

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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3 Open session of this Board Meeting was webcasted. A record of the webcast is
4 available on the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mESxnpJUzww>
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8 **DATE** June 8, 2023

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10 **MEETING PLATFORM** WebEx Video/Phone Conference

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12 **TIME** 9:00 a.m.

13 **ATTENDEES**

14 **Members Present:** Christopher (Chris) Jones, Chair, LEP Member
15 Wendy Strack, Vice Chair, Public Member
16 Max Disposti, Public Member
17 Susan Friedman, Public Member
18 Justine Huft, LMFT Member
19 Abigail Ortega, LCSW Member
20 Kelly Ranasinghe, Public Member
21 John Sovec, LMFT Member
22 Eleanor Uribe, LCSW Member
23 Dr. Annette Walker, Public Member
24 Yvette Casares Willis, Public Member

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27 **Members Absent:** *All members present*

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29 **Staff Present:** Steve Sodergren, Executive Officer
30 Marlon McManus, Assistant Executive Officer
31 Sabina Knight, Legal Counsel
32 Christina Kitamura, Administrative Analyst

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34 **Other Attendees:** Public participation via WebEx
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2 OPEN SESSION

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5 1. Call to Order and Establishment of Quorum

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7 Chris Jones, Chair of the Board of Behavioral Sciences (Board), called the
8 meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. Roll was called, and a quorum was established.
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10 2. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Amendments to the Board’s
11 Temporary Practice Allowance Bill Proposal (AB 232, Aguiar-Curry): Add
12 Business and Professions Code (BPC) §§4980.11, 4996.16.1, 4999.23,
13 Amend BPC §§4980, 4980.30, 4991.2, and Add Article 1 Under Chapter 14
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15 At its November 2022 meeting, the Board of Behavioral Sciences (Board)
16 approved statutory language and directed staff to pursue legislation to allow a
17 30-day temporary practice allowance to qualifying therapists licensed in another
18 state whose client is visiting California or is in the process of moving here. This
19 bill proposal is introduced as AB 232.
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21 CAMFT recently requested a clarifying technical amendment to the language
22 shown in BPC §4980 of the bill, which was approved by the Board at its May
23 2023 meeting.
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25 The Senate Committee on Business, Professions, and Economic Development
26 (Senate B&P Committee) requested that the Board clarify a term in
27 subparagraphs 4980.11(a)(4), 4996.16.1(a)(4), and 4999.23(a)(4). Board staff
28 and stakeholders developed an amendment that Senate B&P was agreeable to.
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30 The amendment was provided to the Board for discussion.
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32 Committee/Staff Discussion

33 Sovec: Asked if a time frame can be requested; for example, the individual had to
34 be a client for a minimum of 90 days prior to coming to California
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36 Helms responded that staff discussed that with stakeholders.
37 Stakeholders had concerns about specifying a time requirement.
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39 Ranasinghe: Prefers “client provider” in place of “therapeutic.”
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41 Jones: Agreed with Ranasinghe.
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43 Sovec: Has a concern with the term “established” which is not defined. It could
44 legally mean a single session. Strongly recommends putting a time frame on it.
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1 Disposti: Likes the new language and understands that timing is an issue – there
2 is no time to revise it again and send it back.

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4 Motion: Direct staff to amend the language on BPC §§4980.11(a)(4),
5 4996.16.1(a)(4), and 4999.23(a)(4) to read: *The client is a current client of the*
6 *person and has an established, ongoing client-provider relationship with the*
7 *person at the time the client became located in California*; and direct staff to
8 make any make any non-substantive changes and submit it to the Legislature to
9 be amended into AB 232.

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11 M/S: Disposti/Jones

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13 Public Comment: None

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15 Vote: Yea 10; Nay 0. Motion carried.

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Member	Vote
Max Disposti	Y
Aimee Eng	Y
Susan Friedman	Y
Justin Huft	Y
Christopher Jones	Y
Abigail Ortega	Y
Kelly Ranasinghe	Y
John Sovec	Y
Wendy Strack	Y
Eleanor Uribe	Y
Dr. Annette Walker	Y
Yvette Casares Willis	Y

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19 **3. Suggestions for Future Agenda Items**

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21 Ranasinghe: Resolution for Max Disposti.

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23 **4. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda**

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28 **CLOSED SESSION**

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31 *The Board entered closed session at 9:26 a.m.*
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1 **5. Pursuant to Section 11126(e) of the Government Code, the Board will Meet**
2 **in Closed Session to Confer with and Receive Advice from Legal Counsel**
3 **Regarding Goosens v. Board of Behavioral Sciences, United States District**
4 **Court, Northern District of California, Case No. 5:23-cv-00853-VKD.**

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6 **6. Adjournment**

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8 The Board adjourned at 9:35 a.m.