

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

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4 Open sessions of this Board Meeting were webcasted. Records of the webcasts are  
5 available on the following links:

6 February 10: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nNC5FVedKYc>

7 February 11: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dggalJjTh3g>

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10 **DATE** February 10, 2022  
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12 **MEETING PLATFORM** WebEx Video Conference and Phone Conference  
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14 **TIME** 9:00 a.m.

**ATTENDEES**

17 **Members Present:** Max Disposti, Chair, Public Member  
18 Crystal Anthony, LCSW Member  
19 Ross Erlich, Public Member  
20 Susan Friedman, Public Member  
21 Dr. Diana Herweck, LPCC Member  
22 Justin Huft, LMFT Member  
23 Christopher Jones, LEP Member  
24 Abigail Ortega, LCSW Member  
25 Kelly Ranasinghe, Public Member  
26 John Sovec, LMFT Member  
27 Wendy Strack, Public Member  
28 Dr. Annette Walker, Public Member

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30 **Members Absent:** Yvette Casares Willis, Public Member  
31 Dr. Diana Herweck, LPCC Member: 9:00 a.m.-11:07 a.m.

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33 **Staff Present:** Steve Sodergren, Executive Officer  
34 Marlon McManus, Assistant Executive Officer  
35 Gena Beaver, Enforcement Manager  
36 Christina Kitamura, Administrative Analyst  
37 Sabina Knight, Legal Counsel  
38 Jason Hurtado, Legal Counsel  
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1 **Other Attendees:** Dr. Johanna Olson-Kennedy, Center for Transyouth Health and  
2 Development, Children’s Hospital Los Angeles  
3 Public participation via WebEx video conference/phone  
4 conference  
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7 **OPEN SESSION**

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10 **I. Call to Order and Establishment of Quorum**

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12 Max Disposti, Chair of the Board of Behavioral Sciences (Board), called the  
13 meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. Roll was called, and a quorum was established.  
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15 New Board members were introduced: Abigail Ortega, LCSW member and Dr.  
16 Annette Walker, public member.  
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18 **II. Presentation Regarding Treatment and Needs of Transyouth – Dr. Johanna  
19 Olson-Kennedy, MD, The Center for Transyouth Health and Development at  
20 Children's Hospital in Los Angeles**

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22 Dr. Johanna Olson-Kennedy is the medical director of the Center for Transyouth  
23 Health and Development at Children’s Hospital in Los Angeles and is known for  
24 her work on trans-affirming care for youth. Dr. Olson-Kennedy gave a  
25 presentation titled “Transgender and Non-Binary Children and Youth.”  
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27 **III. Presentation on the Board’s Licensee Complaint Process – Board Staff**

28  
29 Marlon McManus, Assistant Executive Officer, presented the Enforcement  
30 Complaint Process, which included information on the following points:

- 31 • Enforcement process overview
- 32 • Consumer complaint intake
- 33 • Statistics
- 34 • Investigation
- 35 • Citation and fine
- 36 • Attorney General
- 37 • Uniform standard related to substance abuse and disciplinary guidelines
- 38 • Board vote
- 39 • Administrative hearing

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41 **IV. Update, Discussion and Possible Action on Board Petition Backlog and  
42 Referral of Petitions to Office of Administrative Hearings**

43  
44 Steve Sodergren, Executive Officer, gave an overview of the petition process.  
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1 The Board experienced a backlog in petitioner hearings last year and decided to  
 2 assign petitions to be heard by an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) pursuant to  
 3 Government Code 11512. The ALJ presides over the hearing, and a Deputy  
 4 Attorney General represents the Board and presents the case. Upon the  
 5 conclusion of the petition hearing, the ALJ will consider all the testimony and  
 6 evidence and will prepare a Proposed Decision for the Board's review and vote.  
 7 If adopted, it becomes the final decision in the matter.

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 9 The Board discussed whether to resume hearing petitioners at Board meetings  
 10 or to continue assigning the petitions to an ALJ.

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 12 **Motion:** Grant the executive officer discretion to refer up to 10 petitions to the  
 13 Office of Administrative Hearings over the next six months.

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 15 Ranasinghe moved, Anthony seconded.

16  
 17 Public Comment: None

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 19 Roll call vote:

Member	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Recusal
Crystal Anthony	x				
Max Disposti	x				
Ross Erlich	x				
Susan Friedman	x				
Dr. Diana Herweck	x				
Justin Huft	x				
Christopher Jones	x				
Abigail Ortega	x				
Kelly Ranasinghe	x				
John Sovec	x				
Wendy Strack	x				
Dr. Annette Walker	x				
Yvette Casares Willis				x	

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 21 Motion carried: yea - 12, nay - 0.

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

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 25 None

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 27 **VI. Suggestions for Future Agenda Items**

28  
 29 Ranasinghe: 1. Resolution for mental health month in May. 2. Resolution for  
 30 domestic violence month in October.  
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1 Friedman: 1. Discuss the ability to for more bilingual therapists of Hispanic and  
2 Asian descent. 2. Discuss the ability to attract more people to the profession.  
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5 **CLOSED SESSION**  
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8 **VII. Pursuant to Section 11126(c)(3) of the Government Code, the Board Will**  
9 **Meet in Closed Session for Discussion and to Take Action on Disciplinary**  
10 **Matters.**  
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12 The Board met in closed session at 11:55 a.m.  
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14 **VIII. Recess Until 9:00 a.m., Friday, February 11, 2021**  
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16 The Board recessed following the conclusion of the Closed Session at 1:25 p.m.  
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7 **ATTENDEES**  
8 **Members Present:** Max Disposti, Chair, Public Member  
9 Crystal Anthony, Vice Chair, LCSW Member  
10 Ross Erlich, Public Member  
11 Susan Friedman, Public Member  
12 Dr. Diana Herweck, LPCC Member  
13 Justin Huft, LMFT Member  
14 Christopher Jones, LEP Member  
15 Abigail Ortega, LCSW Member  
16 Kelly Ranasinghe, Public Member  
17 John Sovec, LMFT Member  
18 Wendy Strack, Public Member  
19 Dr. Annette Walker, Public Member  
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21 **Members Absent:** Yvette Casares Willis, Public Member  
22 Dr. Diana Herweck, LPCC Member: 9:00 a.m. – 11:12 a.m.  
23 Ross Erlich, Public Member: 12:35 p.m. – end of meeting  
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25 **Staff Present:** Steve Sodergren, Executive Officer  
26 Marlon McManus, Assistant Executive Officer  
27 Rosanne Helms, Legislative Manager  
28 Christy Berger, Regulatory Analyst  
29 Christina Kitamura, Administrative Analyst  
30 Jason Hurtado, Legal Counsel  
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32 **Other Attendees:** Carrie Holmes, DCA Office of Board and Bureau Services  
33 Gina Tomaselli, DCA Legal Affairs Division, Regulation Unit  
34 Heather Hoganson, DCA Legal Affairs Division  
35 Public participation via WebEx video conference/phone  
36 conference  
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2 **OPEN SESSION**  
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5 **IX. Call to Order, Establishment of Quorum, and Introductions**  
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7 Meeting called to order at 9:02 a.m. Roll was called, and a quorum was  
8 established.  
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10 New Board members were introduced: Abigail Ortega, LCSW member and Dr.  
11 Annette Walker, public member.  
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13 **X. Consent Calendar**

14 **a. Possible Approval of the November 4-5, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes**  
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16 An error was noted on page 3, line 7.  
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18 **Motion:** Approve the November 4-5, 2021 Board meeting minutes as  
19 amended.  
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21 Strack moved. Jones seconded.  
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23 Public Comment: None  
24

25 Roll call vote:

Member	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Recusal
Crystal Anthony	x				
Max Disposti	x				
Ross Erlich	x				
Susan Friedman	x				
Dr. Diana Herweck				x	
Justin Huft	x				
Christopher Jones	x				
Abigail Ortega	x				
Kelly Ranasinghe	x				
John Sovec	x				
Wendy Strack	x				
Dr. Annette Walker			x		
Yvette Casares Willis				x	

26 Motion carried: yea - 10, nay – 0, abstention - 1.  
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1 **XI. Board Chair Report**

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3 Board Member Activities:

4 Sovec: Will speak next week with California School Nurses Association,  
5 training on LGBTQ, adolescent care and specialization on transcare.

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7 Ranasinghe: Imperial County developed its first Mental Health Diversion  
8 Program. Also, the county is dealing with the Family First Prevention and  
9 Services Act.

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11 Jones: Presenting next month at the California Association of School  
12 Psychologists Spring Institute on how to become an LEP, prepping for the  
13 exam, private practice.

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15 **XII. Department of Consumer Affairs Update**

16  
17 Carrie Holmes, Office of Board and Bureau Services, provided the department  
18 update.

19  
20 COVID-19 Safety Measures and Telework

21 California state employees must provide proof of vaccination or be subject to  
22 regular COVID-19 testing while working on-site. Masking for vaccinated  
23 individuals were lifted effective February 6<sup>th</sup>.

24  
25 The Governor signed an executive order allowing boards to meet remotely  
26 through March 31<sup>st</sup>. AB 1733 was introduced which would permanently allow  
27 state bodies to meet remotely while referring both virtual and physical locations.

28  
29 Members must verify full vaccination with DCA before attending any in-person  
30 meetings.

31  
32 Reappointment

33 Board members who are nearing the end of their terms and have not served  
34 two full terms, should reach out to DCA if they are interested in reappointment.

35  
36 Reporting Requirements

37 Conflict of Interest (Form 700) is due right away. Penalties assessed for non-  
38 filings/late filings.

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40 Board Member Orientation Training (BMOT)

41 Members recently appointed must complete the BMOT within a year of  
42 appointment. Upcoming BMOT dates are March 9<sup>th</sup>, June 15<sup>th</sup>, and October  
43 12<sup>th</sup>.

1 **XIII. Election of Board Vice Chairperson**

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3 An election was held due to the Vice Chair seat vacated by former Board  
4 member, Christina Wong. The member elected will serve as Vice Chairperson  
5 until the next election in May 2022.

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7 Disposti: Nominated Chris Jones.

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9 Ranasinghe: Nominate John Sovec.

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11 Anthony: Nominate Kelly Ranasinghe.

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13 Jones and Ranasinghe: Accepted the nomination.

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15 Sovec: Declined the nomination. Nominated Crystal Anthony.

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17 Anthony: Accepted the nomination.

18  
19 **Motion:** Accept the nomination on the floor

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21 Disposti moved. Walker seconded.

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23 Roll call vote:

Member	Yea
Crystal Anthony	Ranasinghe
Max Disposti	Jones
Ross Erlich	Ranasinghe
Susan Friedman	Anthony
Dr. Diana Herweck	<i>(absent)</i>
Justin Huft	Anthony
Christopher Jones	Anthony
Abigail Ortega	Anthony
Kelly Ranasinghe	Anthony
John Sovec	Anthony
Wendy Strack	Anthony
Dr. Annette Walker	Anthony
Yvette Casares Willis	<i>(absent)</i>

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25 Vote: Anthony - 8; Jones - 1; Ranasinghe - 2

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1 **XIV. Executive Officer Report**

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3 **a. Budget Report**

4 2021/2022 Budget

5 The budget for fiscal year (FY) 2021-22 is \$13,127,000. Expenditures to  
6 date are \$4,640,523 (35%).

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8 Fund Condition

9 The fund condition reflects a reserve of 8.9 months.

10  
11 Board staff are awaiting fiscal year expenditure information from DCA's  
12 Accounting office.

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14 **b. Licensing Report**

15 Licensing Population: 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter FY 2021-22

- 16
- 17 • 4,006 initial licenses were issued
  - 18 • 128,464 licensees and registrants as of January 4<sup>th</sup>; 1% gain from the  
19 previous quarter

20 Licensing Program Applications Received

21 Received 12% less applications

22  
23 Licensing Program Processing Times

- 24
- 25 • Processing times increased due to increased volumes of registration  
26 applications received in previous quarter.
  - 27 • LMFT Examination application processing timeframe has been reduced.
  - 28 • Increase in processing times for LCSW Examination applications due to  
29 loss of staff in the LCSW unit.

30 Renewal Activity

31 Renewal activity decreased by 13%.

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33 Administration Applications

34 Application volumes decreased by 16%.

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36 **c. Exam Report**

37 Exam Pass Rates 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of FY 2021-22

38 4,588 examinations were administered, a 1% decrease from the previous  
39 quarter.

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41 Examination Development

42 Nine exam development workshops were conducted from October 1, 2021  
43 to December 31, 2021.

1 Board staff is posting a recruitment statement on the Board’s social media  
2 pages to solicit interest from licensees who are interested in contributing to  
3 the exam-writing process.

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5 **d. Enforcement Report**

6 Enforcement statistics were presented.

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8 **e. Communication Report**

9 Social media statistics and Consumer Information Center statistics were  
10 presented.

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12 **f. Personnel Report**

13 **New Employees/Promotions**

14 Discipline & Probation Unit: Lisa Santolin promoted to Associate  
15 Governmental Program Analyst (AGPA) to January 12<sup>th</sup>.

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17 Registration, Examination & Cashiering Unit: Paul Drabkin promoted to  
18 Management Service Technician (MST) on February 7<sup>th</sup>.

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20 Licensing Unit: Lisa Cigelske promoted to Staff Services Manager I (SSMI)  
21 on January 10<sup>th</sup>.

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23 **Vacancies**

24 Currently, there are 11 vacancies:

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26 **XV. Strategic Plan Update**

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28 The final version of the Board of Behavioral Sciences Strategic Plan for 2022-  
29 2026 was presented.

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31 **Motion:** Approve the final version of the BBS Strategic Plan for 2022-2026 and  
32 direct staff to publish.

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34 Disposti moved. Strack seconded.

35  
36 Public Comment:

37 Jennifer Alley, California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists  
38 (CAMFT): Supports the motion.  
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Roll call vote:

Member	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Recusal
Crystal Anthony	x				
Max Disposti	x				
Ross Erlich	x				
Susan Friedman	x				
Dr. Diana Herweck				x	
Justin Huft	x				
Christopher Jones	x				
Abigail Ortega	x				
Kelly Ranasinghe	x				
John Sovec	x				
Wendy Strack	x				
Dr. Annette Walker			x		
Yvette Casares Willis				x	

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Motion carried: yea – 10, nay - 0, abstention - 1

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**XVI. Telehealth Committee Update**

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The Telehealth Committee (Committee) met on January 28<sup>th</sup>. The Committee directed staff to begin drafting a guidance document regarding acceptable telehealth settings for pre-licensurees. It also directed staff to draft specified clarifications in statute and regulations. The Committee will review both at its next meeting on March 4<sup>th</sup>.

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The following amendments are now moving forward as proposed legislation:

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- Amendments to permit supervision via videoconferencing in all settings.

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- Amendments requiring applicants for licensure and current licensees to complete 3 hours of training or coursework in the provision of mental health services via telehealth, including law and ethics related to telehealth, as a one-time requirement.

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- Clarifications that certain pre-licensurees may provide services with clients via telehealth.

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**XVII. Licensing Committee Update**

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The Licensing Committee (Committee) met on November 19<sup>th</sup> and discussed the current six-year limit on the age of experience hours, as well as the six-year length of an associate registration number. The Committee directed staff to do further research and to resume the discussion at the next meeting.

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1 The next meeting date is to be determined.

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3 **XVIII. Discussion and Consideration of Comments Received During 45-Day**  
4 **Public Comment Period on Proposed Continuing Education and**  
5 **Additional Training Regulations; Potential Action, including Adoption:**  
6 **Amendments to Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations, §§1807,**  
7 **1807.2, 1810, 1887, 1887.1, 1887.2, 1887.3, 1887.4.0, 1887.4.1, 1887.4.2,**  
8 **1887.4.3, and 1887.11.0; Addition of §1810.5; and Repeal of §§1810.1,**  
9 **1810.2, 1887.4, 1887.7, 1887.8, 1887.9, 1887.10, 1887.11 and 1887.15**

10  
11 At its November 2019 meeting, the Board approved regulatory changes  
12 pertaining to both continuing education (CE) and additional training  
13 requirements. The Board approved additional changes to this proposal at its  
14 meeting in September 2021.

15  
16 The regulation proposal was noticed to the public on November 12, 2021, and  
17 the public comment period ended on January 3, 2022. Several comments were  
18 received and were presented by Christy Berger.

19  
20 Comments received from CAMFT, National Association of Social Workers –  
21 California Chapter (NASW-CA), Center for Nutritional Psychology, Triad, CEU  
22 Love, and Niroga Institute: These commenters all requested that “self-study”  
23 be added to the definition of a CE “course” in section 1887 for clarity and to  
24 ensure self-study continues to be allowed as an option.

25  
26 Board staff reviewed these comments and recommended amendments to  
27 §1887(a). In addition to the above amendment, several non-substantive  
28 clarifying changes were proposed in several sections.

29  
30 **Motion:** Approve the proposed responses to public comments received, and  
31 direct staff to make any Board-approved changes including the changes  
32 detailed by staff regarding §§1887(a) and 1810.5(b) and any technical or non-  
33 substantive changes needed to complete the rulemaking process. If no  
34 relevant adverse comments are received, to adopt the sections as noticed and  
35 proceed to the Office of Administrative Law.

36  
37 Disposti moved. Sovec seconded.

38  
39 Public Comment: None

40  
41 Roll call vote:

Member	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Recusal
Crystal Anthony	x				
Max Disposti	x				
Ross Erlich	x				
Susan Friedman	x				

Dr. Diana Herweck	x				
Justin Huft	x				
Christopher Jones	x				
Abigail Ortega			x		
Kelly Ranasinghe	x				
John Sovec	x				
Wendy Strack	x				
Dr. Annette Walker	x				
Yvette Casares Willis				x	

Motion carried: yea – 11, nay – 0, abstention – 1

**XIX. Review of Legislative Counsel Amendments to the Board’s Supervision via Videoconferencing Bill Proposal, and Discussion and Possible Action on Additional Amendments to the Proposal (BPC §§4980.43.2, 4996.23.1, 4999.46.2)**

The Board has an author for the Supervision via Videoconferencing bill proposal. The author agreed to run the proposal as urgency legislation. However, the author’s office, the Assembly Business and Professions’ committee consultant, and the Legislative Counsel have reviewed the language and suggested the Board consider three amendments.

**Amendment 1:** Consider clarifying the term “appropriateness.”

Option 1: Defines what “appropriateness” entails for each activity.

Option 2: Deletes the requirement that within 60 days, the supervisor shall assess the appropriateness of allowing the supervisee to gain experience hours via telehealth.

**Amendment 2:** Consider stating what happens if the supervisor’s assessment determines that telehealth and/or supervision via videoconferencing is not appropriate.

*(2) The supervisor shall document the results of the assessment made pursuant to paragraph (1), and shall not utilize supervision via two-way, real-time videoconferencing if their assessment finds it is not appropriate.*

**Amendment 3:** Consider extending the January 1, 2025 expiration date by one year to coincide with the Board’s sunset date.

Discussion

Sovec: Supports Option 2 for Amendment 1.

Walker: Supports Amendment 3.

1 Public Comment

2 J. Alley, CAMFT: CAMFT supports Option 2 of Amendment 1.

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4 Ben Caldwell: Prefers Option 2 for Amendment 1. If, however, Option 1 is  
5 chosen, suggests striking “the preferences of the client” from paragraph (A)  
6 because it would be impossible for the supervisor to assess that.

7  
8 **Motion:** Approve the language in Attachment A as drafted; approve and direct  
9 staff to pursue the following amendments: Pursue Option 2 for Amendment 1,  
10 pursue the language as drafted for Amendment 2, and extend the sunset date  
11 to January 1, 2026 for Amendment 3; and to direct staff to make any non-  
12 substantive amendments and pursue the amendments with the author.

13  
14 Sovec moved. Herweck seconded.

15  
16 Public Comment: None

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18 Roll call vote:

Member	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Recusal
Crystal Anthony	x				
Max Disposti	x				
Ross Erlich	x				
Susan Friedman	x				
Dr. Diana Herweck	x				
Justin Huft	x				
Christopher Jones	x				
Abigail Ortega	x				
Kelly Ranasinghe	x				
John Sovec	x				
Wendy Strack	x				
Dr. Annette Walker	x				
Yvette Casares Willis				x	

19  
20 Motion carried: yea - 12, nay - 0.

21  
22 **XX. Review of Legislative Counsel Amendments to the Board’s Continuing**  
23 **Education Bill Proposal, and Discussion and Possible Action on**  
24 **Additional Amendments to the Proposal (BPC §§2290.5, 4980.399,**  
25 **4980.54, 4984.01, 4992.09, 4996.22, 4996.23.2, 4996.28, 4999.46.3, 4999.55,**  
26 **4999.76, 4999.100, 4980.395, 4989.23.1, 4996.27.1, and 4999.67)**

27  
28 Legislative Counsel has prepared a draft of the Continuing Education Bill for  
29 introduction with some technical amendments and a substantive amendment.  
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1 The substantive amendment pertains to the proposed requirement that  
 2 registrants complete at least 3 hours of continuing education in California law  
 3 and ethics each renewal period. The Board’s draft language stated that the  
 4 registrant needs to certify completion of this requirement each renewal period.  
 5 Legislative Counsel added that a registrant needs to certify completion of this  
 6 requirement under penalty of perjury. This was added into BPC  
 7 §§4980.54(c)(2), 4984.01(b)(5), 4996.22(a)(3), 4996.28(a)(5), 4999.76(a)(2),  
 8 and 4999.100(b)(5).  
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10 **Motion:** Approve language shown in Attachment A as drafted by the  
 11 Legislative Counsel, and direct staff to make any non-substantive changes and  
 12 pursue as a legislative proposal.  
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14 Disposti moved. Anthony seconded.

15 Public Comment: None

16 Roll call vote:

Member	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Recusal
Crystal Anthony	x				
Max Disposti	x				
Ross Erlich				x	
Susan Friedman	x				
Dr. Diana Herweck	x				
Justin Huft	x				
Christopher Jones	x				
Abigail Ortega	x				
Kelly Ranasinghe	x				
John Sovec	x				
Wendy Strack	x				
Dr. Annette Walker	x				
Yvette Casares Willis				x	

19 Motion carried: yea - 11, nay - 0.  
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21 **XXI. Update on Board-Sponsored and Monitored Legislation**

22 **Board-Sponsored Legislation**

23 Supervision via Videoconferencing Bill Proposal

24 This proposal has been introduced as AB 1758.  
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26 Continuing Education Bill Proposal

27 This proposal has been introduced as AB 1769.  
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1 Omnibus Bill Proposal

2 Staff expects this bill proposal to be introduced in March.

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4 **Board-Supported Legislation**

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6 AB 988 Mental Health: 988 Crisis Hotline

7 The Board took a “support” position at its July 2021 meeting. Status: This bill is  
8 a two-year bill. Staff is monitoring this proposal to see if it moves this year.

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10 **Board-Monitored Legislation**

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12 AB 29 (Cooper) State Bodies: Meetings

13 The Board took an “oppose unless amended” position on this bill. Status: This  
14 bill is dead.

15  
16 AB 646 (Low) Department of Consumer Affairs: Boards: Expunged Convictions

17 The Board took a “support if amended” position on this bill. Status: This bill is  
18 on its third reading in the Assembly.

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20 **XXII. Update on Board Rulemaking Proposals**

21  
22 Continuing Education and Additional Training Requirements

23 Status: Notice Published November 12, 2021; Comments Received

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25 Enforcement Process

26 Status: Preparation for Policy and Advocacy Committee Review in July 2022

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28 Examination Waiting Periods, Professional Corporations, Accrediting Agencies  
29 and Equivalent Degrees

30 Status: Preparation for Initial Review Process

31  
32 **XXIII. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda**

33  
34 Renee Jeffrey: Expressed her experience after a debilitating diagnosis. The  
35 law doesn’t allow for flexibility for registration renewals and taking the exam.

36  
37 **XXIV. Suggestions for Future Agenda Item**

38  
39 Adrienne Shilton, California Alliance of Child and Family Services: Requested  
40 an agenda item regarding the workforce crisis in children’s mental health,  
41 strategies to address this crisis, and strategies that BBS could employ to  
42 expedite the processing times of applications.

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44 Rebecca Gonzales, NASW: Agenda item to discuss new solutions to  
45 addressing backlogs.



1 Sovec: 1. Proposing to lead a consortium with the Board of Psychology (BOP)  
2 and the Medical Board of California to explore the influence and effects of  
3 corporate telehealth on California consumers. 2. Proposing a consortium with  
4 DCA and BOP to discuss how to address the encroachment of coaching on the  
5 mental health professions.  
6

7 Ranasinghe: Suggested an agenda item regarding deficiency of workforce in  
8 clinical children services, particularly related to the rise and short-term  
9 residential treatment programs in California, and not enough people to work in  
10 those programs.  
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12 Friedman: How to increase the number of bilingual therapists of Hispanic and  
13 Asian descent.  
14

15 Caldwell: Suggested a future agenda item to look holistically at the data  
16 surrounding the Board's disciplinary process.  
17

18 Alley, CAMFT: Improving the applicant process, streamline it and make it more  
19 efficient so backlog doesn't happen.  
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21 Ranasinghe: Resolution for National Social Workers month.  
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23 Ortega: Explore ways to get more participation from consumers and therapists  
24 in the meetings.  
25

26 **XXV. Adjournment**  
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28 The Board adjourned at 1:29 p.m.