



Board of Behavioral Sciences



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## BOARD MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

Thursday, May 7, 2026

8:30 a.m. - Until Conclusion of Business

Friday, May 8, 2026

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### MEETING LOCATION

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

Nicholas Boyd, Ph.D., LPCC, Vice Chair  
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Susan Friedman, Public Member  
Kelly Ranasinghe, Public Member

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Rebecca Thiess, Public Member  
Eleanor Uribe, LCSW  
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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.

Discussion and 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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**AGENDA**  
**Thursday, May 7, 2026**  
**8:30 a.m.**

**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. Olga Monique Madaris, LCSW 124061, Petition for Early Termination of Probation
5. Luis Martin Hernandez, LCSW 100831, Petition for Early Termination of Probation
6. La Tasha Yvette Jones, ASW 107610, Petition for Early Termination of Probation
7. Jennifer Cheree Dorosky, AMFT 122347, Petition for Early Termination of Probation

**CLOSED SESSION**

8. 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**

9. Consent Calendar: Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the February 19 - 20, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes
10. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Publication of the Perinatal Mental Health Bulletin
11. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the 2026-2030 Strategic Plan
12. Workforce Development Committee Update

13. Recess Until 8:30 a.m., Friday, May 8, 2026.

**AGENDA**  
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**8:30 a.m.**

**OPEN SESSION**

14. Call to Order and Establishment of Quorum
15. Introductions\*
16. Board Chair Report
  - a. Board Member Attendance
  - b. Future Board Meetings
  - c. Staff Recognitions
17. Election of Board Chairperson and Vice Chairperson
18. Budget Report
19. Administration Report
20. Licensing Report
21. Examination Report
22. Enforcement Report
23. Outreach and Education Report
24. 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
25. Update of the Association of Marital and Family Therapy Boards' Marital and Family Therapy National Examination Transition Efforts
26. Discussion and Consideration of:
  - a. Comments Received on Modified Text During the 15-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)
27. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Amendments to Assembly Bill 1598 (Quirk-Silva) and Direct Staff to Make Any Needed Non-Substantive Changes (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)
28. Discussion and Possible Actions Regarding Policy and Advocacy Committee Recommendations:
- a. Recommendation #1: Consider Taking a Position on Assembly Bill 1558 (Arambula) Uniform Emergency Volunteer Health Practitioners Act
  - b. Recommendation #2: Support Assembly Bill 1988 (Pellerin) Companion Chatbots: Crisis Interruption Pauses
  - c. Recommendation #3: Consider Taking a Position on Assembly Bill 1979 (Bonta) Health Care Services: Artificial Intelligence
  - d. Recommendation #4: Support if Amended on Senate Bill 903 (Padilla) Mental Health Professionals: Artificial Intelligence
  - e. Recommendation #5: Consider Taking a Position on Assembly Bill 2575 (Ortega) Health Care Services: Artificial Intelligence
  - f. Recommendation #6: Support Assembly Bill 2011 (Hart) Nonquantitative Treatment Limitations
  - g. Recommendation #7: Support if Amended on Assembly Bill 2259 (Ransom) Prisons: Mental Health
  - h. Recommendation #8: Support if Amended on Assembly Bill 2345 (Bains) Student Loans: Medical, Nursing, Social Work, and Social Welfare Students: California Health Care Workforce Supplemental Loan Program
  - i. Recommendation #9: Support Assembly Bill 2352 (Valencia) Medi-Cal Providers: Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporations
  - j. Recommendation #10: Support Assembly Bill 2511 (Ahrens) Behavioral Health Provider Comparable Worth Study

- k. Recommendation #11: Support Assembly Bill 2551 (Elhawary) Health Care Coverage
  - l. Recommendation #12: Support Senate Bill 934 (Wiener) Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity Change Efforts: Actions for Recovery of Damages: Statute of Limitations
  - m. Recommendation #13: Consider Taking a Position on Senate Bill 993 (Ochoa Bogh) Board of Behavioral Sciences: Licensees: Notices
  - n. Recommendation #14: Consider Taking a Position on Senate Bill 1248 (Cabaldon) State Agencies: Automated Decision Systems
29. Update on status of Board-Sponsored and Board-Monitored Legislation:
- a. AB 1598 (Quirk-Silva) Behavioral Sciences
  - b. SB 1445 (Senate Committee on Business, Professions, and Economic Development) Healing Arts
30. Update on Status of Board Rulemaking Proposals
31. Suggestions for Future Agenda Items
32. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

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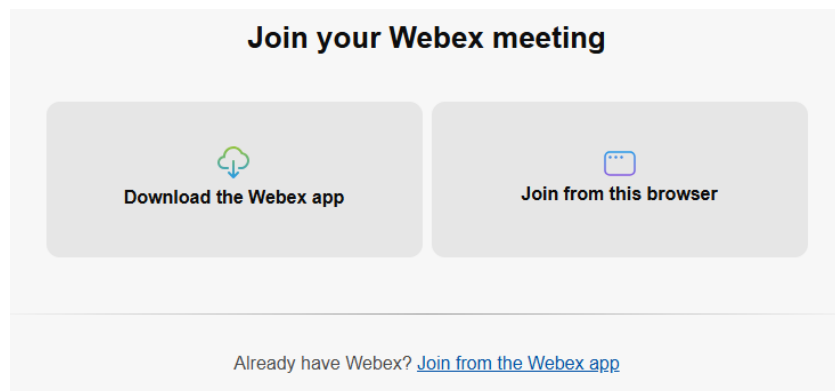
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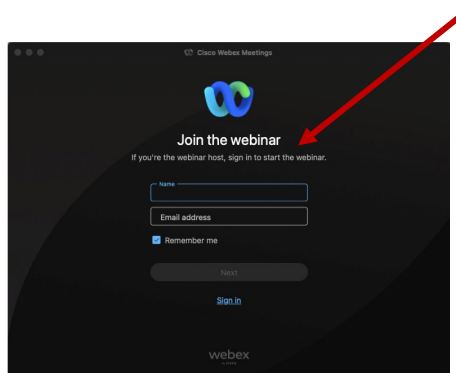
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- 3 Enter your name and email address\*. Click "Next." Accept any request for permission to use your microphone and/or camera.



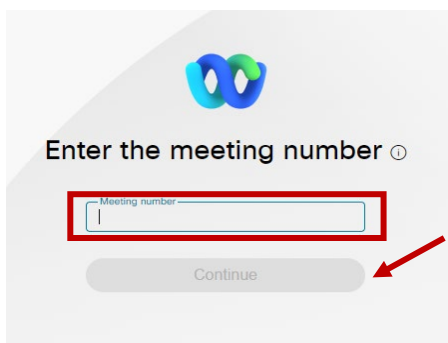
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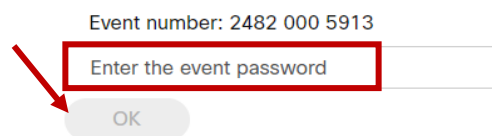
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To view more information about the event, enter the event password.



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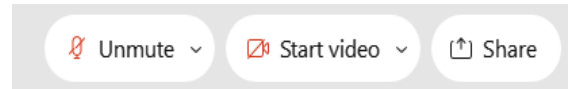
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Green microphone = Unmuted: People in the meeting can hear you.



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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:

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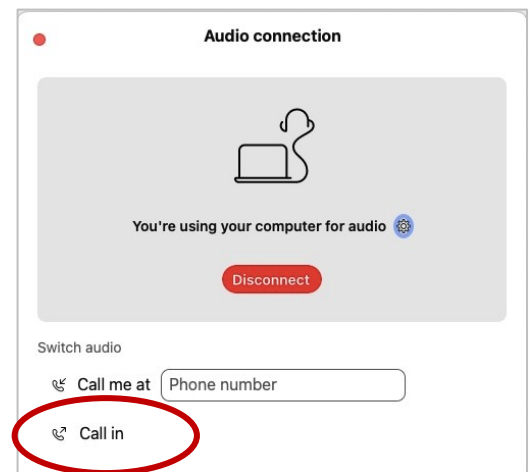
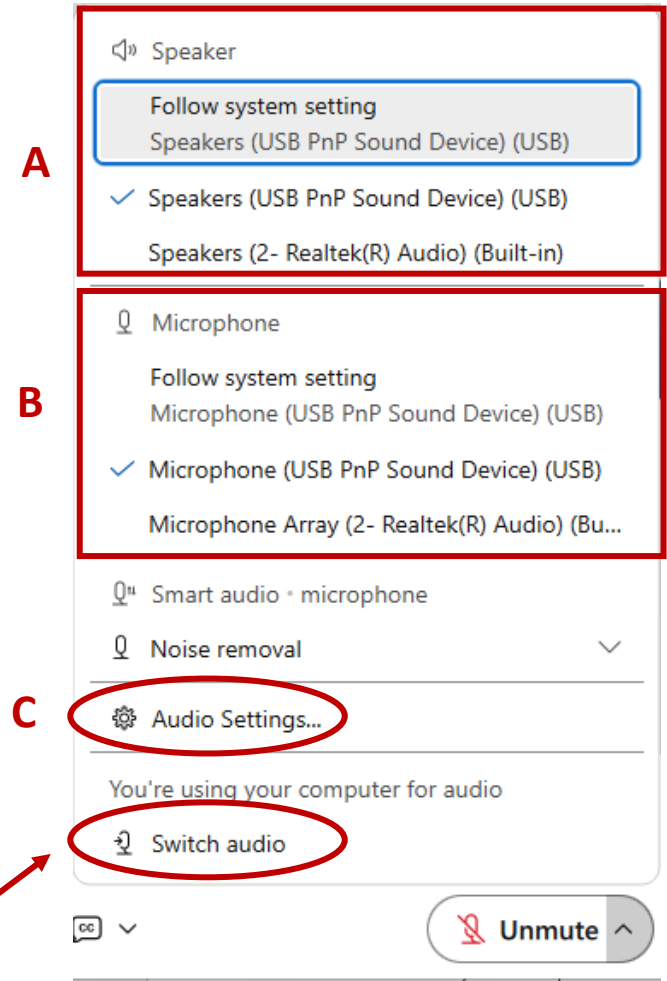
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- When you are asked to unmute yourself, press \*6.
- When you are finished speaking, press \*6 to mute yourself again.

## If you cannot hear or be heard

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- 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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- Repeat this process to lower your hand.



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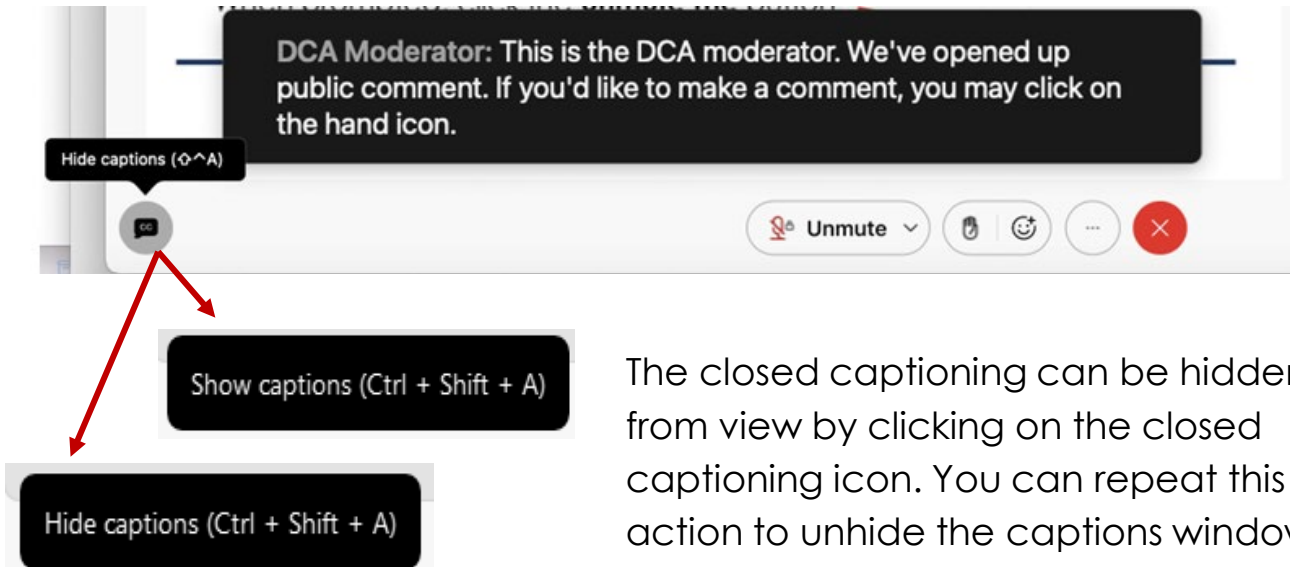


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