



Board of Behavioral Sciences



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BOARD MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

Thursday, August 13, 2026
8:30 a.m. - Until Conclusion of Business

Friday, August 14, 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, Public Member, Chair
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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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For further information about the meeting, please contact the Board Contact listed above.

AGENDA
Thursday, August 13, 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. Jennifer Suzanne Knapp, LCSW 29753, Petition for Early Termination of Probation
5. Keith Eugene Lyons, LCSW 92724, Petition for Early Termination of Probation
6. Giselle Isela Laguna, LCSW 105860, Petition for Early Termination of Probation

CLOSED SESSION

7. 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).
8. Pursuant to Section 11126(c)(1) of the Government Code, the Board will Meet in Closed Session for a Presentation by the Office of Professional Examination Services Regarding the Evaluation of the Association of Marital and Family Therapy Regulatory Boards' (AMFTRB) Marital and Family Therapy National Examination.

OPEN SESSION

9. Consent Calendar: Discussion and Possible Action to Approve May 7-8, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes
10. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the 2026-2030 Strategic Plan
11. Recess Until 8:30 a.m., Friday, August 14, 2026.

AGENDA
Friday, August 14, 2026
8:30 a.m.

OPEN SESSION

12. Call to Order and Establishment of Quorum
13. Introductions*
14. Board Chair Report
 - a. Board Member Attendance
 - b. Future Board Meetings
 - c. Staff Recognitions
15. Budget Report
16. Administration Report
17. Licensing Report
18. Examination Report
19. Enforcement Report
20. Outreach and Education Report
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. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Information Bulletins on Protecting Client Confidentiality and Working with Marginalized or Vulnerable Communities
23. Discussion and Possible Action to Reconsider Previously Approved Language and to Consider Initiation of a Rulemaking to Amend the Board's Experience Requirements for Licensed Educational Psychologists (Title 16, California Code of Regulations Section 1856)
24. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Legislative Amendments Related to Stipend and Loan Repayment Allowances and Submission of 1099 Tax Forms (Amend Business and Professions Code (BPC) §§4980.43.3, 4996.23.2, and 4999.46.3)

25. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Legislative Amendments to Address Applicants Whose Schools are in Accreditation Candidacy, and to Make Legislative Amendments to Remove Statutory References to Schools Approved by the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (Amend Business and Professions Code (BPC) §§4980.03, 4980.36, 4980.37, 4980.38, 4980.41, 4980.54, 4980.72, 4980.78, 4990.26.2, 4996.17.1, 4996.17.2, 4996.18, 4996.22, 4999.12, 4999.27, 4999.32, 4999.33, 4999.40, 4999.60, 4999.62, 4999.76, and Health and Safety Code (HSC) §124260; Add BPC §§ 4980.36.5, 4999.33.5)
26. Discussion and Possible Action to Take a Position AB 1540 (Gonzalez) 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline: LGBTQ+ Youth
27. Discussion and Possible Action to Take a Position on AB 1979 (Bonta) Health Care Services: Artificial Intelligence
28. Discussion and Possible Action to Take a Position on SB 903 (Padilla) Mental Health Professionals: Artificial Intelligence
29. Discussion and Possible Action to Take a Position on SB 934 (Wiener) Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity Change Efforts
30. Update on Status of Board-Sponsored and Board-Monitored Legislation:
 - a. Assembly Bill 1558 (Arambula) Uniform Emergency Volunteer Health Practitioners Act (Dead)
 - b. Assembly Bill 1598 (Quirk-Silva) Behavioral Sciences (Sponsored)
 - c. Assembly Bill 1988 (Pellerin) Companion Chatbots: Crisis Interruption Pauses (Support) (Dead)
 - d. Assembly Bill 1979 (Bonta) Health Care Services: Artificial Intelligence (Support)
 - e. Assembly Bill 2011 (Hart) Nonquantitative Treatment Limitations (Support)
 - f. Assembly Bill 2259 (Ransom) Prisons: Mental Health (Dead)
 - g. Assembly Bill 2352 (Valencia) Medi-Cal Providers: Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporations (Support)
 - h. Assembly Bill 2511 (Ahrens) Behavioral Health Provider Comparable Worth Study (Dead)
 - i. Assembly Bill 2551 (Elhawary) Health Care Coverage (Support) (Gut and amended)

- j. Assembly Bill 2575 (Ortega) Health Care Services: Artificial Intelligence (No position)
 - k. Senate Bill 903 (Padilla) Mental Health Professionals: Artificial Intelligence (Support if amended)
 - l. Senate Bill 934 (Wiener) Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity Change Efforts (Support)
 - m. Senate Bill 993 (Ochoa Bogh) Board of Behavioral Sciences: Licensees: Notices (No position)
 - n. Senate Bill 1248 (Cabaldon) State Agencies: Automated Decision Systems (Dead)
 - o. Senate Bill 1445 (Senate Committee on Business, Professions, and Economic Development) Healing Arts (Sponsored)
- 31. Update on Status of Board Rulemaking Proposals
 - 32. Suggestions for Future Agenda Items
 - 33. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

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- 34. Adjournment
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**Introductions are voluntary for members of the public.*

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