



Board of Behavioral Sciences



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## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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**DATE** June 8, 2023  
**MEETING PLATFORM** WebEx Video/Phone Conference  
**TIME** 9:00 a.m.

### ATTENDEES

**Members Present:** Christopher (Chris) Jones, Chair, LEP Member  
Wendy Strack, Vice Chair, Public Member  
Max Disposti, Public Member  
Susan Friedman, Public Member  
Justine Huft, LMFT Member  
Abigail Ortega, LCSW Member  
Kelly Ranasinghe, Public Member  
John Sovec, LMFT Member  
Eleanor Uribe, LCSW Member  
Dr. Annette Walker, Public Member  
Yvette Casares Willis, Public Member

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

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

**Other Attendees:** Public participation via WebEx

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## OPEN SESSION

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### 1. Call to Order and Establishment of Quorum

Chris Jones, Chair of the Board of Behavioral Sciences (Board), called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. Roll was called, and a quorum was established.

### 2. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Amendments to the Board's Temporary Practice Allowance Bill Proposal (AB 232, Aguiar-Curry): Add Business and Professions Code (BPC) §§4980.11, 4996.16.1, 4999.23, Amend BPC §§4980, 4980.30, 4991.2, and Add Article 1 Under Chapter 14

At its November 2022 meeting, the Board of Behavioral Sciences (Board) approved statutory language and directed staff to pursue legislation to allow a 30-day temporary practice allowance to qualifying therapists licensed in another state whose client is visiting California or is in the process of moving here. This bill proposal is introduced as AB 232.

CAMFT recently requested a clarifying technical amendment to the language shown in BPC §4980 of the bill, which was approved by the Board at its May 2023 meeting.

The Senate Committee on Business, Professions, and Economic Development (Senate B&P Committee) requested that the Board clarify a term in subparagraphs 4980.11(a)(4), 4996.16.1(a)(4), and 4999.23(a)(4). Board staff and stakeholders developed an amendment that Senate B&P was agreeable to.

The amendment was provided to the Board for discussion.

#### Committee/Staff Discussion

Sovec: Asked if a time frame can be requested; for example, the individual had to be a client for a minimum of 90 days prior to coming to California

Helms responded that staff discussed that with stakeholders.  
Stakeholders had concerns about specifying a time requirement.

Ranasinghe: Prefers "client provider" in place of "therapeutic."

Jones: Agreed with Ranasinghe.

Sovec: Has a concern with the term "established" which is not defined. It could legally mean a single session. Strongly recommends putting a time frame on it.

Disposti: Likes the new language and understands that timing is an issue – there is no time to revise it again and send it back.

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

M/S: Disposti/Jones

Public Comment: None

Vote: Yea 10; Nay 0. Motion carried.

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

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

Ranasinghe: Resolution for Max Disposti.

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

None

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## **CLOSED SESSION**

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*The Board entered closed session at 9:26 a.m.*

**5. Pursuant to Section 11126(e) of the Government Code, the Board will Meet in Closed Session to Confer with and Receive Advice from Legal Counsel Regarding Goosens v. Board of Behavioral Sciences, United States District Court, Northern District of California, Case No. 5:23-cv-00853-VKD.**

**6. Adjournment**

The Board adjourned at 9:35 a.m.