



Board of Behavioral Sciences

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To: Board Members

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From: Steve Sodergren
Executive Officer

Subject: Election of Officers

Business and Professions Code section 4990(g) requires the Board to elect a chairperson and vice chairperson each year.

Currently, Massimiliano (Max) Disposti serves as the Board chairperson and Christopher Jones serves as the Board vice chairperson. To comply with existing law, Board members should elect a chairperson and vice chairperson at this meeting. The elected chairpersons will serve until the next Board elections at the May 2024 Board meeting.

The Board chairperson and vice chairperson act as the public face of the Board. In this role, they are responsible for implementing the Board's mission. To implement the Board's vision, they will work closely with the Board's executive officer and Board members. Some of the tasks required of a Board chairperson are as follows:

- Meeting and communicating with the executive officer on a regular basis (weekly, monthly, quarterly).
- Communicating with other Board members for Board business.
- Chairing and facilitating Board meetings.
- Authoring a Board chair message for every quarterly newsletter.
- Assigning Board members to Board committees and appointing the chair for the committees.
- Acting as a spokesperson for the Board (may attend legislative hearings and testify on behalf of the Board, may attend meetings with DCA or Agency, may attend meetings with stakeholders and legislators).

The next page is a list of Board members and the date on which their term will expire.

Board Member	Type	Authority	Date Appointed	Term Expiration	Grace Expiration
Massimiliano Disposti*	Public	Senate	6/1/19	6/1/23	6/1/24
Ross Erlich*	Public	Assembly	2/6/20	6/1/23	6/1/24
Wendy Strack*	Public	Governor	1/29/20	6/1/23	8/1/23
Christopher Jones	LEP	Governor	6/29/20	6/1/24	8/1/24
Yvette Casares Willis	Public	Governor	1/21/21	6/1/25	8/1/25
Justin Huft	LMFT	Governor	9/23/21	6/1/25	8/1/25
Abigail Ortega	LCSW	Governor	11/10/21	6/1/25	8/1/25
Kelly Ranasinghe	Public	Governor	6/29/20	6/1/25	8/1/25
Annette Walker	Public	Governor	11/10/21	6/1/25	8/1/25
Susan Friedman	Public	Governor	3/5/20	6/1/26	8/1/26
John Sovec	LMFT	Governor	12/11/19	6/1/26	8/1/22
Eleanor Uribe	LCSW	Governor	8/2/22	6/1/26	8/1/26

**Eligible for reappointment*