Board of Behavioral Sciences

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BOARD MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

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

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

MEETING LOCATION
The Mission Inn
Galleria Room
3649 Mission Inn Avenue
Riverside, CA 92501
(951) 784-0300

BOARD MEMBERS

Wendy Strack, Public Member, Chair
Nicholas Boyd, Ph.D., LPCC, Vice Chair
Lorez Bailey, Public Member
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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.

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

AGENDA
Thursday, November 19, 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. Andrew Jacob Godoy, LCSW 95370, Petition for Early Termination of Probation

5. Lisa Marie Torres, LCSW 126732, Petition for Early Termination of Probation

6. Chris Gonzalez Herrera, LMFT 130481, 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 Consideration of Acceptance of the Marital and Family Therapy Regulatory Boards' (AMFTRB) Marital and Family Therapy National Examination.

9. Pursuant to Section 11126(a)(1) of the Government Code, the Board will Meet in Closed Session to Evaluate the Performance of the Executive Officer.

OPEN SESSION

10. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Executive Officer Exempt Level Change and Salary Increase

11. Consent Calendar: Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the August 13-14, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes

12. Recess Until 9:00 a.m., Friday, November 20, 2026.

AGENDA
Friday, November 20, 2026
8:30 a.m.

OPEN SESSION

13. Call to Order and Establishment of Quorum

14. Introductions*

15. Board Chair Report
    a. Board Member Attendance
    b. Future Board Meetings
    c. Staff Recognitions

16. Budget Report

17. Administration Report

18. Licensing Report

19. Examination Report

20. Enforcement Report

21. Outreach and Education Report

22. Strategic Plan Update

23. 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

24. Discussion and Possible Action on Requiring Coursework in Perinatal Mental Health and Alzheimer's, Dementia, and Caregiving

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 Approve Legislative Amendments to Child Abuse Assessment and Reporting Coursework (Amend BPC §4990.26.2)

27. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Legislative Amendments to the Business and Profession Code (BPC) and the Evidence Code (EC):

    a. Amend BPC §§4984.01, 4996.28, and 4999.100 Regarding Clarification of Private Practice Prohibition

    b. Amend BPC §4980.42 Regarding Defining Enrollment in a Practicum Course

    c. Amend BPC §§4980.43.2, 4996.23.1, 4999.46.2 Regarding Group Supervision Clarification

    d. Amend BPC §4989.20 Regarding Required LEP Experience Gained Out-of-State

    e. Delete BPC §4989.54(ad) Regarding LEP Unprofessional Conduct Supervision Provision

    f. Amend BPC §4990.07 Regarding Email Address Requirement

    g. Amend EC §1010 Regarding Inclusion of Social Work Interns, and Update Supervision References

28. Update on Board-Sponsored and Board-Monitored Legislation:

    a. Assembly Bill 1540 (Gonzalez) 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline: LGBTQ+ Youth

    b. Assembly Bill 1558 (Arambula) Uniform Emergency Volunteer Health Practitioners Act

    c. Assembly Bill 1598 (Quirk-Silva) Behavioral Sciences

    d. Assembly Bill 1988 (Pellerin) Companion Chatbots: Crisis Interruption Pauses

    e. Assembly Bill 1979 (Bonta) Health Care Services: Artificial Intelligence

    f. Assembly Bill 2011 (Hart) Nonquantitative Treatment Limitations

    g. Assembly Bill 2259 (Ransom) Prisons: Mental Health

    h. Assembly Bill 2352 (Valencia) Medi-Cal Providers: Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporations

    i. Assembly Bill 2511 (Ahrens) Behavioral Health Provider Comparable Worth Study

j. Assembly Bill 2551 (Elhawary) Health Care Coverage

k. Assembly Bill 2575 (Ortega) Health Care Services: Artificial Intelligence

l. Senate Bill 903 (Padilla) Mental Health Professionals: Artificial Intelligence

m. Senate Bill 934 (Wiener) Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity Change Efforts

n. Senate Bill 993 (Ochoa Bogh) Board of Behavioral Sciences: Licensees: Notices

o. Senate Bill 1248 (Cabaldon) State Agencies: Automated Decision Systems

p. Senate Bill 1445 (Senate Committee on Business, Professions, and Economic Development) Healing Arts

29. Update, Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Board's Rulemaking to Amend the Additional Examination Time Allowance: English as a Second Language Regulations (16 CCR § 1805.2)

30. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Board's Rulemaking to Accept the Association of Marital and Family Therapy Regulatory Boards' Marital and Family Therapy National Examination as the Clinical Exam for California Licensure as a Marriage and Family Therapist (Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations (16 CCR) §§ 1816.2 and 1829.1)

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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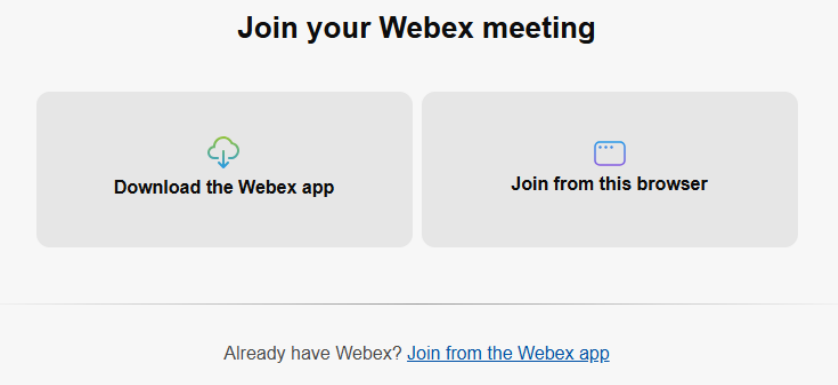
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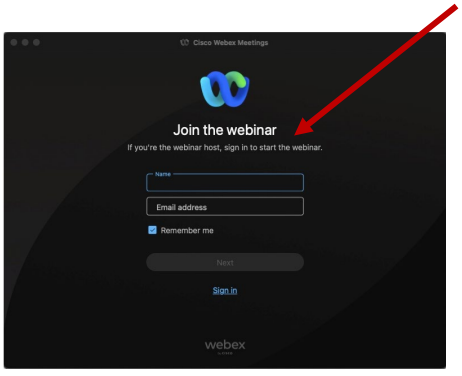
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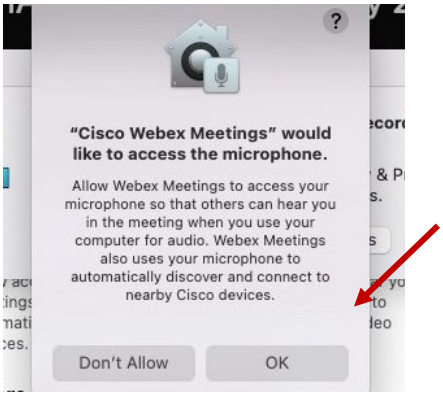
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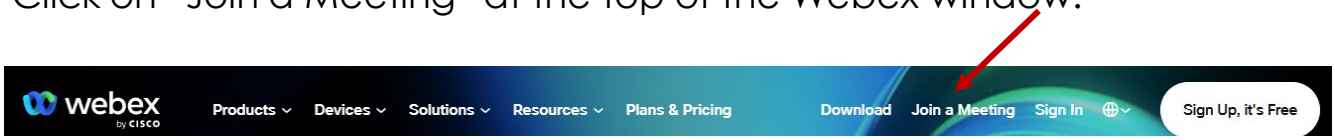




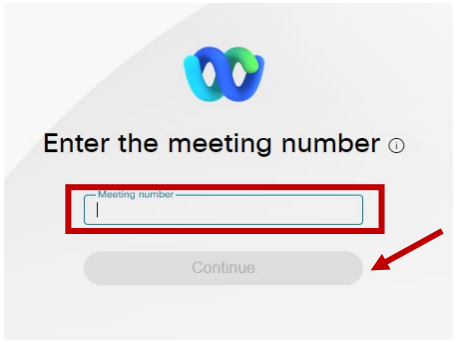
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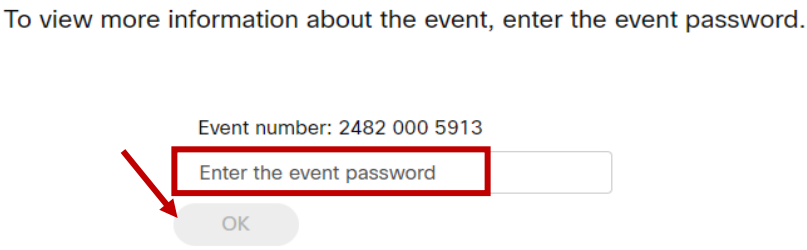
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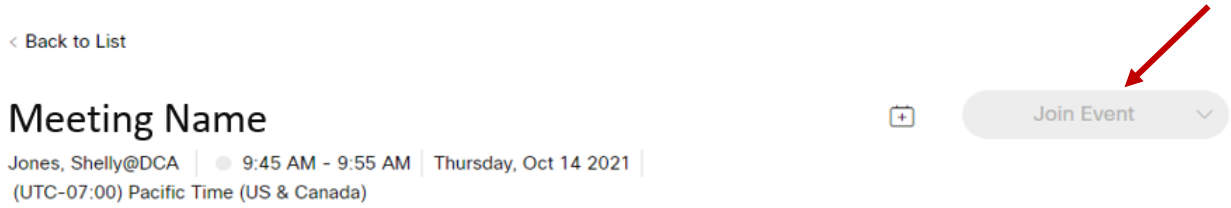


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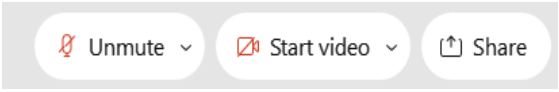


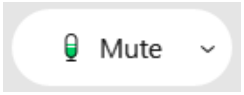
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Attendees/Members of the Public

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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Joined via Telephone (Call-in User)

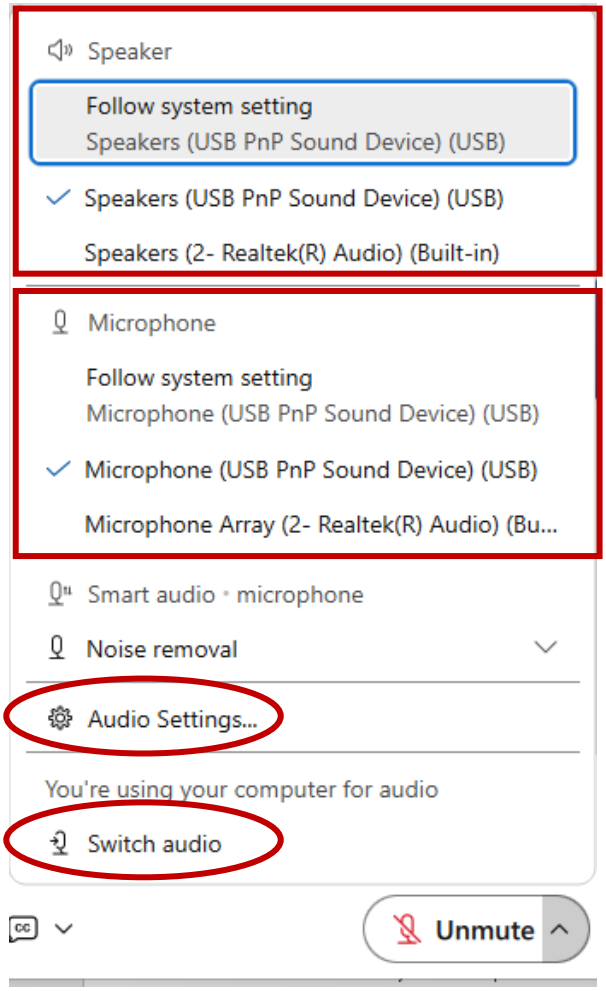
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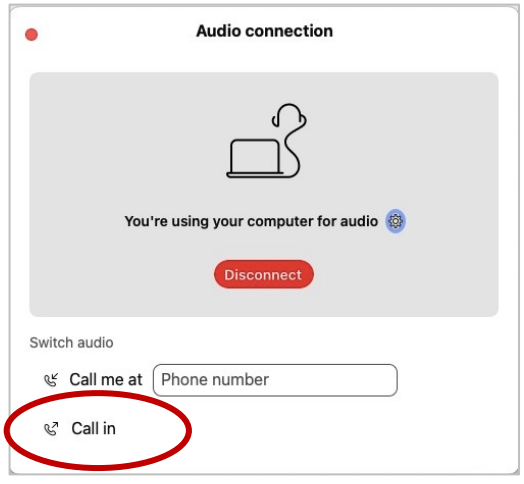
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   B. Microphone options if **participants can't hear you**.
   C. Audio settings will offer testing of your devices, and let you choose a different device.



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Joined via Meeting Link

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- Repeat this process to lower your hand.



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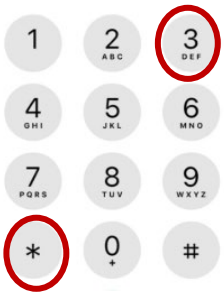
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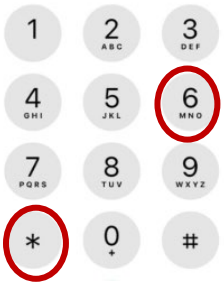


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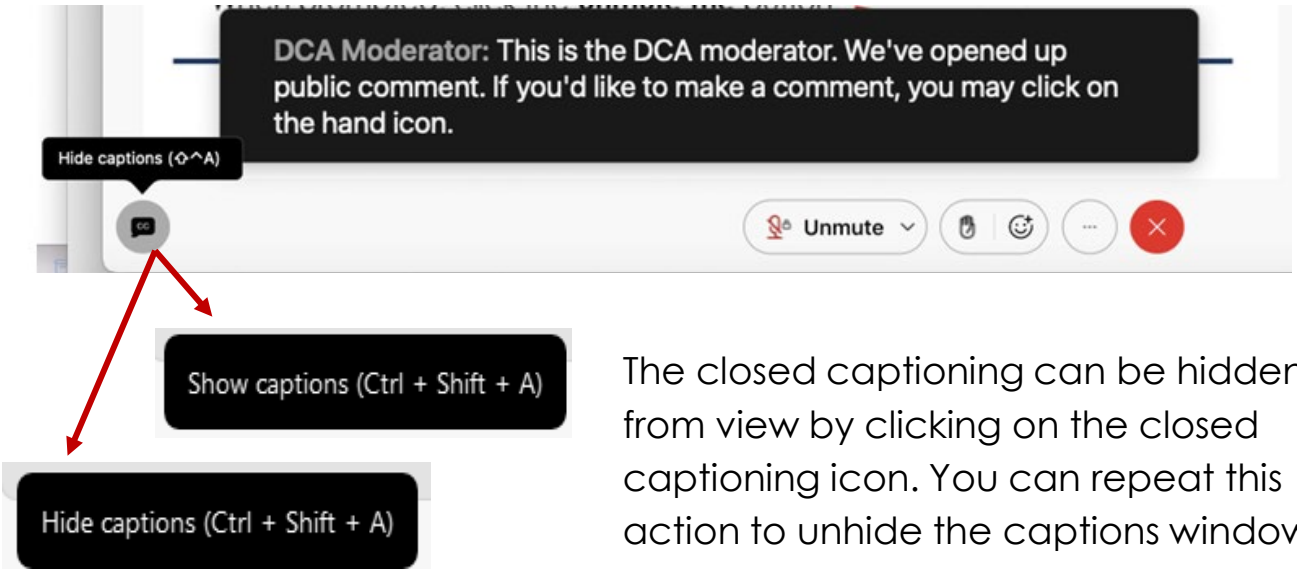
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