



Board of Behavioral Sciences



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Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency
Department of Consumer Affairs

POLICY & ADVOCACY COMMITTEE Meeting Notice and Agenda

Friday, April 17, 2026

10:00 a.m. – Until Conclusion of Business

PRIMARY PHYSICAL LOCATION

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

Christopher Jones, Chair, LEP
Kelly Ranasinghe
John Sovec, LMFT
Wendy Strack

This teleconference meeting will be held in accordance with the provisions of Government Code section 11123.5. Board staff will be present at the primary physical meeting location above, and all Committee members will be participating virtually from remote locations.

The public may participate in-person or remotely. To participate in the WebEx Events meeting, please log on to the website below the day of the meeting.

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.

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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 Committee chairperson.

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

Public comment on items of discussion will be taken during each item. Public comments will be three minutes unless, in the discretion of the Board, circumstances require a shorter period. 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.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Establishment of Quorum
2. Introductions*
3. Consent Calendar: Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the January 15, 2026, Committee Meeting Minutes
4. Discussion and Possible Action to Make Recommendations Regarding Possible Statutory Amendments to Assembly Bill 1598 (Quirk-Silva) (Business and Professions Code (BPC) §§4980.01, 4980.397, 4980.398, 4980.399, 4980.40, 4980.41, 4980.43, 4980.50, 4984.01, 4984.7, 4984.72, 4989.20, 4989.68, 4992.05, 4992.07, 4992.09, 4992.1, 4996.1, 4996.3, 4996.4, 4996.13, 4996.23, 4996.28, 4999.22, 4999.46, 4999.46.1, 4999.50, 4999.52, 4999.53, 4999.55, 4999.64, 4999.100, and 4999.120)
5. Discussion and Possible Action to Make Recommendations Regarding Stipend and Loan Repayment Allowances and Submission of 1099 Tax Forms
6. Discussion and Possible Action to Make Recommendations Regarding Assembly Bill 1558 (Arambula) Uniform Emergency Volunteer Health Practitioners Act
7. Discussion and Possible Action to Make Recommendations Regarding Assembly Bill 1988 (Pellerin) Companion Chatbots: Crisis Interruption Pauses
8. Discussion and Possible Action to Make Recommendations Regarding Assembly Bill 1979 (Bonta) Health Care Services: Artificial Intelligence
9. Discussion and Possible Action to Make Recommendation Regarding Senate Bill 903 (Padilla) Mental Health Professionals: Artificial Intelligence
10. Discussion and Possible Action to Make Recommendation Regarding Assembly Bill 2575 (Ortega) Health Care Services: Artificial Intelligence
11. Discussion and Possible Action to Make Recommendation Regarding Senate Bill 1146 (Gonzalez) Health-Related Consumer Products and Services: Artificial Intelligence
12. Discussion and Possible Action to Make Recommendations Regarding Assembly Bill 2011 (Hart) Nonquantitative Treatment Limitations

13. Discussion and Possible Action to Make Recommendations Regarding Assembly Bill 2259
(Ransom) Prisons: Mental Health
 14. Discussion and Possible Action to Make Recommendations Regarding Assembly Bill 2345 (Bains) Student Loans: Medical, Nursing, and Social Work Students: California Health Care Workforce Supplemental Loan Program
 15. Discussion and Possible Action to Make Recommendations Regarding Assembly Bill 2352 (Valencia) Medi-Cal Providers: Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporations
 16. Discussion and Possible Action to Make Recommendations Regarding Assembly Bill 2511 (Ahrens) Behavioral Health Provider Comparable Worth Study
 17. Discussion and Possible Action to Make Recommendations Regarding Assembly Bill 2551 (Elhawary) Health Care Coverage
 18. Discussion and Possible Action to Make Recommendations Regarding Senate Bill 934 (Wiener) Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity Change Efforts: Actions for Recovery of Damages: Statute of Limitations
 19. Discussion and Possible Action to Make Recommendations Regarding Senate Bill 993 (Ochoa Bogh) Marriage and Family Therapists
 20. Discussion and Possible Action to Make Recommendations Regarding Senate Bill 1248 (Cabaldon) State Agencies: Automated Decision Systems
 21. Update on Board-Sponsored and Board-Monitored Legislation:
 - a. Assembly Bill 1598 (Quirk-Silva) Behavioral Sciences
 - b. SB 1445 (Senate Committee on Business, Professions, and Economic Development) Healing Arts
 22. Update on Board Rulemaking Proposals
 23. Suggestions for Future Agenda Items
 24. 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)]*
25. Adjournment
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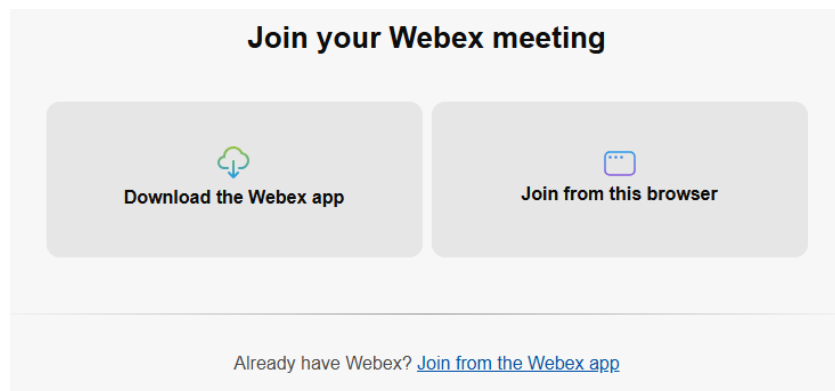
**Introductions are voluntary for members of the public.*

This agenda as well as Board meeting minutes can be found on the Board of Behavioral Sciences website at www.bbs.ca.gov.

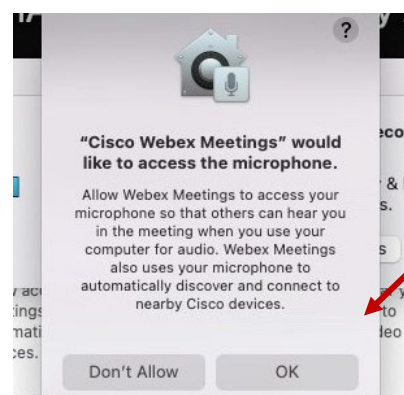
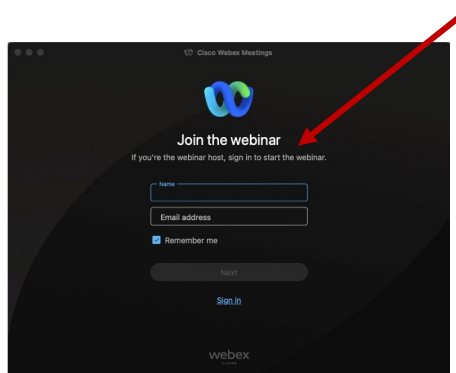
Recommended: Join using the meeting link.

- 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.



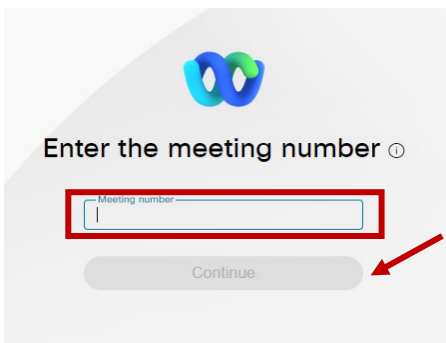
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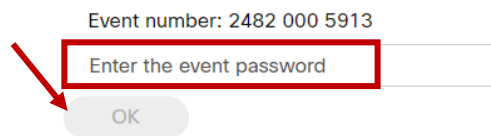
1 Click on “Join a Meeting” at the top of the Webex window.



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.



To view more information about the event, enter the event password.



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

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Meeting Name

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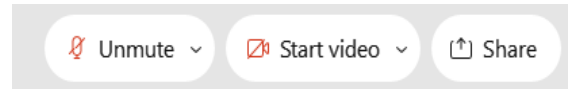
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You may also join the meeting by calling in using the phone number, access code, and passcode provided in the meeting notice or on the agenda.

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



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



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.



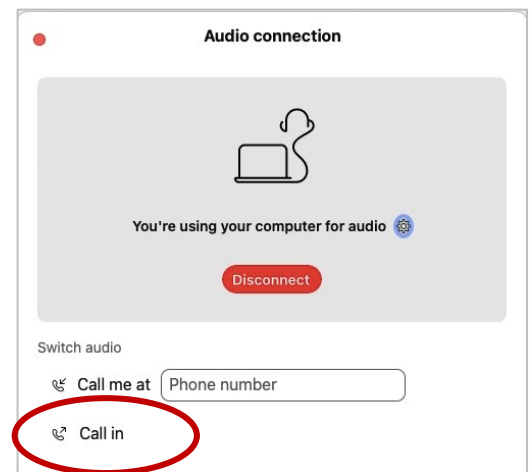
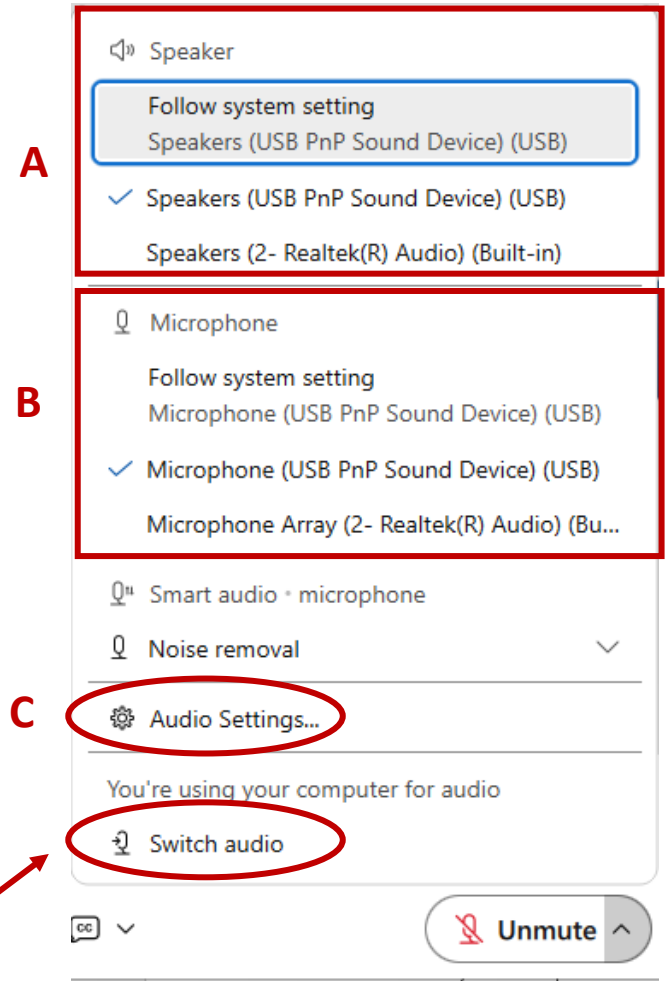
Joined via Telephone (Call-in User)



- 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.



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- Locate the hand icon at the bottom of the Webex window.
- Click the hand icon to raise your hand.
- Repeat this process to lower your hand.



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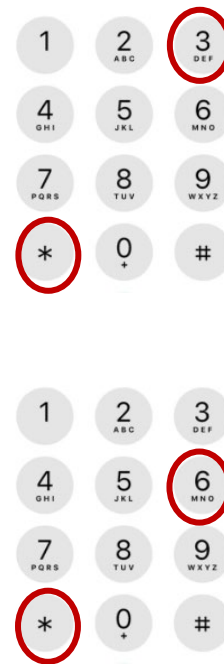


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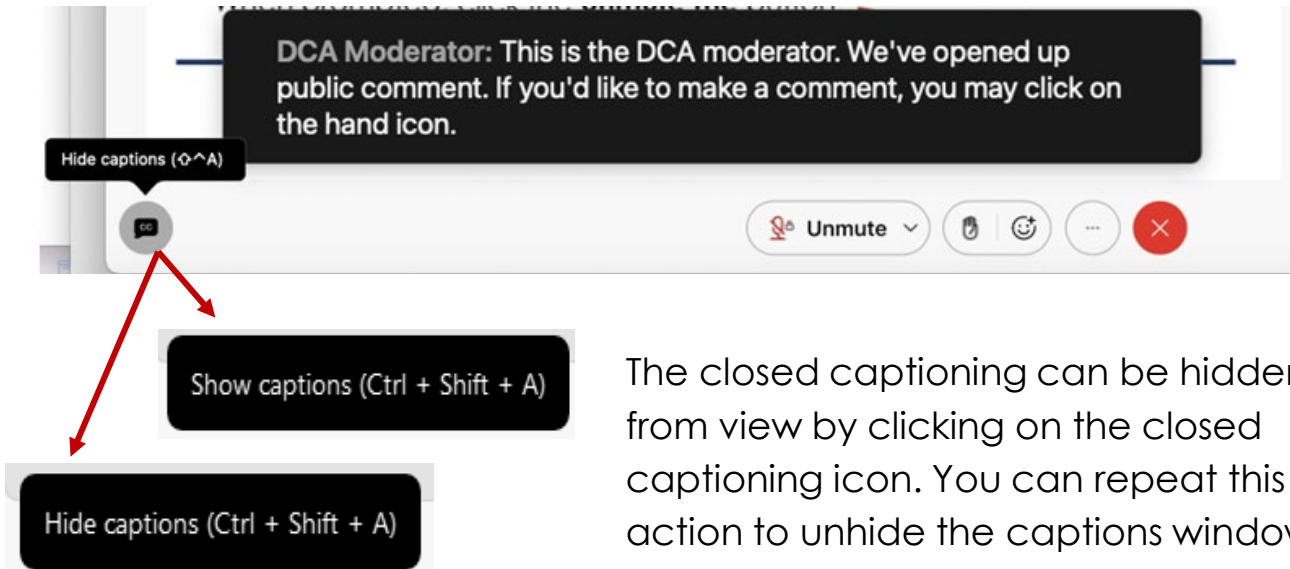


Press *3 to raise or lower your hand.

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