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MEMORANDUM

DATE	October 28, 2026
TO	Board Members
FROM	Carl Peralta, Registration Supervisor Andrea Patrick, Licensing Supervisor Lisa Cigelske, Licensing Supervisor
SUBJECT	Licensing Update

Population Report

POPULATION REPORT	1st Quarter FY 25/26	1st Quarter FY 26/27	Percent Difference
Associate Marriage and Family Therapists	18,475	20,191	9.29%
Associate Social Workers	21,000	21,592	2.82%
Associate Professional Clinical Counselors	8,223	8,972	9.11%
Registrant Totals	**47,698**	**50,755**	6.41%
Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists	58,107	60,246	3.68%
Licensed Clinical Social Workers	42,886	45,651	6.45%
Licensed Professional Clinical Counselors	6,161	7,218	17.16%
Licensed Education Psychologist	2,397	2,493	4.01%
Licensed Totals	**109,551**	**115,608**	5.53%
Total Licensed Population	**157,249**	**166,363**	5.80%

Supervisor Population*	1st Quarter FY 24/25	1st Quarter FY 25/26	Percent Difference
Marriage and Family Therapist Supervisors	8,363	9,381	12.17%
Clinical Social Worker Supervisors	7,203	8,314	15.42%
Professional Clinical Counselor Supervisors	659	822	24.73%
Educational Psychologist Supervisors	25	34	36.00%
Total Supervisor Population	16,277	18,551	13.97%
**Numbers of licensees that have completed a Supervisor Self-Assessment Report*			

Registration Unit Report

Registration Applications Received

The figures below reflect when application fees were cashiered, not when applications were received. Totals are expected to increase next quarter as we process the current backlog.

	1st Quarter FY 25/26	1st Quarter FY 26/27	Percent Difference
AMFT	1,956	1,459	-25.41%
ASW	1,724	1,474	-14.50%
APCC	756	627	-17.06%
Total	**4,436**	**3,560**	**-19.75%**

Total Registrant Applications Processed

Application processing declined slightly, partly because staff are assisting with testing changes to BreEZe before implementation.

	1st Quarter FY 25/26	1st Quarter FY 26/27	Percent Difference
AMFT	1,592	1,458	-8.42%
ASW	2,011	1,992	-0.94%
APCC	734	697	-5.04%
Total	**4,337**	**4,147**	**-4.38%**

Registration Processing Times

AMFT application processing times increased slightly because some evaluators were reassigned to test the BreEZe update described in the Strategic Objectives section below.

	1st Quarter FY 25/26	1st Quarter FY 26/27	# of days difference
AMFT	23	32	9
ASW	16	13	-3
APCC	22	19	-3
Average Total Days	**20**	**21**	**1**

Registration Emails Received

Overall email volume decreased slightly, possibly due to improved communication with applicants throughout the process.

	1st Quarter FY 25/26	1st Quarter FY 26/27	Percent Difference
AMFT	1,906	1,948	2.20%
ASW	4,400	3,426	-22.14%
APCC	2,066	2,218	7.36%
Total	**8,372**	**7,592**	**-9.32%**

Licensing Unit Report

Licensing Applications Received

The figures below reflect when application fees were cashiered, not when applications were received. Totals are expected to increase next quarter as we process the current backlog.

	1st Quarter FY 25/26	1st Quarter FY 26/27	Percent Difference
LMFT	766	791	3.26%
LCSW	887	639	-27.96%
LEP	54	64	18.52%
LPCC	358	241	-32.68%
Total	**2,065**	**1,735**	**-15.98%**

Total Licensing Applications Processed

Licensing application processing increased from last year, reflecting the teams' efforts to process clinical examination applications promptly.

	1st Quarter FY 25/26	1st Quarter FY 26/27	Percent Difference
LMFT	795	1211	52.33%
LCSW	859	1076	25.26%
LEP	70	73	4.29%
LPCC	349	271	-22.35%
Total	**2,073**	**2,631**	**26.92%**

Licensing Processing Times

Although processing times increased slightly this quarter, the teams remain focused on reducing wait times through cross-training across license types and proposed improvements to applications, laws, and regulations.

	1st Quarter FY 25/26	1st Quarter FY 26/27	# of days difference
LMFT	67	73	6
LCSW	74	67	-7
LEP	12	20	8
LPCC	19	25	6
Average Total Days	**43**	**46**	**3**

Licensing Emails Received

To address rising email inquiries, we are updating our publications and website with clear guidance on frequently asked questions.

	1st Quarter FY 25/26	1st Quarter FY 26/27	Percent Difference
LMFT	1,487	1,715	15.33%
LCSW	3,313	3,332	0.57%
LEP	105	170	61.90%
LPCC	1,525	1,471	-3.54%
Total	**6,430**	**6,688**	**4.01%**

Updates on Strategic Objectives

2.1 – Improve Website tools and resources

The AMFT/LMFT unit is updating its webpage with detailed licensure requirements and step-by-step guidance. Staff have drafted, reviewed, and revised the content.

The ASW/LCSW and APCC/LPCC units are beginning similar updates to their webpages.

2.2 – Reduce the average processing times by leveraging technology

In July, BreEZe separated the combined AMFT/LMFT license type (2001) into two license types: LMFT (2001) and AMFT (2011). This long-planned change is the first step toward expanding online transactions.

The ASW/LCSW license type (2002) was scheduled to be separated on October 22, 2026, and has been completed. The APCC/LPCC license type (2005) is scheduled for separation in the third quarter of FY 2026–27. Board staff have also developed online applications for registrants and will deploy them soon.

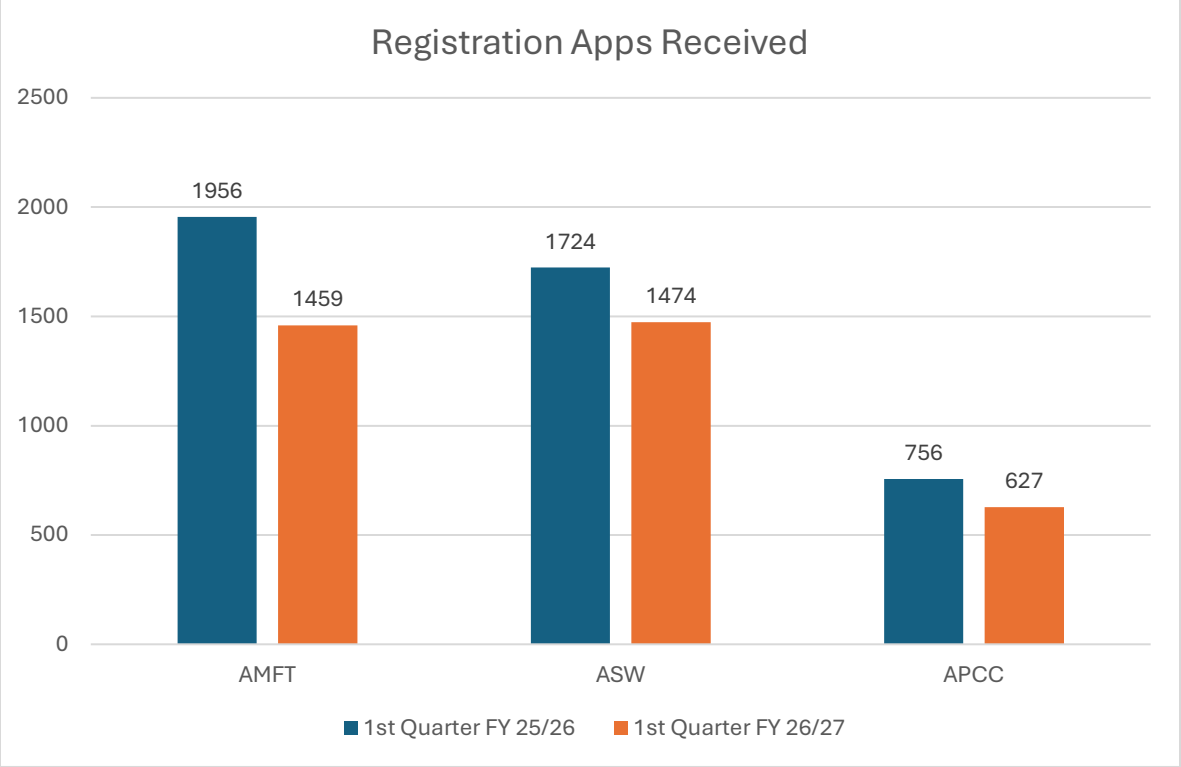
Staff are addressing issues identified during the first phase. Once resolved, these improvements are expected to streamline the process for stakeholders and staff.

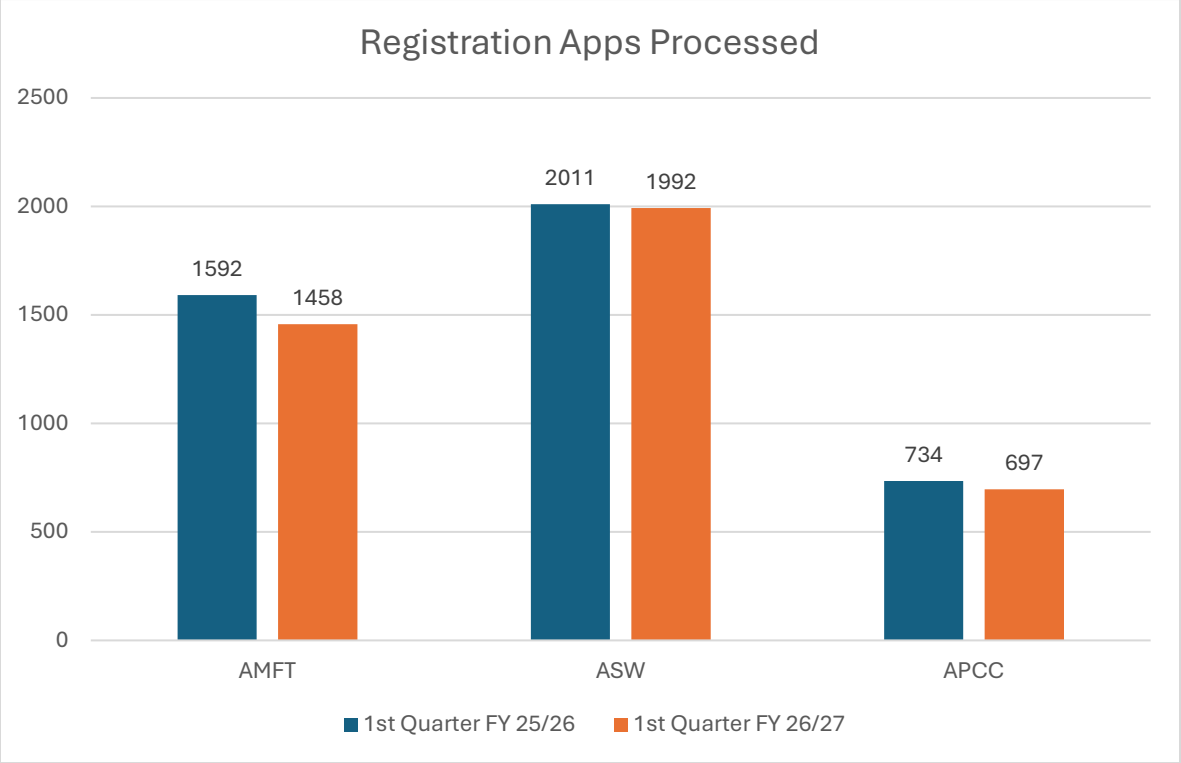
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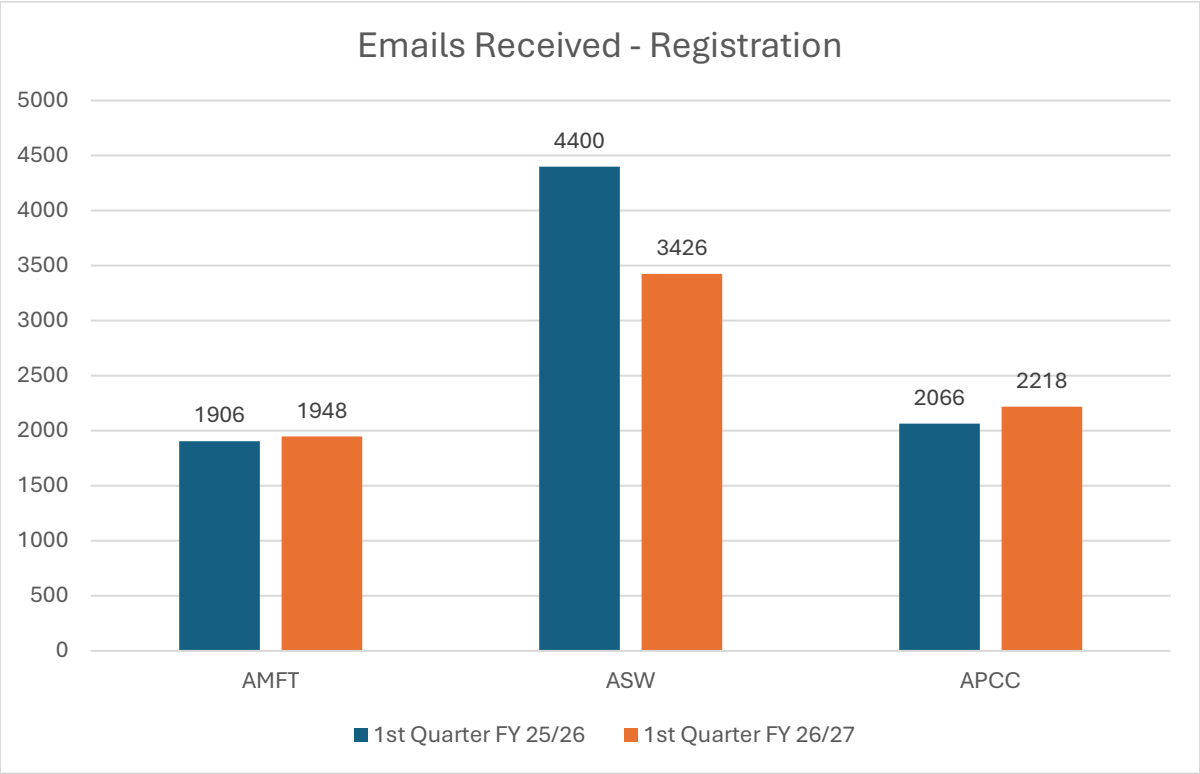
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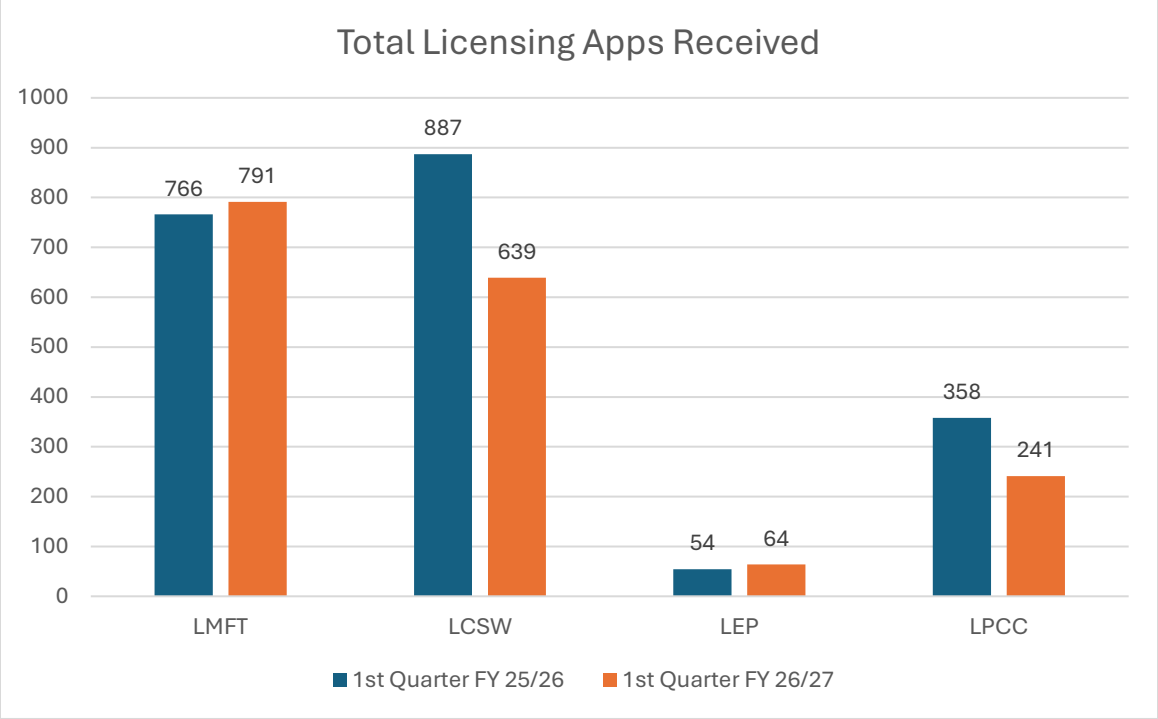
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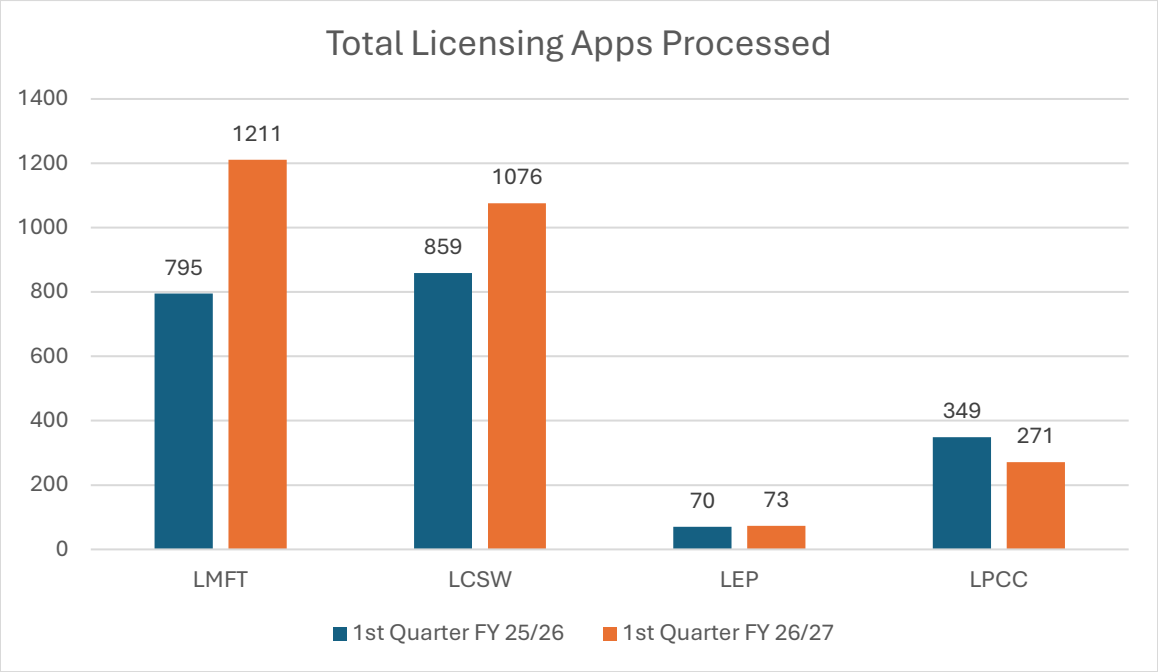


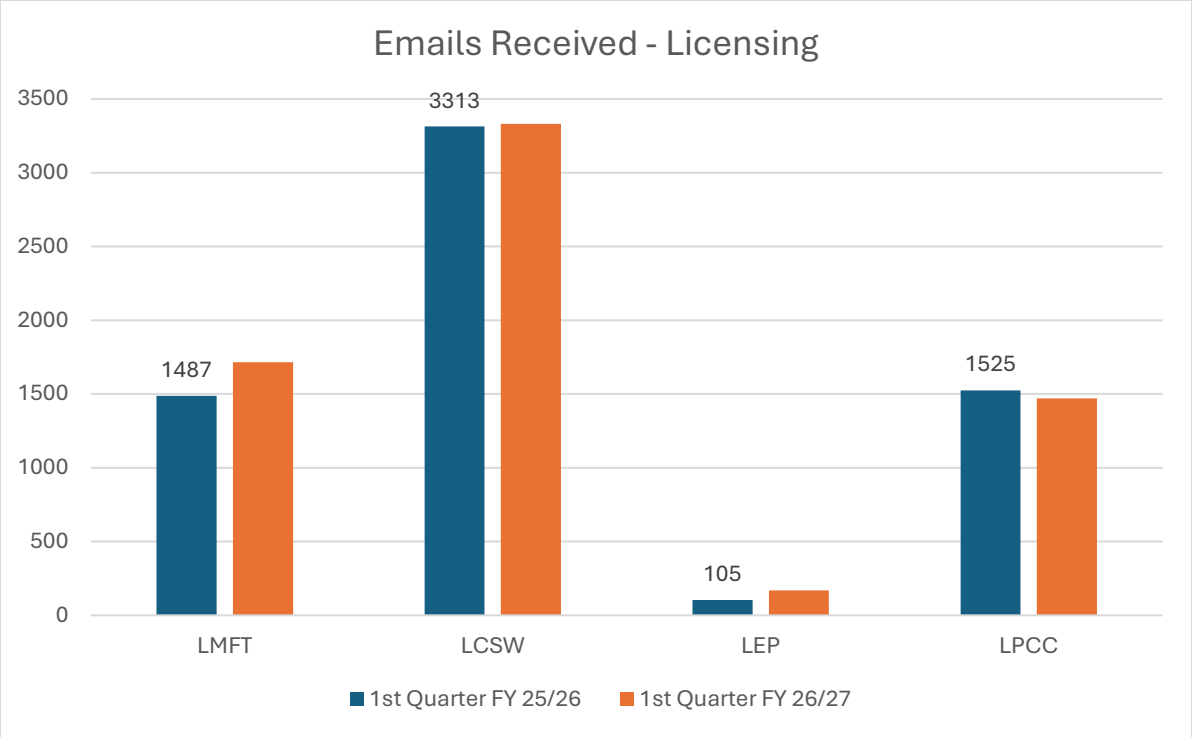



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AMFT
ASW
APCC
1st Quarter FY 25/26
1st Quarter FY 26/27

Attachment B – Licensing Charts






Emails Received - Licensing
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LMFT
LCSW
LEP
LPCC
1st Quarter FY 25/26
1st Quarter FY 26/27