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To: Committee Members **Date:** October 2, 2023
From: Steve Sodergren, Executive Officer
Subject: Discussion and Recommendation to Change the Name of Committee to
"Workforce Development"

The Licensing Committee was created in 2021 to allow the Board and its stakeholders to conduct an in-depth discussion about several topics related to the licensing process. During subsequent meetings there was increased discussion concerning workforce development and reducing any unnecessary barriers that may exist in the licensure process. This discussion led to a creation of a workforce development plan that was presented to the committee on July 21, 2023.

This workforce development plan includes a short-term goal of reviewing the current licensing pathways to identify any unnecessary barriers that may exist. The long-term goal is to develop solutions to reduce those identified barriers. Because it is expected that the workforce development plan will guide the agendas moving forward, staff believe it would be appropriate to change the committee's name to the Workforce Development Committee.

Recommendation

Conduct an open discussion of changing the name of the Licensing Committee to the Workforce Development Committee. Direct staff to complete any necessary actions to change the name of the committee.