



MEMORANDUM

DATE	April 27, 2026
TO	Board Members
FROM	Steve Sodergren, Executive Officer
SUBJECT	Election of Board Officers

Business and Professions Code section 4990(g) mandates that the Board must annually elect a chairperson and vice chairperson.

Currently, Wendy Strack holds the position of Board chairperson, with Nick Boyd serving as vice chairperson. To adhere to legal requirements, the Board members need to elect a new chairperson and vice chairperson during this meeting. The newly elected individuals will hold their positions until the next round of Board elections scheduled for the May 2027 meeting.

The roles of the Board chairperson and vice chairperson extend beyond mere titles; they serve as the public representatives of the Board. Their primary responsibility is to execute the Board’s mission. To achieve this, they collaborate closely with the Board’s executive officer and other members. The duties of a Board chairperson include:

- Regular meetings and communication with the executive officer (weekly, monthly, quarterly).
- Communication with fellow Board members regarding Board matters.
- Chairing and facilitating Board meetings.
- Composing a message for the Board chair to be included in every quarterly newsletter.
- Assigning Board members to various committees and appointing committee chairs.
- Acting as the official spokesperson for the Board, which may involve attending legislative hearings, testifying on behalf of the Board, participating in meetings with the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) or Agency, and engaging with stakeholders and legislators.

During the voting process, the Board chairperson will ask for nominations for the Board chairperson. Members are welcome to nominate themselves. Each nomination must be seconded by another Board member. Nominees have the option to decline their nomination. After all nominations have been made, a vote will be conducted, and the nominee with a majority of votes will become the Board chairperson. The same process will be followed for the vice chairperson position. The newly elected Board chairperson and vice chairperson will begin their duties immediately after the conclusion of this quarterly meeting.

A roster of Board members along with the expiration dates of their terms can be seen in Attachment A.

Attachment

Attachment A: Board Member Roster

Attachment A- Board Roster

Board of Behavioral Sciences-Board Member Roster (April 2026) (Listed from earliest date of appointment)					
Board Member	Type	Authority	Date Appointed	Term Expiration (Include Re-appointment Term)	Grace Expiration
John Sovec	LMFT	Governor	12/11/19	6/1/26	8/1/26
Wendy Strack	Public	Governor	1/29/20	6/1/27	8/1/27
Susan Friedman	Public	Governor	3/5/20	6/1/26	8/1/26
Christopher Jones	LEP	Governor	6/29/20	6/1/28	8/1/28
Kelly Ranasinghe	Public	Governor	6/29/20	6/1/29	8/1/29
Justin Huft	LMFT	Governor	9/23/21	6/1/29	8/1/29
Annette Walker	Public	Governor	11/10/21	6/1/29	8/1/29
Eleanor Uribe	LCSW	Governor	8/2/22	6/1/26	8/1/26
Nicholas Boyd	LPCC	Governor	6/28/23	6/1/28	8/1/28
Lorez Bailey	Public	Senate	8/7/24	6/1/27	6/1/28
Rebecca Thiess	Public	Assembly	6/19/25	6/1/27	6/1/28