



Board of Behavioral Sciences

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**Subject:** Board Chair Report

## a. BOARD MEMBER ATTENDANCE FY 2021/2022

FY 2021-2022 FULL BOARD MEETING ATTENDANCE												
	July 7	July 22	Aug 10	Sept 9	Sept 10	Oct 4	Nov 4	Nov 5	Feb 10	Feb 11	May 5	May 6
Casares Willis			X		X	X	X				X	X
Disposti	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
Erlich	X	X	X		X		X		X	X		
Friedman	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Huft							X	X	X	X	X	X
Jones	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ortega									X	X	X	X
Ranasinghe	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Sovec	X	X		X			X	X	X	X	X	X
Strack	X	X	X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X
Walker									X	X	X	X

FY 2021-2022 POLICY & ADVOCACY COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE			
	Aug 6	Oct 20	Apr 20
Disposti	X		X
Sovec	X	X	
Strack	X	X	X

FY 2021-2022 TELEHEALTH COMMITTEE					
	Aug 6	Sept 9	Oct 1	Mar 4	June 3
Freidman	X	X	X		X
Jones		X	X	X	X
Ranasinghe					X

FY 2021-2022 LICENSING COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE		
	Oct 15	Nov 19
Strack	X	X

**b. FUTURE BOARD/COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Full Board	August 11-12, 2022
Policy & Advocacy Committee	October 14, 2022
Full Board	November 3-4, 2022
Full Board	February 2-3, 2023
Full Board	May 4-5, 2023
Full Board	August 17-18, 2023
Full Board	November 16-17, 2023

**c. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM	DATE PROPOSED	PROPOSED BY (Member/Public)	STATUS
Discuss training Board staff regarding gender identity.	5/6/2021	Sovec	Pending
Discussion regarding license mobility issues.	9/10/2021	Ranasinghe	Pending for Licensing Committee
Discuss regulations regarding life coaching.	9/10/2021	Ranasinghe	Discussed at January 2022 P&A – pending listening session to gain more expert information.
Discuss ideas or suggestions to assist elderly who have difficulty with technology and accessing services via telehealth.	9/10/2021	Friedman	AB 1759 requiring baseline 3-hour coursework in providing services via telehealth. Ensuring access issues should be covered in this training.
Recognition of National Adoption Month on the November agenda.	10/4/2021	Ranasinghe	A proposed process for the Board to adopt resolutions will be brought to the November 3, 2022, Board meeting. Will consult with legal on the process.
Discussion on extending the 6-year period to earn hours due to COVID.	11/4/2021	Public	6-year rule to be discussed at July 2022 P&A meeting.

Consider a needs-based waiver for catastrophic incidents experienced by licensees.	11/5/2021	Public	6-year rule to be discussed at July 2022 P&A meeting.
Presentation about consumer satisfaction regarding telehealth.	11/5/2021	Friedman	Pending
Discussion regarding a possible exemption for medical leaves and military service as part of the 6-year rule.	11/5/2021	Public	6-year rule to be discussed at July 2022 P&A meeting.
Discussion about life coaches working in professional corporations.	11/5/2021	Public	Discussed at January 2022 P&A – pending listening session to gain more expert information.
Resolution for mental health month in May.	2/10/2022	Ranasinghe	A proposed process for the Board to adopt resolutions will be brought to the November 3, 2022 Board meeting. Will consult with legal on the process.
Resolution for domestic violence month in October.	2/10/2022	Ranasinghe	A proposed process for the Board to adopt resolutions will be brought to the November 3, 2022 Board meeting. Will consult with legal on the process.
Discuss how the Board can support in increasing the bilingual therapist workforce.	2/10/2022	Friedman	Part of the Board's effort in this area was adopting the English as Second Language additional examination time regulations in late 2017. The Board has also taken support positions on numerous legislative efforts for loan repayment/grant programs to try to encourage therapists to work in underserved settings. Additionally, as more workforce data is collected, we will have a better understanding of where we can assist.
Discuss how the Board can assist in attracting more people to pursue a career as a therapist.	2/10/2022	Friedman	Pending. The Board has participated in several outreach efforts with organizations and schools as resources allow. The Board

			has also supported numerous legislative efforts to provide educational loan repayment/grants to those pursuing a master's degree in a field designed to lead to Board licensure. Staff continue to seek additional ways to perform outreach.
Discuss the workforce crisis in children's mental health, strategies to address this crisis, and strategies that the Board could employ to expedite the processing times of applications. Particularly related to the rise and short-term residential treatment programs in California, and not enough people to work in those programs.	2/11/2022	Public	Pending
Discussion on creating a consortium with the Board of Psychology (BOP) and the Medical Board of California to explore the influence and effects of corporate telehealth on California consumers	2/11/2022	Sovec	Will be discussing national telehealth corporations at an upcoming telehealth committee meeting or listening session.
Discussion on creating a consortium with the Department of Consumer Affairs and the Board of Psychology to discuss how to address the encroachment of coaching on the mental health professions.	2/11/2022	Sovec	Pending
Discussion on data surrounding the Board's disciplinary process	2/11/2022	Public	Pending

Discussion regarding the applicant process and ways to streamline and make it more efficient to avoid backlogs.	2/11/2022	Public	Board staff are actively pursuing changes to processing procedures and are working with the Department of Consumer Affairs Organizational Improvement Office to identify possible improvements.
Resolution for National Social Workers month.	2/11/2022	Ranasinghe	A proposed process for the Board to adopt resolutions will be brought to the November 3, 2022 Board meeting. Will consult with legal on the process.
Discussion on how to gain better participation from consumers and therapists at Board meetings.	2/11/2022	Ortega	Staff continues to monitor legislation designed to update Bagley Keene to better allow online meeting platforms permanently. The Legislature has been working on this, and staff expects it to move such a bill forward next year. Staff will bring any such proposed bill to the Board for input and a position.
Discussion on exam passage rates and how the board can support education institutions.	5/5/2022	Walker	Board staff participates in numerous MFT consortiums to support and inform educators. Staff would like to discuss this topic at a future Licensing Committee.
Discussion on the eligibility of Licensed Educational Psychologists (LEPs) to open a professional corporation.	5/5/2022	Jones	This would require an amendment to corporation code. May be preferable for staff to consult with California Association of School Psychologist (CASP) and seek an amendment.
Discussion about disciplinary outcomes.	5/4/2022	Public	Pending