences



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BOARD MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

Thursday, August 21, 2025
9:00 a.m. - Until Conclusion of Business

Friday, August 22, 2025
9:00 a.m. - Until Conclusion of Business

MEETING LOCATION

Newport Beach Marriott Bayview
Newport Ballroom
500 Bayview Circle
Newport, CA 92660

BOARD MEMBERS

Wendy Strack, Chair, Public Member
Dr. Nicholas Boyd, LPCC, Vice Chair
Lorez Bailey, Public Member
Eleanor Uribe, LCSW
Susan Friedman, Public Member
Justin Huft, LMFT

Christopher Jones, LEP
John Sovec, LMFT
Kelly Ranasinghe, Public Member
Wendy Strack, Public Member
Rebecca Thiess, Public Member
Dr. Annette Walker, Public Member

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IMPORTANT NOTICES TO THE PUBLIC

Except for items listed as "time certain," the time and order of agenda items are subject to change at the discretion of the Board 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

chairperson, 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 has questions or 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
Thursday, August 21, 2025
9:00 a.m.

OPEN SESSION

1. Call to Order and Establishment of Quorum
2. Suggestions for Future Agenda Items
3. 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)]

4. Steven Mason, AMFT 124332, Petition for Early Termination of Probation
5. Jessica Hinojosa, LMFT 121817, Petition for Early Termination of Probation

CLOSED SESSION

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

OPEN SESSION

7. Consent Calendar: Possible Approval of the February 27-28, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes
8. Workforce Development Committee Update
9. Strategic Planning Update
10. Board Sunset Review Update
11. Recess Until 9:00 a.m., Friday, August 22, 2025

AGENDA
Friday, August 22, 2025
9:00 a.m. until end of business

OPEN SESSION

12. Call to Order and Establishment of Quorum
13. Introductions*
14. Board Chair Report
 - a. Board Member Attendance
 - b. Future Board Meetings
 - c. Staff Recognitions
15. Executive Officer Report
 - a. Budget Report
 - b. Personnel Report
 - c. Licensing Report
 - d. Examination Report
 - e. Enforcement Report
 - f. Education and Outreach Report
 - g. Organizational Effectiveness Report
 - h. Strategic Plan Update
16. Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) Report Which May Include Updates on DCA's Administrative Services, Human Resources, Enforcement, Information Technology, Communications and Outreach, and Legislative, Regulatory, or Policy Matters
17. Discussion and Possible Action to Initiate a Rulemaking to Accept the Association of Marital and Family Therapy Regulatory Boards' Marital and Family Therapy National Examination as the Clinical Exam for California Licensure as a Marriage and Family Therapist (Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations (16 CCR) §§ 1816.2 and 1829.1)
18. Discussion and Possible Action to Initiate a Rulemaking to Amend the Board's Experience Requirements for Licensed Educational Psychologists (16 CCR § 1856)
19. Discussion and Consideration of:
 - a. Comments Received on Modified Text During the 15-Day Public Comment Period and Proposed Responses Thereto for the Board's Rulemaking to Amend 16 CCR § 1811 (Advertising Regulations)

- b. Adoption of Amendments to 16 CCR § Section 1811 (Advertising Regulations)
- 20. Discussion and Consideration of Amendments to Title 16, California Code of Regulations Section 1815.5 (Telehealth Regulations)
- 21. Discussion and Possible Action 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)
- 22. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Statutory Amendments Related to the Practice of Pastoral Counseling (Amend BPC §§4980.01, 4996.13, 4999.22)
- 23. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Assembly Bill 489 (Bonta) Health Care Professions: Deceptive Terms or Letters: Artificial Intelligence
- 24. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Assembly Bill 742 (Elhawary) Department of Consumer Affairs: Licensing: Applicants who are Descendants of Slaves
- 25. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Senate Bill 497 (Wiener) Legally Protected Health Care Activity
- 26. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Senate Bill 641 (Ashby) Department of Consumer Affairs and Department of Real Estate: States of Emergency: Waivers and Exemptions
- 27. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Senate Bill 744 (Cabaldon) Accrediting Agencies
- 28. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Senate Bill 775 Amendments (Board of Psychology and Board of Behavioral Sciences) (Ashby) (BPC §§: 25, 28, 29, 4980.11, 4990, 4996.16.1, and 4999.23)
- 29. 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
- 30. Update on Board Rulemaking Proposals
 - 31. Suggestions for Future Agenda Items
 - 32. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda
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- 33. Adjournment

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

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