

## MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

April 17, 2025

**Primary Location (Members/Staff):**

Department of Consumer Affairs  
1747 N. Market Blvd., Ruby Room  
Sacramento, CA 95834

**Teleconference Locations / Additional Locations at Which the Public Could  
Observe or Address the Board and Where Members Were Present:**

12803 Pimperl Way  
San Diego, CA 92129

Bureau of Automotive Repair  
Hercules Field Office  
625 Alfred Nobel Dr., Suite A  
Hercules, CA 94547

DOI Med Board  
12750 Center Court Drive South, Suite 750  
Cerritos, CA 92868

Elihu Harris (Bond) State Building  
1515 Clay Street, Room 10  
Oakland, CA 94612

City of West Hollywood  
West Hollywood City Hall  
8300 Santa Monica Blvd.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Training Room  
West Hollywood, CA 900696

**Board Members Present**

Shacunda Rodgers, PhD, Vice President  
Sheryll Casuga, PsyD, CMPC  
Marisela Cervantes, EdD, MPA  
Seyron Foo  
Mary Harb Sheets, PhD  
Julie Nystrom

42 **Board Members Absent**

43 Lea Tate, PsyD, President  
44 Stephen Phillips, JD, PsyD  
45 Ana Rescate

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47 **Board Staff**

48 Jonathan Burke, Interim Executive Officer  
49 Stephanie Cheung, Licensing Manager  
50 Sandra Monterrubio, Enforcement Program Manager  
51 Jacklyn Mancilla, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Analyst  
52 Cecilia Voon, Renewals and Retirement Analyst  
53 Anthony Pane, Board Counsel  
54 Sam Singh, Regulatory Counsel  
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Thursday, April 17, 2025

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57 **Agenda Item #1: Call to Order/Roll Call/Establishment of a Quorum**

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59 Dr. Rodgers called the meeting to order at 2:11 p.m. A quorum was present and due  
60 notice had been sent to all interested parties.  
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62 **Agenda Item #2: Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda**

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64 Dr. Rodgers called for public comment.  
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66 No public comment was offered.  
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68 **Agenda Item #3: Discussion and Possible Approval of the Board's 2025 Sunset**  
69 **Review Report**

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71 Dr. Rodgers introduced this item and Mr. Burke provided the update, starting on page  
72 nine of the meeting materials.  
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74 Dr. Rodgers opened the item for Board discussion, starting with Issue #1 on page 29 of  
75 the meeting materials.  
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77 Dr. Rodgers called for Board comment.  
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79 Ms. Nystrom asked how telework would be implemented in light of the Governor's call  
80 for staff to return to the office four days a week starting in July 2025.  
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82 Mr. Burke commented that staff was awaiting clarification on how this would be  
83 implemented.  
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85 Dr. Harb Sheets asked whether staff turnover that is due to promotional opportunities  
86 might be reduced by providing more promotional opportunities within the board.

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88 Mr. Burke commented that several internal promotions took place over the past Sunset  
89 Review cycle. He added that the difficulty lay in not receiving a sufficient pool of  
90 applicants to choose from, and that this number has started to rebound since the  
91 pandemic.  
92  
93 Dr. Rodgers asked what other efforts staff is making to expand the recruitment process  
94 beyond what is currently in place.  
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96 Mr. Burke commented that staff sends out email blasts to announce vacancies, and  
97 added that Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) very actively advertises vacancies to  
98 staff throughout DCA.  
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100 Dr. Rodgers asked Mr. Burke to include his answer just given into the response to Issue  
101 #1.  
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103 Dr. Rodgers called for public comment.  
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105 No public comment was offered.  
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107 Dr. Rodgers moved on to Issue #2, starting on page 29 of the meeting materials.  
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109 Dr. Rodgers called for Board comment.  
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111 Dr. Casuga commented that the Board had previously discussed sending out Subject  
112 Matter Expert (SME) recruitment information with renewals.  
113  
114 Mr. Burke confirmed that this subject was discussed, but that currently no such notices  
115 were being sent out.  
116  
117 Dr. Harb Sheets asked how many SMEs had been recruited in the most recent drive.  
118  
119 Ms. Monterrubio replied that the board added twenty new SMEs to its pool. She  
120 commented that former licensed Board Members have helped screen applicants for  
121 minimum qualifications. She added that the next SME training will take place September  
122 26, 2025.  
123  
124 Dr. Harb Sheets asked whether there would be notices sent out to promote the  
125 September training.  
126  
127 Ms. Monterrubio replied that articles would appear in the newsletter, and licensees  
128 would be notified via the email distribution list.  
129  
130 Dr. Rodgers called for public comment.

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132 No public comment was offered.  
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134 Dr. Rodgers moved on to Issue #3, starting on page 30 of the meeting materials.  
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136 Dr. Rodgers called for Board comment.  
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138 Dr. Cervantes commented that the choice of the word 'speculates' was not as strong as  
139 saying that the board 'had concluded'.  
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141 Mr. Burke confirmed that this wording would be revised.  
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143 Dr. Casuga suggested that COVID should be included in the response as having had an  
144 effect on examination passing rates.  
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146 Dr. Cervantes asked to include language that spoke to the differing requirements  
147 between California and other jurisdictions in terms of the difference in passing rates.  
148  
149 Mr. Burke confirmed that this language could be included.  
150  
151 Dr. Rodgers called for public comment.  
152  
153 Quinn Austin-Small commented that the Board should weigh COVID as a factor  
154 influencing passing rates, but cautioned that regarding APA-accreditation too highly in  
155 interpreting trends in passing rates might be misleading, since this accreditation has not  
156 always translated into high-quality training at all facilities.  
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158 No further public comment was offered.  
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160 Dr. Rodgers moved on to Issue #4, starting on page 30 of the meeting materials.  
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162 Dr. Harb Sheets commented that this is one issue the Board should closely follow, since  
163 the timing of the exam could change.  
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165 Dr. Casuga agreed with Dr. Harb Sheets.  
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167 Dr. Rodgers called for public comment.  
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169 No public comment was offered.  
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171 Dr. Rodgers moved on to Issue #5, starting on page 32 of the meeting materials.  
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173 Dr. Rodgers called for Board comment.  
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175 No Board comment was offered.

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177 Dr. Rodgers called for public comment.

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179 Dr. Elizabeth Winkelman of California Psychological Association (CPA) expressed  
180 concern about the reference to passing preliminary exams in this section, commenting  
181 that not everyone takes the preliminary exams. She hoped the Board would consider  
182 removing that reference from the language.

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184 Dr. Harb Sheets asked whether CPA would rather the language expressed a need to  
185 pass whatever preliminary doctoral exams were required by a program.

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187 Dr. Winkelman commented that CPA would rather the reference be removed entirely,  
188 although would not object to the Board making reference to a program's requirement for  
189 the preliminary exams.

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191 Ms. Cheung commented that it had not been staff's experience that this requirement  
192 had been a hindrance to applicants. She offered to provide statistics.

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194 Dr. Winkelman commented that adding this language to new places in the law might  
195 cause future problems even if there are not currently any issues with it.

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197 Dr. Harb Sheets commented that it could be sufficient for the school to identify that the  
198 person has advanced to candidacy, and then the language could reflect confirmation of  
199 a Master's degree and advancement to candidacy.

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201 Dr. Cervantes commented that in her own doctoral program, the preliminary exam was  
202 a peer-reviewed project.

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204 No further public comment was offered.

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206 Dr. Rodgers moved on to Issue #6, starting on page 32 of the meeting materials.

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208 Dr. Rodgers called for Board comment.

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210 No Board comment was offered.

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212 Dr. Rodgers called for public comment.

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214 No public comment was offered.

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216 Dr. Rodgers moved on to Issue #7, starting on page 33 of the meeting materials.

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218 Dr. Rodgers called for Board comment.

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220 No Board comment was offered.  
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222 Dr. Rodgers called for public comment.  
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224 Quinn Austin-Small commented that it can be burdensome to a licensee coming from  
225 another state, especially when they have been practicing for many years, perhaps  
226 having been supervised or trained by people who are long gone, or in facilities that no  
227 longer exist. He added that this puts a regulatory barrier and a high financial cost in the  
228 way of older licensees coming from out of state.  
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230 No further public comment was offered.  
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232 Dr. Rodgers moved on to Issue #8, starting on page 34 of the meeting materials.  
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234 Dr. Rodgers called for Board comment.  
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236 Dr. Casuga asked for clarification that this language included what the Board discussed  
237 at the February 2025 Board meeting.  
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239 Mr. Burke confirmed that this response was inclusive of the Board's discussion in  
240 February, namely to agree with CPA's language and include it in the Sunset Bill.  
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242 Dr. Rodgers called for public comment.  
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244 No public comment was offered.  
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246 Dr. Rodgers moved on to Issue #9, starting on page 34 of the meeting materials.  
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248 Dr. Rodgers called for Board comment.  
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250 No Board comment was offered.  
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252 Dr. Rodgers called for public comment.  
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254 No public comment was offered.  
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256 Dr. Rodgers moved on to Issue #10, starting on page 35 of the meeting materials.  
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258 Dr. Rodgers called for Board comment.  
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260 No Board comment was offered.  
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262 Dr. Rodgers call for public comment.

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264 No public comment was offered.  
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266 Dr. Rodgers moved on to Issue #11, starting on page 36 of the meeting materials.  
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268 Dr. Rodgers called for Board comment.  
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270 No Board comment was offered.  
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272 Dr. Rodgers call for public comment.  
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274 Tyler Rinde, of CPA, requested that the Board withdraw its proposal before the  
275 Legislature to obtain exceptions to psychotherapist-client privilege for investigative  
276 purposes.  
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278 No further public comment was offered.  
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280 Dr. Rodgers moved on to Issue #12, starting on page 37 of the meeting materials.  
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282 Dr. Rodgers called for Board comment.  
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284 No Board comment was offered.  
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286 Dr. Rodgers call for public comment.  
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288 No public comment was offered.  
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290 Dr. Rodgers moved on to Issue #13, starting on page 38 of the meeting materials.  
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292 Dr. Rodgers called for Board comment.  
293  
294 Dr. Cervantes commented that at the Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Committee  
295 meeting on April 11, 2025, there was discussion about creating an ad hoc committee to  
296 closely analyze the implications of Artificial Intelligent (AI).  
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298 Mr. Burke confirmed that the discussion of that Committee could be referenced in this  
299 response. He added that staff reviewed a bill that would create a statewide AI Task  
300 Force, but that so far Board President Tate had not called for the creation of an ad hoc  
301 committee.  
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303 Dr. Casuga commented that the language should include references to generative AI  
304 and augmented reality technology.  
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306 Mr. Burke commented that these technologies could be referenced in the response.

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308 No further Board comment was offered.  
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310 Dr. Rodgers call for public comment.  
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312 No public comment was offered.  
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314 Dr. Rodgers moved on to Issue #14, and Mr. Burke presented this item starting on page  
315 16 of the hand carry materials.  
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317 Mr. Burke called for Board comment.  
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319 Dr. Harb Sheets expressed concerns about how this section was written, regarding how  
320 it would impact processes within the Licensing Unit, and whether the current 30-day  
321 limit was still appropriate.  
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323 Board discussion ensued.  
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325 Mr. Pane commented that, given the time constraints on approving this document, the  
326 language could be submitted in its current form, and at a later date could be further  
327 refined.  
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329 Mr. Burke commented that in discussion with other boards, it was clear that the  
330 workload to manage these exceptional cases was not burdensome, especially once  
331 BreEZe had been configured.  
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333 No further Board comment was offered.  
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335 Dr. Rodgers call for public comment.  
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337 Dr. Winkelman, from CPA, commented that, while CPA does not have a position on this  
338 issue, she wanted to point out that there was a difference between how the language is  
339 interpreted now to mean 30 non-consecutive days, and that the legislative interpretation  
340 is 30 consecutive days. She added that in the first case, an out-of-state practitioner  
341 could conceivably stretch biweekly sessions to over a year while not surpassing the 30-  
342 day limit.  
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344 Dr. Harb Sheets and Dr. Winkelman discussed circumstances under which the  
345 foregoing example might occur, and how whether a limit of 60 or 90 days might be more  
346 flexible than 30 days.  
347  
348 No further public comment was offered.  
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Ms. Nystrom suggested that the Board recommend changing the language to reflect 90 days instead of 30 days, and then leave it to the Legislature to write it into the bill or not.

Dr. Rodgers opened the discussion on Issues 15-17, starting on page 42 of the meeting materials.

No Board comment was offered.

Dr. Rodgers called for public comment.

Dr. Zyanya Mendoza commented that the Board of Behavioral Science expresses their term of limited practice from outside California based on the continuity of care, not for new assessments.

No further public comment was offered.

It was (M)Foo(S)Casuga(C) to accept the Sunset Review Report with all the amended changes and recommendations.

Dr. Rodgers called for public comment.

No public comment was offered.

Votes

6 Ayes (Casuga, Cervantes, Foo, Harb Sheets, Nystrom, Rodgers,), 3 Absent (Phillips, Rescate, Tate), 0 Noes

**Agenda Item #4: Recommendations for Agenda Items for Future Board Meetings.**  
**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 [Government Code Sections 11125 and 11125.7(a)].**

Dr. Rodgers called for Board comment.

No Board comment was offered.

Dr. Rodgers called for public comment.

Dr. Simone Ravicz asked for an exploration into why California does not participate in PsyPact.

No further public comment was offered.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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396 Ms. Mancilla commented that attendance at the meeting today provided 2 hours of CPD  
397 credit under Category 1.

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399 The meeting adjourned at 3:49 p.m.