



Board of Behavioral Sciences

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To: Board Members

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Subject: Overview and Discussion of the Board's Fund Balance Reserve

Background

In 2018, the Board contracted with CPS HR Consulting (CPS) to provide performance auditing and consulting services to review the Board's fee structure and staff workload to determine if fee levels were appropriate for the recovery of the actual cost of conducting its programs.

The report reviewed 25 main fees that represented approximately 90 percent of the Board's fee revenue: applications for registrations, licenses, examination, and renewals. CPS noted that revenues for the 25 fees reviewed increased by almost 39 percent over the previous four years, however expenditures increased by approximately 42 percent. This structural imbalance resulted from rising operational costs, including increased staffing expenses and fees from the Attorney General's office. This structural imbalance was due to the increase in operational costs. Also, it was important to note that at that time the Board had not raised fees for LMFTs, LCSWs, and LEPs for at least twenty years.

To determine appropriate fees, CPS used three years (FY 16-17 to FY 18-19) of average expenditures and staff hours. Dividing the average expenditures by staff hours for the three years resulted in a \$120 per hour/\$2.00 per minute fully absorbed cost rate. These estimates were used to develop the proposed fee increase amounts and projections for the Board's fund condition for the next five years. It was projected that the fees proposed would result in a five-month fund balance reserve by Fiscal Year 2023-24.

In allocating the proposed fee increases, the Board took into consideration the impact a fee increase may have on the registrants and licensees. A higher number of staff hours are typically spent on registrants; however, registrants earn less money than licensees. Therefore, proposed fees were adjusted from fees based solely on workload to achieve a more equitable result.

In 2020, the Board sponsored AB 2142 (Medina), which proposed increasing the Board's fees. However, due to the COVID-19 state of emergency, the fee increase provisions from AB 2142 were incorporated into AB 3330 (Calderon), a broader bill that included fee increases for several other DCA boards. AB 3330, which raised licensing, registration, and examination fees for the Board, was signed into law by the Governor as Chapter 359 of the Statutes of 2020. (Attachment A: 2020 Before and After Fee Comparison)

Current Fund Balance Reserve Status

A fund balance reserve is the remaining funds at the end of any given fiscal year. This remaining balance rolls over to begin the next fiscal year. The amount of reserve funds that the Board can maintain is limited to 24 months under current law.

California Business and Professions Code 128.5 (b) states:

“Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if at the end of any fiscal year, the California Architects Board, the Board of Behavioral Sciences....has unencumbered funds in an amount that equals or is more than the agency's operating budget for the next two fiscal years, the agency shall reduce license or other fees, whether the license or other fees be fixed by statute or may be determined by the agency within limits fixed by statute, during the following fiscal year in an amount that will reduce any surplus funds of the agency to an amount less than the agency's operating budget for the next two fiscal years.”

It is currently projected that, under the current fee structure, the Board will exceed the 24-month limit and reach a fund balance of 25.7 months by the end of FY 2024-25. As a result, the Board will need to take action(s) to reduce the fund balance below the 24-month statutory limit.

Current Efforts

Currently, staff is working with the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) Budget Office to explore strategies to reduce the Board's fund balance. An initial review revealed that CPS underestimated (actual) application volumes by up to 31 percent when considering revenue projections for the fee increase.

Two scenarios have been proposed for consideration to reduce the Board's initial and renewal licensing fees for periods of either 24 months (scenario #1) or 48 months (scenario #2), starting January 1, 2026. Both scenarios involve reducing most all application, initial, and renewal fees by 50 percent, while also accounting for the biennial license renewal cycle.

It is currently projected that a 24-month (scenario #1) fee reduction would reduce the reserve fund to 21.5 months by the end of FY 2027-2028, while a 48-month (scenario #2) reduction would lower the reserve fund to 17.5 months by the end of FY 2029-2030. (Attachment B: BBS Analysis of Fund Condition)

The Board's fee schedule is established by Business and Professions Code (BPC) sections 4984.7, 4989.68, 4996.3, and 4999.120, which define the current fees and set a maximum fee that the Board may adjust through regulation. The specific fees are outlined in California Code of Regulations (CCR) sections 1816, 1816.1, 1816.2, and 1816.4. To implement a fee reduction, the Board would need to pursue legislative amendments, either to lower the minimum fee schedule or to formalize a temporary reduction of the current fees. (Attachment C: Relative Statutes and Regulations)

Next Steps

Board staff will continue collaborating with DCA's Budget Office to identify appropriate adjustments to the fee structure, ensuring the reserve fund is realigned while accounting for future workload and staffing growth. The goal is to maintain a reserve fund that does not exceed a 24-month balance. Additionally, staff will draft the necessary legislative and regulatory proposals for the Board's review and approval, enabling the implementation of a proposed fee restructure.

Recommendation

Staff recommends the Board discuss reducing the Board's fund balance reserve.

Attachments

Attachment A: 2020 Before and After Fee Comparison

Attachment B: BBS Analysis of Fund Condition

Attachment C: Relative Statutes and Regulations

Attachment A: 2020 Before and After Fee Comparison

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST		
Fee Type	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Associate Registration	\$75	\$150
Associate Renewal	\$75	\$150
Application for Licensure	\$100	\$250
Law & Ethics Exam	\$100	\$150
Clinical Exam	\$100	\$250
Initial License Issuance	\$130	\$200
License Renewal	\$130	\$200
LICENSED EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGIST		
Fee Type	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Application for Licensure	\$100	\$250
Written Exam	\$100	\$250
Initial License Issuance	\$80	\$200
License Renewal	\$80	\$200
LICENSED CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER		
Fee Type	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Associate Registration	\$75	\$150
Associate Renewal	\$75	\$150
Application for Licensure	\$100	\$250
Law & Ethics Exam	\$100	\$150
Clinical Exam	n/a	n/a
Initial License Issuance	\$100	\$200
License Renewal	\$100	\$200
LICENSED PROFESSIONAL CLINICAL COUNSELOR		
Fee Type	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Associate Registration	\$100	\$150
Associate Renewal	\$100	\$150
Application for Licensure	\$180	\$250
Law & Ethics Exam	\$100	\$150
Clinical Exam	n/a	n/a
Initial License Issuance	\$200	\$200
License Renewal	\$175	\$200

0773 - Behavioral Science Fund
Analysis of Fund Condition
(Dollars in Thousands)

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2025-26 Governor's Budget With FM 5 Projections

Status Quo	Actuals	FM5	GB				
	2023-24	CY 2024-25	BY 2025-26	BY +1 2026-27	BY +2 2027-28	BY +3 2028-29	BY +4 2029-30
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 18,461	\$ 16,240	\$ 33,794	\$ 40,084	\$ 46,322	\$ 52,194	\$ 57,682
Prior Year Adjustment	\$ 269	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Adjusted Beginning Balance	\$ 18,730	\$ 16,240	\$ 33,794	\$ 40,084	\$ 46,322	\$ 52,194	\$ 57,682
REVENUES, TRANSFERS AND OTHER ADJUSTMENTS							
Revenues							
4121200 - Delinquent fees	\$ 177	\$ 178	\$ 181	\$ 181	\$ 181	\$ 181	\$ 181
4127400 - Renewal fees	\$ 12,075	\$ 12,360	\$ 12,102	\$ 12,102	\$ 12,102	\$ 12,102	\$ 12,102
4129200 - Other regulatory fees	\$ 186	\$ 192	\$ 189	\$ 189	\$ 189	\$ 189	\$ 189
4129400 - Other regulatory licenses and permits	\$ 7,893	\$ 8,558	\$ 9,062	\$ 9,062	\$ 9,062	\$ 9,062	\$ 9,062
4163000 - Income from surplus money investments	\$ 704	\$ 531	\$ 456	\$ 685	\$ 771	\$ 852	\$ 928
4171400 - Escheat of unclaimed checks and warrants	\$ 24	\$ 85	\$ 85	\$ 85	\$ 85	\$ 85	\$ 85
4171500 - Escheat Unclaimed Property	\$ 1	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4172500 - Miscellaneous revenues	\$ 4	\$ 4	\$ 4	\$ 4	\$ 4	\$ 4	\$ 4
Totals, Revenues	\$ 21,064	\$ 21,908	\$ 22,079	\$ 22,308	\$ 22,394	\$ 22,475	\$ 22,551
Transfers to Other Funds							
Loan from/to BBS (0773) to GF (0001) per CS 13.40, BA of 2023	\$ -10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Totals, Transfers and Other Adjustments	\$ -10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTALS, REVENUES, TRANSFERS AND OTHER ADJUSTMENTS	\$ 11,064	\$ 31,908	\$ 22,079	\$ 22,308	\$ 22,394	\$ 22,475	\$ 22,551
TOTAL RESOURCES	\$ 29,794	\$ 48,148	\$ 55,873	\$ 62,392	\$ 68,716	\$ 74,669	\$ 80,233
Expenditures:							
1111 Department of Consumer Affairs (State Operations)	\$ 12,604	\$ 13,365	\$ 14,626	\$ 15,065	\$ 15,517	\$ 15,982	\$ 16,462
9892 Supplemental Pension Payments (State Operations)	\$ 212	\$ 158	\$ 158	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
9900 Statewide General Administrative Expenditures (Pro Rata) (State Operations)	\$ 738	\$ 831	\$ 1,005	\$ 1,005	\$ 1,005	\$ 1,005	\$ 1,005
TOTALS, EXPENDITURES AND EXPENDITURE ADJUSTMENTS	\$ 13,554	\$ 14,354	\$ 15,789	\$ 16,070	\$ 16,522	\$ 16,987	\$ 17,467
FUND BALANCE							
Reserve for economic uncertainties	\$ 16,240	\$ 33,794	\$ 40,084	\$ 46,322	\$ 52,194	\$ 57,682	\$ 62,767
Months in Reserve	13.6	25.7	29.9	33.6	36.9	40.7	43.1
Imbalance:	\$ 7,510	\$ 7,554	\$ 6,290	\$ 6,238	\$ 5,872	\$ 5,488	\$ 5,084
Imbalance %	36%	34%	28%	28%	26%	24%	23%

NOTES:

1. Assumes workload and revenue projections are realized in CY and ongoing.
2. Expenditure growth projected at 3% beginning BY+1.

**Board of Behavioral Sciences
Other Regulatory Fees & Permits and Renewal Fees
(Status Quo)**

Revenue Category	Current Fee Amount	2025-2026 GB Projected Wkld	Revenues
App Exam/License Fees			
LMFT			
ASSOCIATE APPLICATION	\$150	5,384	\$807,526
EVALUATION APPLICATION	\$250	3,106	\$776,621
INITIAL LICENSE APPLICATION	\$200	2,589	\$517,800
LAW & ETHICS APPLICATION	\$150	6,480	\$971,933
CLINICAL EXAM APPLICATION	\$250	5,061	\$1,265,307
LCSW			
ASSOCIATE APPLICATION	\$150	5,265	\$789,814
EVALUATION APPLICATION	\$250	3,357	\$839,290
INITIAL LICENSE APPLICATION	\$200	2,549	\$509,838
LAW & ETHICS APPLICATION	\$150	7,451	\$1,117,719
LEP			
EVALUATION APPLICATION	\$250	184	\$45,900
WRITTEN EXAM APPLICATION	\$250	262	\$65,541
INITIAL LICENSE APPLICATION	\$200	196	\$39,172
LPCC			
ASSOCIATE APPLICATION	\$150	2,381	\$357,192
INITIAL LICENSE APPLICATION	\$200	1,327	\$265,464
EVALUATION APPLICATION	\$250	1,093	\$273,336
LAW & ETHICS APPLICATION	\$150	2,800	\$419,934
Subtotal:			\$9,062,387
Renewal Fees			
LMFT			
BIENNIAL RENEWAL	\$200	19,760	\$3,951,998
INTERN RENEWAL (ANNUAL)	\$150	11,818	\$1,772,750
INACTIVE RENEWAL	\$100	1,854	\$185,430
RETIRED RESTORE TO ACTIVE	\$200	4	\$816
INACTIVE TO ACTIVE	\$100	138	\$13,792
LCSW			
BIENNIAL RENEWAL	\$200	13,129	\$2,625,710
ASSOC. LCSW RENEWAL (ANNUAL)	\$150	14,614	\$2,192,121
INACTIVE RENEWAL	\$100	1,147	\$114,700
RETIRED RESTORE TO ACTIVE	\$200	1	\$200
INACTIVE TO ACTIVE	\$100	58	\$5,757
LEP			
BIENNIAL RENEWAL	\$200	725	\$145,058
INACTIVE RENEWAL	\$100	142	\$14,200
RETIRED RESTORE TO ACTIVE	\$200	0	\$0
INACTIVE TO ACTIVE	\$100	13	\$1,326
LPCC			
ANNUAL RENEWAL (LPCC INTERN)	\$150	4,426	\$663,927
BIENNIAL RENEWAL	\$200	1,970	\$393,976
BIENNIAL RENEWAL OF INACTIVE	\$100	115	\$11,514
INACTIVE TO ACTIVE	\$100	4	\$400
CE PROVIDERS			
RETIRED LICENSE FEE - MFC	\$40	120	\$4,800
RETIRED LICENSE FEE - LCS	\$40	65	\$2,596
RETIRED LICENSE FEE - LEP	\$40	11	\$440
RETIRED LICENSE FEE - LPCC	\$40	2	\$80
Subtotal:			\$12,101,591
Total Revenues:			\$21,163,978

Board of Behavioral Sciences Initial & Renewal Fee (Comparison: 2021-22 vs. 2023-24 & 2025-26)

Revenue Category	Current Fee Amount	2021-2022 (Projected)	2023-2024 (Actuals)	2025-2026 (Projected)	Variance from 2021-2022 GB Projected			
App Exam/License Fees					2023-2024 (Actuals)		2025-2026 (Projected)	
LMFT		Volume			Volume	Revenues	Volume	Revenues
ASSOCIATE APPLICATION	\$150	3,584	4,883	5,384	1,299	\$194,908	1,800	\$269,984
EVALUATION APPLICATION	\$250	2,835	2,928	3,106	93	\$23,326	272	\$67,907
INITIAL LICENSE APPLICATION	\$200	2,427	2,589	2,589	162	\$32,460	162	\$32,460
LAW & ETHICS APPLICATION	\$150	3,889	5,355	6,480	1,466	\$219,842	2,590	\$388,525
CLINICAL EXAM APPLICATION	\$250	4,257	4,962	5,061	705	\$176,148	804	\$201,080
LCSW		Volume						
ASSOCIATE APPLICATION	\$150	4,016	4,776	5,265	760	\$113,965	1,249	\$187,394
EVALUATION APPLICATION	\$250	2,452	3,164	3,357	712	\$178,095	905	\$226,273
INITIAL LICENSE APPLICATION	\$200	1,977	2,696	2,549	719	\$143,830	572	\$114,392
LAW & ETHICS APPLICATION	\$150	4,352	6,158	7,451	1,806	\$270,897	3,099	\$464,881
LEP		Volume						
EVALUATION APPLICATION	\$250	154	184	184	30	\$7,391	30	\$7,391
WRITTEN EXAM APPLICATION	\$250	202	257	262	55	\$13,755	60	\$25,145
INITIAL LICENSE APPLICATION	\$200	113	192	196	79	\$15,754	83	\$16,526
LPCC		Volume						
ASSOCIATE APPLICATION	\$150	1,306	1,968	2,381	662	\$99,226	1,075	\$161,218
INITIAL LICENSE APPLICATION	\$200	356	922	1,327	566	\$113,218	972	\$194,332
EVALUATION APPLICATION	\$250	545	992	1,093	447	\$111,741	549	\$137,153
LAW & ETHICS APPLICATION	\$150	1,458	2,314	2,800	856	\$128,395	1,342	\$201,276
Renewal Fees								
LMFT		Volume						
BIENNIAL RENEWAL	\$200	17,610	20,683	19,760				
INTERN RENEWAL (ANNUAL)	\$150	10,476	11,585	11,818				
INACTIVE RENEWAL	\$100	2,211	1,854	1,854				
RETIRED RESTORE TO ACTIVE	\$200	1	4	4				
INACTIVE TO ACTIVE	\$100	355	130	138				
LCSW		Volume						
BIENNIAL RENEWAL	\$200	11,183	14,031	13,129				
ASSOC. LCSW RENEWAL (ANNUAL)	\$150	10,282	13,007	14,614				
INACTIVE RENEWAL	\$100	1,259	1,147	1,147				
RETIRED RESTORE TO ACTIVE	\$200	2	1	1				
INACTIVE TO ACTIVE	\$100	71	57	58				
LEP		Volume						
BIENNIAL RENEWAL	\$200	646	711	725				
INACTIVE RENEWAL	\$100	179	142	142				
RETIRED RESTORE TO ACTIVE	\$200	0	0	0				
INACTIVE TO ACTIVE	\$100	18	13	13				
LPCC		Volume						
ANNUAL RENEWAL (LPCC INTERN)	\$150	2,354	3,658	4,426				
BIENNIAL RENEWAL	\$200	762	1,628	1,970				
BIENNIAL RENEWAL OF INACTIVE	\$100	305	114	115				
INACTIVE TO ACTIVE	\$100	10	4	4				
CE PROVIDERS								
RETIRED LICENSE FEE - MFC	\$40	121	120	120				
RETIRED LICENSE FEE - LCS	\$40	72	62	65				
RETIRED LICENSE FEE - LEP	\$40	5	11	11				
RETIRED LICENSE FEE - LPCC	\$40	5	2	2				
Initials Subtotal:					10,416	\$1,842,950	15,563	\$2,695,937
Variance %					31%	29%	46%	42%
					3,072	\$614,448	2,150	\$429,926
					1,109	\$166,407	1,342	\$201,337
					-357	-\$35,681	-357	\$41,708
					3	\$596	3	\$683
					-225	-\$22,507	-217	-\$9,288
					2,848	\$569,560	1,946	\$389,120
					2,725	\$408,732	4,332	\$649,873
					-112	-\$11,180	-112	\$51,760
					-1	-\$208	-1	-\$4
					-14	-\$1,441	-14	\$2,187
					65	\$13,055	80	\$15,914
					-37	-\$3,716	-37	\$7,034
					0	\$0	0	\$0
					-5	-\$536	-5	\$592
					1,304	\$195,541	2,072	\$310,768
					866	\$173,197	1,208	\$241,573
					-191	-\$19,102	-190	-\$15,175
					-6	-\$624	-6	-\$496
					-1	-\$56	-1	-\$56
					-10	-\$417	-8	-\$301
					6	\$236	6	\$236
					-3	-\$124	-3	-\$124
Renewals Subtotal:					11,034	\$2,046,182	12,187	\$2,317,266
Variance %					19%	21%	21%	23%
Total:					21,451	\$3,889,131	27,750	\$5,013,204
Variance %					23%	24%	30%	31%

**Board of Behavioral Sciences
Other Regulatory Fees & Permits and Renewal Fees
(50% Reduction)**

Revenue Category	Proposed Fee Amount	2025-2026 GB Projected Wkld	Revenues
App Exam/License Fees			
LMFT			
ASSOCIATE APPLICATION	\$75	5,384	\$403,763
EVALUATION APPLICATION	\$125	3,106	\$388,311
INITIAL LICENSE APPLICATION	\$100	2,589	\$258,900
LAW & ETHICS APPLICATION	\$75	6,480	\$485,966
CLINICAL EXAM APPLICATION	\$125	5,061	\$632,653
LCSW			
ASSOCIATE APPLICATION	\$75	5,265	\$394,907
EVALUATION APPLICATION	\$125	3,357	\$419,645
INITIAL LICENSE APPLICATION	\$100	2,549	\$254,919
LAW & ETHICS APPLICATION	\$75	7,451	\$558,860
LEP			
EVALUATION APPLICATION	\$125	184	\$22,950
WRITTEN EXAM APPLICATION	\$125	262	\$32,771
INITIAL LICENSE APPLICATION	\$100	196	\$19,586
LPCC			
ASSOCIATE APPLICATION	\$75	2,381	\$178,596
INITIAL LICENSE APPLICATION	\$100	1,327	\$132,732
EVALUATION APPLICATION	\$125	1,093	\$136,668
LAW & ETHICS APPLICATION	\$75	2,800	\$209,967
Subtotal:			\$4,531,194
Renewal Fees			
LMFT			
BIENNIAL RENEWAL	\$100	19,760	\$1,975,999
INTERN RENEWAL (ANNUAL)	\$75	11,818	\$886,375
INACTIVE RENEWAL	\$50	1,854	\$92,715
RETIRED RESTORE TO ACTIVE	\$100	4	\$408
INACTIVE TO ACTIVE	\$50	138	\$6,896
LCSW			
BIENNIAL RENEWAL	\$100	13,129	\$1,312,855
ASSOC. LCSW RENEWAL (ANNUAL)	\$75	14,614	\$1,096,061
INACTIVE RENEWAL	\$50	1,147	\$57,350
RETIRED RESTORE TO ACTIVE	\$100	1	\$100
INACTIVE TO ACTIVE	\$50	58	\$2,879
LEP			
BIENNIAL RENEWAL	\$100	725	\$72,529
INACTIVE RENEWAL	\$50	142	\$7,100
RETIRED RESTORE TO ACTIVE	\$100	0	\$0
INACTIVE TO ACTIVE	\$50	13	\$663
LPCC			
ANNUAL RENEWAL (LPCC INTERN)	\$75	4,426	\$331,964
BIENNIAL RENEWAL	\$100	1,970	\$196,988
BIENNIAL RENEWAL OF INACTIVE	\$50	115	\$5,757
INACTIVE TO ACTIVE	\$50	4	\$200
CE PROVIDERS*			
RETIRED LICENSE FEE - MFC	\$40	120	\$4,800
RETIRED LICENSE FEE - LCS	\$40	65	\$2,596
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Subtotal:			\$6,054,753
Total Revenues:			\$10,585,947

*Not included in reduction

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2025-26 Governor's Budget With FM 5 Projections

50 % Reductions - 24 Months

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BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 18,461	\$ 16,240	\$ 33,794	\$ 34,795	\$ 30,217	\$ 30,479	\$ 35,642
Prior Year Adjustment	\$ 269	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0
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2025-26 Governor's Budget With FM 5 Projections

50 % Reductions - 48 Months

	Actuals 2023-24	FM5 CY 2024-25	GB BY 2025-26	BY +1 2026-27	BY +2 2027-28	BY +3 2028-29	BY +4 2029-30
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 18,461	\$ 16,240	\$ 33,794	\$ 34,795	\$ 30,217	\$ 25,111	\$ 24,828
Prior Year Adjustment	\$ 269	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0
Adjusted Beginning Balance	\$ 18,730	\$ 16,240	\$ 33,794	\$ 34,795	\$ 30,217	\$ 25,111	\$ 24,828
REVENUES, TRANSFERS AND OTHER ADJUSTMENTS							
Revenues							
4121200 - Delinquent fees	\$ 177	\$ 178	\$ 181	\$ 181	\$ 181	\$ 181	\$ 181
4127400 - Renewal fees	\$ 12,075	\$ 12,360	\$ 6,051	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,055	\$ 12,110
4127400 - Renewal fees Adjustment (effective 1/1/2026)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,027	\$ 6,055	\$ 6,055	\$ 3,027	\$ -
4129200 - Other regulatory fees	\$ 186	\$ 192	\$ 189	\$ 189	\$ 189	\$ 189	\$ 189
4129400 - Other regulatory licenses and permits	\$ 7,893	\$ 8,558	\$ 4,531	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,531	\$ 9,062
4129400 - Other regulatory licenses and permits (effective 1/1/2026)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,266	\$ 4,531	\$ 4,531	\$ 2,266	\$ -
4163000 - Income from surplus money investments	\$ 704	\$ 531	\$ 456	\$ 447	\$ 371	\$ 367	\$ 435
4171400 - Escheat of unclaimed checks and warrants	\$ 24	\$ 85	\$ 85	\$ 85	\$ 85	\$ 85	\$ 85
4171500 - Escheat Unclaimed Property	\$ 1	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0
4172500 - Miscellaneous revenues	\$ 4	\$ 4	\$ 4	\$ 4	\$ 4	\$ 4	\$ 4
Totals, Revenues	\$ 21,064	\$ 21,908	\$ 16,790	\$ 11,492	\$ 11,416	\$ 16,705	\$ 22,066
Transfers to Other Funds							
Loan from/to BBS (0773) to GF (0001) per CS 13.40, BA of 2023	\$ -10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Totals, Transfers and Other Adjustments	\$ -10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTALS, REVENUES, TRANSFERS AND OTHER ADJUSTMENTS	\$ 11,064	\$ 31,908	\$ 16,790	\$ 11,492	\$ 11,416	\$ 16,705	\$ 22,066
TOTAL RESOURCES	\$ 29,794	\$ 48,148	\$ 50,584	\$ 46,287	\$ 41,633	\$ 41,816	\$ 46,894
Expenditures:							
1111 Department of Consumer Affairs (State Operations)	\$ 12,604	\$ 13,365	\$ 14,626	\$ 15,065	\$ 15,517	\$ 15,982	\$ 16,462
9892 Supplemental Pension Payments (State Operations)	\$ 212	\$ 158	\$ 158	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0
9900 Statewide General Administrative Expenditures (Pro Rata) (State Operations)	\$ 738	\$ 831	\$ 1,005	\$ 1,005	\$ 1,005	\$ 1,005	\$ 1,005
TOTALS, EXPENDITURES AND EXPENDITURE ADJUSTMENTS	\$ 13,554	\$ 14,354	\$ 15,789	\$ 16,070	\$ 16,522	\$ 16,987	\$ 17,467
FUND BALANCE							
Reserve for economic uncertainties	\$ 16,240	\$ 33,794	\$ 34,795	\$ 30,217	\$ 25,111	\$ 24,828	\$ 29,427
Months in Reserve	13.6	25.7	26.0	21.9	17.7	17.5	20.2
Imbalance:	\$ 7,510	\$ 7,554	\$ 1,001	\$ -4,578	\$ -5,106	\$ -283	\$ 4,599
Imbalance %	36%	34%	6%	-40%	-45%	-2%	21%

NOTES:

1. Assumes workload and revenue projections are realized in CY and ongoing.
2. Expenditure growth projected at 3% beginning BY+1.

Attachment C: Relative Statutes and Regulations

California Business and Professions Code

§ 4984.7. FEE SCHEDULE

(a) The board shall assess the following fees relating to the licensure of marriage and family therapists:

(1) The application fee for an associate registration shall be one hundred fifty dollars (\$150). The board may adopt regulations to set the fee at a higher amount, up to a maximum of three hundred dollars (\$300).

(2) The annual renewal fee for an associate registration shall be one hundred fifty dollars (\$150). The board may adopt regulations to set the fee at a higher amount, up to a maximum of three hundred dollars (\$300).

(3) The fee for the application for licensure shall be two hundred fifty dollars (\$250). The board may adopt regulations to set the fee at a higher amount, up to a maximum of five hundred dollars (\$500).

(4) (A) (i) The fee for the clinical examination shall be two hundred fifty dollars (\$250). The board may adopt regulations to set the fee at a higher amount, up to a maximum of five hundred dollars (\$500).

(ii) The fee for the California law and ethics examination shall be one hundred fifty dollars (\$150). The board may adopt regulations to set the fee at a higher amount, up to a maximum of three hundred dollars (\$300).

(B) An applicant who fails to appear for an examination, after having been scheduled to take the examination, shall forfeit the examination fee.

(C) The amount of the examination fees shall be based on the actual cost to the board of developing, purchasing, and grading each examination and the actual cost to the board of administering each examination. The examination fees shall be adjusted periodically by regulation to reflect the actual costs incurred by the board.

(5) The fee for rescoring an examination shall be twenty dollars (\$20).

(6) The fee for the issuance of an initial license shall be two hundred dollars (\$200). The board may adopt regulations to set the fee at a higher amount, up to a maximum of four hundred dollars (\$400).

(7) The fee for the two-year license renewal shall be two hundred dollars (\$200). The board may adopt regulations to set the fee at a higher amount, up to a maximum of four hundred dollars (\$400).

(8) The renewal delinquency fee shall be one-half of the fee for license renewal. A person who permits their license to expire is subject to the delinquency fee.

(9) The fee for issuance of a replacement registration, license, or certificate shall be twenty dollars (\$20).

(10) The fee for issuance of a certificate or letter of good standing shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25).

(11) The fee for issuance of a retired license shall be forty dollars (\$40).

(b) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2021.

§ 4989.68. FEE SCHEDULE

(a) The board shall assess the following fees relating to the licensure of educational psychologists:

(1) The application fee for licensure shall be two hundred fifty dollars (\$250). The board may adopt regulations to set the fee at a higher amount, up to a maximum of five hundred dollars (\$500).

(2) The fee for issuance of the initial license shall be two hundred dollars (\$200). The board may adopt regulations to set the fee at a higher amount, up to a maximum of four hundred dollars (\$400).

(3) The fee for the two-year license renewal shall be two hundred dollars (\$200). The board may adopt regulations to set the fee at a higher amount, up to a maximum of four hundred dollars (\$400).

(4) The delinquency fee shall be one-half of the fee for license renewal. A person who permits their license to expire shall be subject to the delinquency fee.

(5) The written examination fee shall be two hundred fifty dollars (\$250). The board may adopt regulations to set the fee at a higher amount, up to a maximum of five hundred dollars (\$500). An applicant who fails to appear for an examination, once having been scheduled, shall forfeit any examination fees they paid.

(6) The fee for rescoring a written examination shall be twenty dollars (\$20).

(7) The fee for issuance of a replacement registration, license, or certificate shall be twenty dollars (\$20).

(8) The fee for issuance of a certificate or letter of good standing shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25).

(9) The fee for issuance of a retired license shall be forty dollars (\$40).

(b) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2021.

§ 4996.3. FEE SCHEDULE

(a) The board shall assess the following fees relating to the licensure of clinical social workers:

(1) The application fee for registration as an associate clinical social worker shall be one hundred fifty dollars (\$150). The board may adopt regulations to set the fee at a higher amount, up to a maximum of three hundred dollars (\$300).

(2) The fee for annual renewal of an associate clinical social worker registration shall be one hundred fifty dollars (\$150). The board may adopt regulations to set the fee at a higher amount, up to a maximum of three hundred dollars (\$300).

(3) The fee for application for licensure shall be two hundred fifty dollars (\$250). The board may adopt regulations to set the fee at a higher amount, up to a maximum of five hundred dollars (\$500).

(4) (A) (i) The fee for the board-administered clinical examination, if the board chooses to adopt this examination in regulations, shall be two hundred fifty dollars (\$250). The board may adopt regulations to set the fee at a higher amount, up to a maximum of five hundred dollars (\$500).

(ii) The fee for the California law and ethics examination shall be one hundred fifty dollars (\$150). The board may adopt regulations to set the fee at a higher amount, up to a maximum of three hundred dollars (\$300).

(B) An applicant who fails to appear for an examination, after having been scheduled to take the examination, shall forfeit the examination fees.

(C) The amount of the examination fees shall be based on the actual cost to the board of developing, purchasing, and grading each examination and the actual cost to the board of administering each examination. The written examination fees shall be adjusted periodically by regulation to reflect the actual costs incurred by the board.

(5) The fee for rescoring an examination shall be twenty dollars (\$20).

(6) The fee for issuance of an initial license shall be two hundred dollars (\$200). The board may adopt regulations to set the fee at a higher amount, up to a maximum of four hundred dollars (\$400).

(7) The fee for the two-year license renewal shall be two hundred dollars (\$200). The board may adopt regulations to set the fee at a higher amount, up to a maximum of four hundred dollars (\$400).

(8) The renewal delinquency fee shall be one-half of the fee for license renewal. A person who permits their license to expire shall be subject to the delinquency fee.

(9) The fee for issuance of a replacement registration, license, or certificate shall be twenty dollars (\$20).

(10) The fee for issuance of a certificate or letter of good standing shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25).

(11) The fee for issuance of a retired license shall be forty dollars (\$40).

(b) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2021.

§ 4999.120. FEE SCHEDULE

(a) The board shall assess the following fees relating to the licensure of professional clinical counselors:

(1) The fee for the application for licensure shall be two hundred fifty dollars (\$250). The board may adopt regulations to set the fee at a higher amount, up to a maximum of five hundred dollars (\$500).

(2) The fee for the application for associate registration shall be one hundred fifty dollars (\$150). The board may adopt regulations to set the fee at a higher amount, up to a maximum of three hundred dollars (\$300).

(3) (A) (i) The fee for the board-administered clinical examination, if the board chooses to adopt this examination in regulations, shall be two hundred fifty dollars (\$250). The board may adopt regulations to set the fee at a higher amount, up to a maximum of five hundred dollars (\$500).

(ii) The fee for the California law and ethics examination shall be one hundred fifty dollars (\$150). The board may adopt regulations to set the fee at a higher amount, up to a maximum of three hundred dollars (\$300).

(B) An applicant who fails to appear for an examination, after having been scheduled to take the examination, shall forfeit the examination fees.

(C) The amount of the examination fees shall be based on the actual cost to the board of developing, purchasing, and grading each examination and the actual cost to the board of administering each examination. The written examination fees shall be adjusted periodically by regulation to reflect the actual costs incurred by the board.

(4) The fee for the issuance of a license shall be two hundred dollars (\$200). The board may adopt regulations to set the fee at a higher amount, up to a maximum of four hundred dollars (\$400).

(5) The fee for the annual renewal of an associate registration shall be one hundred fifty dollars (\$150). The board may adopt regulations to set the fee at a higher amount, up to a maximum of three hundred dollars (\$300).

(6) The fee for the two-year license renewal shall be two hundred dollars (\$200). The board may adopt regulations to set the fee at a higher amount, up to a maximum of four hundred dollars (\$400).

- (7) The renewal delinquency fee shall be one-half of the fee for license renewal. A person who permits their license to expire shall be subject to the delinquency fee.
 - (8) The fee for issuance of a retired license shall be forty dollars (\$40).
 - (9) The fee for rescoring an examination shall be twenty dollars (\$20).
 - (10) The fee for issuance of a replacement license or registration shall be twenty dollars (\$20).
 - (11) The fee for issuance of a certificate or letter of good standing shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25).
- (b) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2021.

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§ 1816. RENEWAL FEES.

- (a) The annual renewal fee for associate marriage and family therapist registration is one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00).
- (b) The annual renewal fee for associate clinical social worker registration is one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00).
- (c) The annual renewal fee for associate professional clinical counselors is one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00).
- (d) The biennial active renewal fee for a licensed marriage and family therapist is two hundred dollars (\$200.00).
- (e) The biennial active renewal fee for a licensed educational psychologist is two hundred dollars (\$200.00).
- (f) The biennial active renewal fee for a licensed clinical social worker is two hundred dollars (\$200.00).
- (g) The biennial active renewal fee for a licensed professional clinical counselor is two hundred dollars (\$200.00).

Note: Authority Cited: Sections 4980.60 and 4990.20(a), Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 4984.7, 4989.68, 4996.3, and 4999.120, Business and Professions Code.

§ 1816.1. INITIAL LICENSE AND REGISTRATION FEES.

- (a) The fee for initial issuance of the marriage and family therapist license shall be two hundred dollars (\$200.00).

(b) The fee for initial issuance of the licensed educational psychologist license shall be two hundred dollars (\$200.00).

(c) The fee for initial issuance of the licensed clinical social worker license shall be two hundred dollars (\$200.00).

(d) The fee for initial issuance of the licensed professional clinical counselor license shall be two hundred dollars (\$200.00).

(e) The application fee for an associate professional clinical counselor registration shall be one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00).

(f) The application fee for an associate marriage and family therapist registration shall be one hundred fifty dollars (\$150).

(g) The application fee for an associate clinical social worker registration shall be one hundred fifty dollars (\$150).

Note: Authority Cited: Sections 4980.60 and 4990.20(a), Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 4984.7, 4989.68, 4996.3, and 4999.120, Business and Professions Code.

§ 1816.2. EXAMINATION FEES.

(a) The licensed clinical social worker California law and ethics examination fee shall be one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00).

(b) The licensed marriage and family therapist California law and ethics examination fee shall be one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00).

(c) The board administered licensed marriage and family therapist clinical examination fee shall be two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00).

(d) The licensed educational psychologist written examination fee shall be two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00).

(e) The licensed professional clinical counselor California law and ethics examination shall be one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00).

Note: Authority Cited: 4980.60 and 4990.20(a), Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 4984.7, 4989.68, 4996.3, and 4999.120, Business and Professions Code.

§ 1816.4. FEES FOR APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE.

(a) The fee for the licensed marriage and family therapist application for licensure shall be two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00).

(b) The fee for the licensed clinical social worker application for licensure shall be two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00).

(c) The fee for the licensed educational psychologist application for licensure shall be two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00).

(d) The fee for the licensed professional clinical counselor application for licensure shall be two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00).

Note: Authority Cited: Sections 4980.60 and 4990.20 (a), Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 4984.7, 4989.68, 4996.3, and 4999.120, Business and Professions Code.