



Board of Behavioral Sciences



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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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DATE October 4, 2021

MEETING PLATFORM WebEx Video Conference and Phone Conference

Pursuant to the provisions of Government Code section 11133, neither a public location nor teleconference locations are provided.

TIME 1:00 p.m.

ATTENDEES

Members Present: Christina Wong, Vice Chair, LCSW Member
Deborah Brown, Public Member
Yvette Casares Willis, Public Member
Susan Friedman, Public Member
Christopher Jones, LEP Member
Kelly Ranasinghe, Public Member
Wendy Strack, Public Member

Members Absent: Crystal Anthony, LCSW Member
Max Disposti, Chair, Public Member
Ross Erlich, Public Member
Dr. Diana Herweck, LPCC Member
John Sovec, LMFT Member

Staff Present: Steve Sodergren, Executive Officer
Sabina Knight, Legal Counsel
Christina Kitamura, Administrative Analyst
Gena Beaver, Enforcement Manager
Christy Berger, Regulatory Analyst
Cynthi Burnett, Registration, Exam, Cashiering Manager
Rosanne Helms, Legislative Manager
Marlon McManus, Enforcement Manager
Marc Mason, Administration Manager
Pearl Yu, Enforcement Manager

Other Attendees: Public participation via WebEx video conference/phone conference

OPEN SESSION

I. Call to Order and Establishment of Quorum

Christina Wong, Vice Chair of the Board of Behavioral Sciences (Board), called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. Roll was called, and a quorum was established.

II. Public Comments for Items Not on the Agenda

Ariella Leafer: Concerned about the delay in processing AMFT applications.

DaLene Forester: Requests that BBS continues to allow telehealth in clinical supervision.

III. Suggestions for Future Agenda Items

Wendy Strack: Update on processing times.

Kelly Ranasinghe: Recognition of National Adoption Month on the November agenda.

IV. Strategic Planning Session for the Board's 2022-2026 Strategic Plan

Board members, Board staff, stakeholders continued its review and discussion on the first draft of the proposed objectives and goals.

Sarah Irani and Elizabeth Coronel from DCA's Strategic Organization, Leadership, and Individual Development (SOLID) facilitated the strategic planning session.

Suggested objectives discussed:

- Legislation & Regulation
- Organizational Effectiveness
- Outreach & Education

The final draft of the Strategic Plan will be presented at the November Board meeting for approval.

V. Adjournment

The Board adjourned at 2:35 p.m.