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MEMORANDUM

DATE	November 12, 2026
TO	Board Members
FROM	Wendy Strack, Board Chairperson
SUBJECT	Board Chairperson Update

Board Member Attendance

Please refer to the attachment Board Member Attendance: Fiscal Year 2025-2026, Quarters 2-4 and Fiscal Year 2026-2027, Quarter 1.

Future Board/Committee Meetings

MEETING	DATES 2026	TIME	LOCATION
2027			
Workforce Development Committee	January 15	9:00 a.m.	Virtual
Policy & Advocacy Committee	January 15	1:00 p.m.	Virtual
Board Meeting	February 18-19	8:30 a.m.	TBD
Workforce Development Committee	April 9	9:00 a.m.	Virtual
Policy & Advocacy Committee	April 16	9:00 a.m.	Virtual
Outreach & Education Committee	April 27	1:00 p.m.	Virtual
Board Meeting	May 13-14	8:30 a.m.	TBD
Policy & Advocacy Committee	August 20	9:00 a.m.	Virtual
Workforce Development Committee	August 20	1:00 p.m.	Virtual
Board Meeting	September 16 -17	8:30 a.m.	TBD
Outreach & Education Committee	October 15	1:00 p.m.	Virtual
Workforce Development Committee	October 22	9:00 a.m.	Virtual
Policy & Advocacy Committee	October 22	1:00 p.m.	Virtual
Board Meeting	November 18 – 19	8:30 a.m.	TBD

Member Update

Since last quarter, three new Board members have been appointed:

- Chaunise “Chaun” Powell was appointed by the Governor to the LCSW board member position on August 14, 2026. Senate confirmation is required, and the term expires on June 1, 2029.

- Jeanette Horne was appointed by the Governor to a public board member position. Senate confirmation is required, and the term expires on June 1, 2029.

- Lusero Aria Arteaga was appointed by the Governor to a public board member position. Senate confirmation is required, and the term expires on June 1, 2029

The Board now has full membership.

Staff Recognition

The Board would like to extend its gratitude and well wishes to Racquel Peña who has retired from the Board. Racquel served the board for over 19 years as an enforcement analyst and for a total of 30.5 years of state service. Raquel's last day with the Board was on October 16, 2026.

BOARD MEMBER ATTENDANCE: Fiscal Year 2025-2026, Quarters 2-4 and Fiscal Year 2026-2027, Quarter 1

A = Absent
P = Present

				Oct 2025	Nov 2025		Jan 2026		Feb 2026		Apr 2026		May 2026		June 2026		Aug 2026		Sept 2026	Sept 2026
				24	20	21	15	26	19	20	16	17	7	8	16	23	13	14	8	17
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TASK	**ASSIGNED TO**	**START**	**END**	F	Th	F	F	F	Th	F	Th	F	Th	F	Tu	Tu	Th	F	F	F
Board																				
	Bailey	7/1/25	6/30/27		P	P			P	P			P	A			P	P		
	Boyd	7/1/25	6/30/27		P	P			P	P			A	P			A	A		
	Friedman	7/1/25	6/30/27		P	P			P	P			P	P			P	P		
	Huft	7/1/25	6/30/27		A	A			P	P			A	A			P	P		
	Jones	7/1/25	6/30/27		P	P			A	A			A	A			P	P		
	Powell	8/14/26	6/30/27																	
	Ranasinghe	7/1/25	6/1/26		P	P			P	P			P	P						
	Sovec	7/1/25	6/30/27		P	P			P	P			P	P			P	P		
	Strack	7/1/26	6/30/27		P	P			P	P			A	A			P	P		
	Thiess	7/1/25	6/30/27		P	P			P	P			P	P			P	P		
	Uribe	7/1/25	6/30/27		A	A			P	P			P	P			P	P		
	Walker	7/1/25	6/30/27		P	P			P	P			P	P			P	P		
Policy & Advocacy																				
	Jones	7/1/25	6/30/27	P			P					P			P					P
	Ranasinghe	7/1/25	6/1/26	P			P					P								
	Sovec	7/1/25	6/30/27	P			P					P			P					P
	Strack	7/1/25	6/30/27	P			A					P			A					A
	Thiess	4/16/26	6/30/27												P					P

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Workforce Development																				
	Boyd	7/1/25	6/30/27	A			P				A				P					A
	Huft	7/1/25	6/30/27	A			P				P				P					P
	Strack	7/1/25	6/30/27	P			A				P				P					A
	Uribe	7/1/25	6/30/27	P			P				P				P					P
	Walker	7/1/25	6/30/27	P			P				P				P					P
Outreach & Education																				
	Bailey	4/21/26	6/30/27													P			A	
	Boyd	7/1/25	6/30/27					P			P					P			A	
	Friedman	7/1/25	6/30/27					P			P					P			P	
	Sovec	7/1/25	6/30/27					A			A					P			P	
	Walker	7/1/25	6/30/27					P			P					P			P	