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Department of Consumer Affairs

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

Thursday, January 15, 2026
1:00 p.m. – Until Conclusion of Business

PRIMARY PHYSICAL LOCATION

Department of Consumer Affairs
Lou Galiano Hearing Room
1625 N. Market Blvd., #S-102
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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 Action to Approve the October 24, 2025 Committee Meeting Minutes
4. Discussion and Possible Action to Make Recommendations Regarding Possible Statutory Amendments to Required Notice to Consumer Requirements (Amend Business and Professions Code (BPC) §§4980.01, 4980.32, 4989.17, 4996.75, 4996.14, 4999.22, and 4999.71; Add BPC §§4980.33, 4980.17.5, 4996.76, and 4999.71.5)
5. Discussion and Recommendations for Possible Statutory or Regulatory Amendments to Address Licensee's Use of Artificial Intelligence
6. Update on Board-Sponsored and Board-Monitored Legislation:
 - a. Technical and/or Nonsubstantive Amendments
 - b. Statutory Amendments to Restructure the Licensure Pathways
7. Update on Board Rulemaking Proposals
8. Suggestions for Future Agenda Items
9. Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda
10. Adjournment

*Introductions are voluntary for members of the public.

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