



Board of Behavioral Sciences



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## BOARD MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

Thursday, February 19, 2026  
8:30 a.m. - Until Conclusion of Business

Friday, February 20, 2026  
8:30 a.m. - Until Conclusion of Business

### MEETING LOCATION

Department of Consumer Affairs  
Lou Galiano Hearing Room  
1625 N. Market Blvd., #S-102  
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### BOARD MEMBERS

Wendy Strack, Chair, Public Member  
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Lorez Bailey, Public Member  
Susan Friedman, Public Member  
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The Board of Behavioral Sciences will meet in-person in accordance with Government Code section 1112.23 at the above noted dates, times, and physical location with the physical location available for members of the Board and the public to physically attend and participate in the meeting.

Members of the public may also participate from a remove location by joining the meeting via WEBEX:

### FOR PARTICIPATION VIA WEBEX

Please see the instructions attached to observe and participate in the meeting using WebEx.

Members of the public may, but are not obligated to, provide their names or personal information as a condition of observing or participating in the meeting. When signing into the WebEx platform, participants may be asked for their name and email address.

Participants who choose not to provide their names will be required to provide a unique identifier such as their initials or another alternative, so that the meeting moderator can identify individuals who wish to make public comment; participants who choose not to provide their email address may utilize a fictitious email address in the following sample format: [XXXXX@mailinator.com](mailto:XXXXX@mailinator.com).

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### **IMPORTANT NOTICES TO THE PUBLIC**

The time and order of agenda items are subject to change at the discretion of the Board Chairperson.

Action may be taken on any item listed on the agenda.

Public comments on items of discussion will be taken during each item. Public comments will be limited to two minutes. Members of the public will not be permitted to "yield" their allotted time to other members of the public to make comments.

The meeting is accessible to persons with disabilities. A person who needs a disability-related accommodation or modification to participate in the meeting may submit a

request to the Board. Please submit the request at least five (5) business days before the meeting to ensure availability of the requested accommodation.

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*For further information about the meeting, please contact the Board Contact listed above.*

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**AGENDA**  
**Thursday, February 19, 2026**  
**8:30 a.m.**

**Discussion and action may be taken on any item on this Agenda**

**OPEN SESSION**

1. Call to Order and Establishment of Quorum
2. Suggestions for Future Agenda Items
3. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

*Note: The Board may not discuss or take action on any matter raised during this public comment section, except to decide whether to place the matter on the agenda of a future meeting. [Gov. Code §§11125, 1125.7(a)]*

4. Jacqueline Susan Cooper, LMFT 150556, Petition for Early Termination of Probation

**CLOSED SESSION**

5. Pursuant to Section 11126(c)(3) of the Government Code, the Board will Meet in Closed Session for Discussion and to Take Action on Disciplinary Matters, Including the Above Petition(s).

**OPEN SESSION**

6. Strategic Planning Session for the Board's 2026-2030 Strategic Plan
7. Recess Until 8:30 a.m., Friday, February 20, 2026

**AGENDA**  
**Friday, February 20, 2026**  
**8:30 a.m.**

**OPEN SESSION**

8. Call to Order and Establishment of Quorum
9. Introductions\*
10. Consent Calendar: Possible Approval of the November 20-21, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes
11. Board Chair Report
  - a. Board Member Attendance
  - b. Future Board Meetings
  - c. Staff Recognitions
12. Budget Update
13. Personnel Update
14. Licensing Update
15. Examination Update
16. Enforcement Update
17. Outreach and Education Update
18. Administration Update
19. Workforce Development Committee Update
20. Outreach & Education Committee Update
21. Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) Report Which May Include Updates on DCA's Administrative Services, Human Resources, Enforcement, Information Technology, Communications and Outreach, and Legislative, Regulatory, or Policy Matters
22. Update on the Association of Marital and Family Therapy Boards' Marital and Family Therapy National Examination Transition Efforts

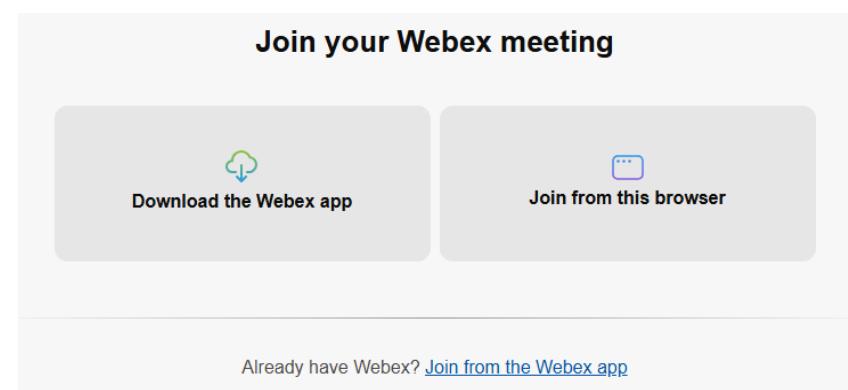
23. Discussion and Possible Action to Reconsider Previously Approved Text, and to Consider Initiation of Rulemaking to Accept the Association of Marital and Family Therapy National Exam for Licensure as a Marriage and Family Therapist (Title 16, California Code of Regulations (16 CCR) CCR §§ 1816.2 and 1829.1)
  24. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Possible Statutory Amendments to the Required Notice to Consumer Requirements (Business and Professions Code (BPC) §§4980.32, 4989.17, 4996.75, 4999.71, and add BPC §§4980.33, 4989.17.1, 4996.76, and 4999.71.1)
  25. Discussion and Consideration of:
    - a. Comments Received on Text During the 45-Day Public Comment Period and Proposed Responses Thereto for the Board's Rulemaking to Amend 16 CCR Sections 1822.51, 1829.2, 1877.2, 1887, 1887.1, 1887.2, 1887.3, 1887.4.2, 1887.4.3, and 1887.12 (Continuing Education; Exams; Renewals Regulations)
    - b. Adoption of Amendments to 16 CCR Sections 1822.51, 1829.2, 1877.2, 1887, 1887.1, 1887.2, 1887.3, 1887.4.2, 1887.4.3, and 1887.12 (Continuing Education; Exams; Renewals Regulations)
  26. Update on Board-Sponsored and Board-Monitored Legislation:
    - a. Technical and/or Non substantive Amendments
    - b. AB 1598 (Quirk-Silva) Statutory Amendments to Restructure the Licensure Pathways
  27. Update on Board Rulemaking Proposals
  28. Suggestions for Future Agenda Items
  29. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda
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  30. Adjournment
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*\*Introductions are voluntary for members of the public.*

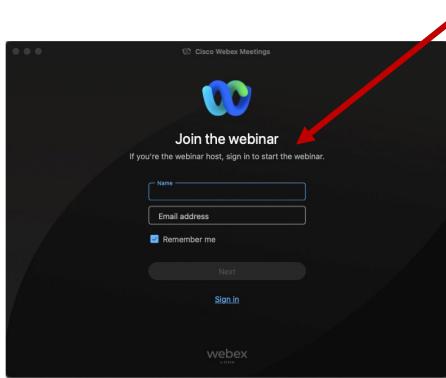
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### Recommended: Join using the meeting link.

- 1 Click on the meeting link. This can be found in the meeting notice you received and is on the meeting agenda.
- 2 If you already have Webex on your device, click the bottom instruction, "Join from the Webex app." If you have **not** previously used Webex on your device, your web browser will offer "Download the Webex app." Follow the download link and follow the instructions to install Webex.



- 3 Enter your name and email address\*. Click "Next." Accept any request for permission to use your microphone and/or camera.



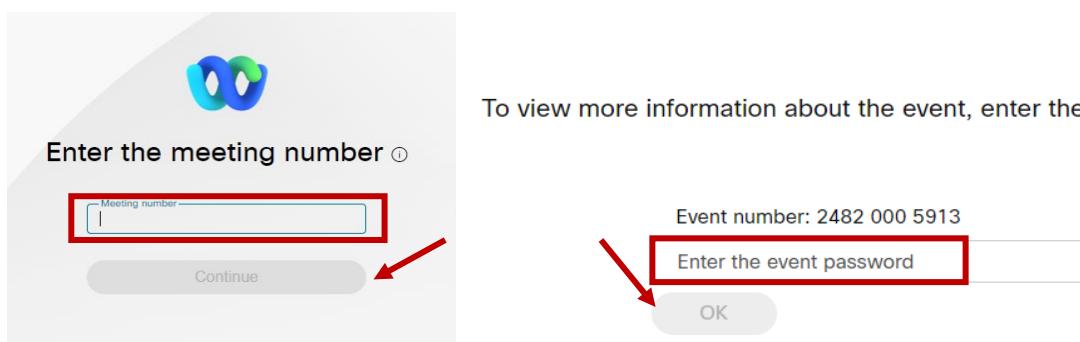
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### Alternative 1. Join from Webex.com

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- 2 Enter the meeting/event number and click “Continue.” Enter the event password and click “OK.” This can be found in the meeting notice you received or on the meeting agenda.



- 3 The meeting information will be displayed. Click “Join Event.”



OR

### Alternative 2. Connect via Telephone



You may also join the meeting by calling in using the phone number, access code, and passcode provided in the meeting notice or on the agenda.

Microphone control (mute/unmute button) is located at the bottom of your Webex window.

 Unmute  Start video  Share

 Mute

Green microphone = Unmuted: People in the meeting can hear you.

 Unmute

Red microphone = Muted: No one in the meeting can hear you.

Note: Only panelists can mute/unmute their own microphones. Attendees will remain muted unless the moderator invites them to unmute their microphone. Only panelists will be offered starting their video camera.

## Attendees/Members of the Public

### Joined via Meeting Link

The moderator will call you by name and indicate a request has been sent to unmute your microphone. Upon hearing this prompt:

Click the Unmute me button on the pop-up box that appears.



### Joined via Telephone (Call-in User)



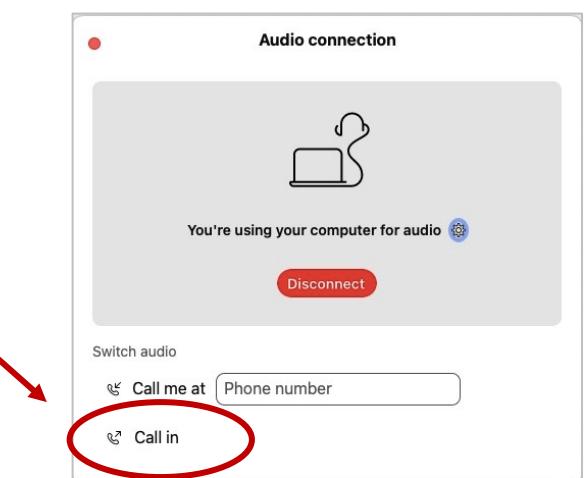
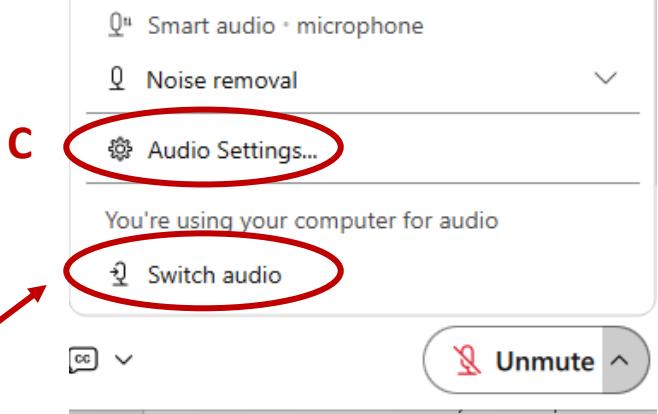
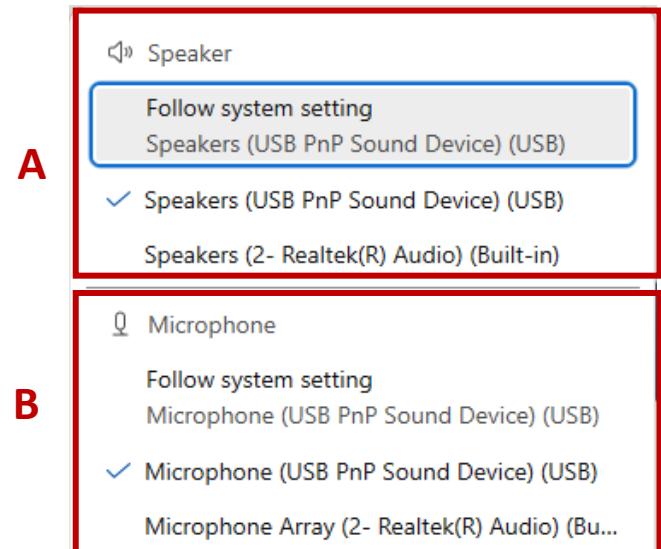
- When you are asked to unmute yourself, press \*6.
- When you are finished speaking, press \*6 to mute yourself again.

## If you cannot hear or be heard

1 Click on the bottom facing arrow located on the Mute/Unmute button at the bottom of the Webex window.



2 From the drop-down menu, select different:  
A. Speaker options if **you can't hear** participants.  
B. Microphone options if **participants can't hear you**.  
C. Audio settings will offer testing of your devices, and let you choose a different device.



3 To link your phone to your Webex session, enabling your phone to become your microphone and speaker source:  
• Click on "Switch audio".  
• Select "Call in", which will show the phone number to call and the meeting login information.

### Joined via Meeting Link

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- Click the hand icon to raise your hand.
- Repeat this process to lower your hand.



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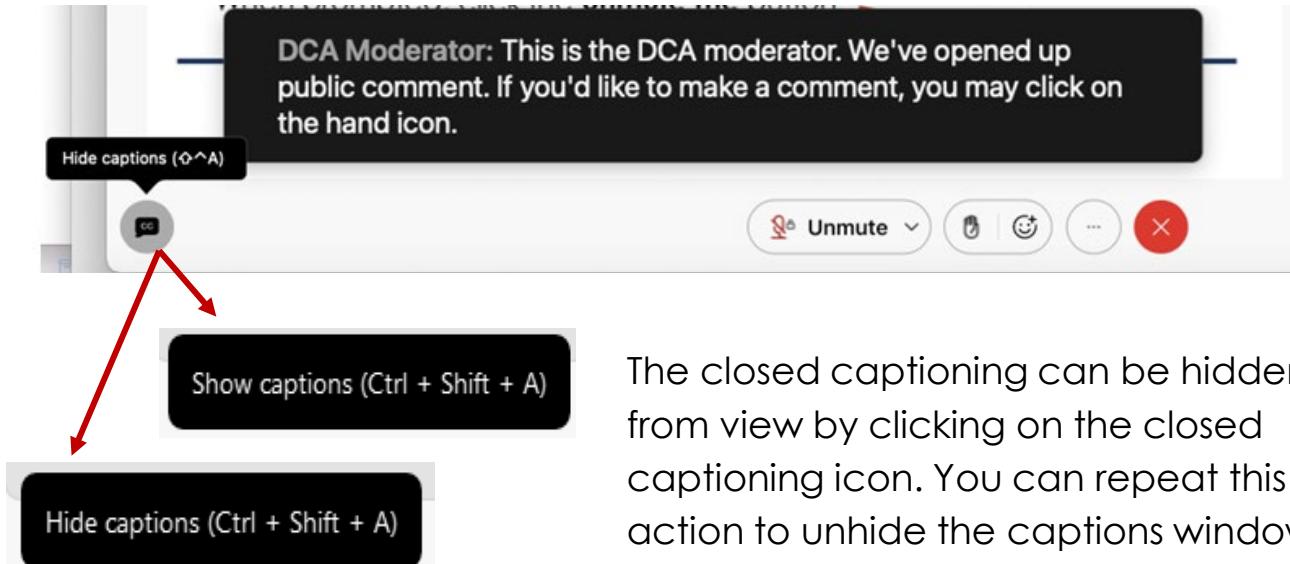


Press \*3 to raise or lower your hand.

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You can view the closed captioning dialog box with a light or dark background or change the font size by clicking the 3 dots on the right side of the dialog box.

