



Board of Behavioral Sciences



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POLICY & ADVOCACY COMMITTEE Meeting Notice and Agenda

**October 24, 2025
9:00 a.m.**

PRIMARY PHYSICAL LOCATION

Department of Consumer Affairs
Hearing Room
1747 N. Market Blvd., #186
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MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

Christopher Jones, Chair, LEP
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AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Establishment of Quorum
2. Introductions*
3. Consent Calendar: Discussion and Possible Approval of July 31, 2025 Committee Meeting Minutes
4. Discussion and Possible Action to Make Recommendations Regarding Possible Amendments to the Required Notice to Consumers (Business and Professions Code (BPC) §§4980.32, 4989.17, 4996.75, 4999.71)
5. Discussion and Possible Action to Make a Recommendation Regarding Possible Amendments to Add Additional Members to the Board of Behavioral Sciences (BPC §4990)
6. Discussion and Possible Action to Make Recommendations Regarding Proposed Amendments to the Business and Professions Code: Amend BPC §§4980.43.2, 4996.23.1, and 4999.46.2 Regarding Supervisor Assessment for Supervision via Videoconferencing; and Amend BPC §§4990.26.1 and 4990.26.2 Regarding Training in Human Sexuality and Child, Elder, and Dependent Adult Abuse Assessment and Reporting
7. Update on Board-Sponsored and Board-Monitored Legislation:
 - a. Assembly Bill and Senate Bill 160 (Assembly Committee on Budget, Senate Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review) Background Checks
 - b. Assembly Bill 427 (Jackson) Social Workers: Interstate Compact
 - c. Assembly Bill 489 (Bonta) Health Care Professions: Deceptive Terms or Letters: Artificial Intelligence
 - d. Assembly Bill 667 (Solache) Professions and Vocations: License Examinations: Interpreters
 - e. Assembly Bill 742 (Elhawary) Department of Consumer Affairs: Licensing: Applicants who are Descendants of Slaves
 - f. Senate Bill 470 (Laird) Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act: Teleconferencing
 - g. Senate Bill 497 (Wiener) Legally Protected Health Care Activity

- h. Senate Bill 579 (Padilla) Mental Health and Artificial Intelligence Working Group
 - i. Senate Bill 641 (Ashby) Department of Consumer Affairs and Department of Real Estate: States of Emergency: Waivers and Exemptions
 - j. Senate Bill 744 (Cabaldon) Accrediting Agencies
 - k. Senate Bill 775 (Ashby) Board of Psychology and Board of Behavioral Sciences
- 8. Update on Board Rulemaking Proposals
 - 9. Suggestions for Future Agenda Items
 - 10. 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)]

- 11. Adjournment

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

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