

1 MINUTES OF LEGISLATIVE & REGULATORY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING
2 JUNE 6, 2025
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4 **Primary Location (Staff):**

5 Department of Consumer Affairs
6 1625 N. Market Blvd., El Dorado Room
7 Sacramento, CA 95834
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9 **Committee Members**

10 Sheryll Casuga, PsyD, CMPC, Chairperson (remote)
11 Marisela Cervantes, EdD, MPA (remote)
12 Shacunda Rodgers, PhD (remote)
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14 **Committee Members Absent**

15 None
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17 **Board Staff**

18 Jonathan Burke, Executive Officer
19 Stephanie Cheung, Licensing Manager
20 Sandra Monterrubio, Enforcement Program Manager
21 Cynthia Whitney, Central Services Manager
22 Jacklyn Mancilla, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Analyst
23 Troy Polk, Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Coordinator
24 Shelley Ganaway, Board Counsel
25 Sam Singh, Regulatory Counsel
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Friday, June 6, 2025

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28 **Agenda Item #1: Call to Order/Roll Call/Establishment of a Quorum**
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30 Dr. Casuga called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. A quorum was present and due
31 notice had been sent to all interested parties.
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33 **Agenda Item #2: Chairperson's Welcome and Opening Remarks**
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35 a) Mindfulness Exercise
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37 Dr. Casuga made opening comments. Dr. Rodgers led a mindfulness exercise.
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39 **Agenda Item #3: Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda. Note: The Board**
40 **May Not Discuss or Take Action on Any Matter Raised During this Public**
41 **Comment Section, Except to Decide Whether to Place the Matter on the Agenda**
42 **of a Future Meeting [Government Code sections 11125 and 11125.7(a)].**
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44 Dr. Casuga called for public comment.

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46 No public comment was offered.

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48 **Agenda Item #4: Review and Possible Approval of the Committee Meeting**
49 **Minutes: April 11, 2025**

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51 Dr. Casuga introduced this item, starting on page nine of the meeting materials.

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53 It was (M)Rodgers(S)Cervantes(C) to adopt the Committee meeting minutes from April
54 11, 2025.

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56 Dr. Casuga called for Committee comment.

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58 No Committee comment was offered.

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60 Dr. Casuga called for public comment.

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62 No public comment was offered.

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64 Votes
65 3 ayes (Casuga, Cervantes, Rodgers), 0 noes; Motion carried.

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67 **Agenda Item #5: Legislation from the 2025 Legislative Session: Review and**
68 **Possible Action**

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70 Dr. Casuga introduced Ms. Mancilla to provide the update on this item, starting on page
71 21 of the meeting materials.

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73 a) Bills with Active Positions Taken by the Board

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75 This item was informational only, and no action was taken.

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77 1) SB 775 (Ashby) Board of Psychology and Board of Behavioral Sciences
78 2) AB 489 (Bonta) Health care professions: deceptive terms or letters: artificial
79 intelligence.

80 3) SB 470 (Laird) Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act: teleconferencing.

81 4) SB 641 (Ashby) Department of Consumer Affairs and Department of Real Estate:
82 states of emergency: waivers and exemptions.

83 5) SB 579 (Padilla) Mental health and artificial intelligence working group.

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85 Dr. Casuga asked whether there had been any responsive feedback to the Board's
86 position letter on SB 579.

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88 Ms. Mancilla commented that the authors of the bill had not responded.

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90 Dr. Casuga called for Committee comment.

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92 Dr. Cervantes asked for the future that this update include the Board's current position
93 on the bills in question. She asked Mr. Burke whether there might be administrative
94 solutions to address issues that are not included in SB 775's amendments.

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96 Mr. Burke replied that staff could present such solutions at a future Board meeting.

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98 Dr. Casuga commented that all of these bills have a support position except SB 579,
99 which has a position of support-if-amended.

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101 Dr. Casuga called for public comment.

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103 Dr. Lisa Gunderson asked whether the Board was specifically recommending a clinical
104 psychologist to be included the working group as defined in SB 579.

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106 Dr. Casuga replied that the intention was only to ensure that the working group include
107 someone licensed by the Board.

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109 No further public comment was offered.

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111 Dr. Rodgers requested clarification on the positions of SB 775 and SB 579.

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113 Dr. Casuga confirmed that both bills have a position of support-if-amended.

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115 b) Watch Bills

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117 Ms. Mancilla provided the update on this item, starting on page 184 of the meeting
118 materials.

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120 1) AB 81 (Ta) Veterans: mental health

121 2) AB 257 (Flora) Specialty care networks: telehealth and other virtual services.

122 3) AB 277 (Alanis) Behavioral health centers, facilities, and programs: background
123 checks

124 4) AB 346 (Nguyen) In-home support services: licensed healthcare professional
125 certification.

126 5) SB 518 (Weber Pierson) Descendants of enslaved persons: reparations

127 6) AB 742 (Elhawary) Licensing: applicants who are descendants of slaves.

128 7) AB 479 (Tangipa) Criminal procedure: vacatur relief.

129 8) AB 985 (Ahrens) Anesthesiologist assistants.

130 9) AB 677 (Solache) Professions and vocations: license examinations: interpreters.

131 10) AB 82 (Ward) Health care: legally protected health care activity.

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133 Dr. Casuga called for Committee comment on AB 82.

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135 No Committee comments were offered.
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137 Dr. Casuga called for public comment on AB 82.
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139 Dr. Kevin Jervik asked for clarification as to what a watch bill was.
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141 Dr. Casuga explained that a watch bill is one that has been brought to the attention of
142 the Board by staff or stakeholders, but where no Board position has been asserted.
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144 Tyler Rinde of California Psychological Association (CPA) commented that CPA has
145 taken a support position on AB 82. He requested that the Board likewise take a support
146 position.
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148 No further public comment was offered.
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150 Ms. Mancilla provided an update on the remaining watch bills.
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152 Dr. Casuga commented on the Board's purpose in watching bills, saying that the Board
153 is always watching for anything that might change or affect its licensees e.g. the use of
154 the terms "Doctor" or "Dr."
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156 Dr. Casuga called for Committee comment on the remaining watch bills.
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158 It was (M)Cervantes(S)Casuga(C) to recommend that the Board take a support position
159 on AB 82.
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161 Dr. Casuga called for Committee comment.
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163 Dr. Cervantes commented that the matter of AB 82 was timely given recent violence
164 toward health care providers.
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166 Dr. Rodgers agreed with Dr. Cervantes.
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168 Dr. Casuga acknowledged staff efforts to act quickly to bring this matter up timely to
169 allow for discussion and action. She echoed Dr. Cervantes' sentiments that the Board
170 considers the safety of everybody, both the practitioners and consumers of
171 psychological services.
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173 Dr. Casuga called for public comment.
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175 Dr. J. Fishback asked for a synopsis of AB 82.
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177 Ms. Mancilla explained the intent and status of AB 82.

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179 Dr. Michelle Olson expressed gratitude to Mr. Rinde of CPA for bringing this discussion
180 up, and commented that this was a very important issue.

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182 No further public comment was offered.

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184 Dr. Rodgers described the rules of order that guided how a matter is brought up for a
185 Committee vote and subsequently brought up to the full Board at a later meeting.

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187 Votes
188 3 ayes (Casuga, Cervantes, Rodgers), 0 noes; Motion carried.

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190 **Agenda Item #6: Legislative Items for Future Meeting**

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192 Dr. Casuga called for Committee comment.

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194 No Committee comment was offered.

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196 Dr. Casuga called for public comment.

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198 No public comment was offered.

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200 Dr. Casuga commented that this item comes up on the agenda to allow legislative items
201 to be brought up for discussion on how they might impact board operations or the
202 practice of psychology.

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204 **Agenda Item #7: Regulatory Update, Review, and Consideration of Additional**
205 **Changes**

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207 This item was informational only, and no action was taken.

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209 Ms. Mancilla provided the update on this item, starting on page 336 of the meeting
210 materials.

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212 a) 16 CCR section 1395.2 – Disciplinary Guidelines and Uniform Standards Related to
213 Substance-Abusing Licensees

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215 b) 16 CCR sections 1380.3, 1381, 1381.1, 1381.2, 1381.4, 1381.5, 1382, 1382.3,
216 1382.4, 1382.5, 1386, 1387, 1387.1, 1387.2, 1387.3, 1387.4, 1387.5, 1387.6, 1387.10,
217 1388, 1388.6, 1389, 1389.1, 1391, 1391.1, 1391.3, 1391.4, 1391.5, 1391.6, 1391.8,
218 1391.11, and 1391.12 – Pathways to Licensure

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220 c) 16 CCR sections 1380.6, 1393, 1396, 1396.1, 1396.2, 1396.3, 1396.4, 1396.5, 1397,
221 1397.1, 1397.2, 1397.35, 1397.37, 1397.39, 1397.50, 1397.51, 1397.52, 1397.53,
222 1397.54, and 1397.55 - Enforcement Provisions

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224 d) 16 CCR sections 1397.35, 1397.37, 1397.39, and 1937.40 – Corporations

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e) 16 CCR sections 1381, 1387, 1387.10, 1388, 1388.6, 1389, and 1389.1 –
Implementation of AB 282

f) 16 CCR sections 1390 – 1390.14 – Research Psychoanalyst Regulation

g) 16 CCR section 1396.8 – Standards of Practice for Telehealth Services

Dr. Casuga called for Committee comment.

No Committee comment was offered.

Dr. Casuga called for public comment.

No public comment was offered.

Agenda Item #8: Recommendations for Agenda Items for Future Board Meetings

Dr. Casuga called for Committee comment.

No Committee comment was offered.

Dr. Casuga called for public comment.

No public comment was offered.

Dr. Casuga asked Dr. Rodgers to continue to bring the mindfulness exercise to future
Committee meetings.

CPD Credit for Meeting Attendance

Mr. Polk commented that attendance at the meeting provided 2 hours of CPD credit
under Category 1.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:26 am.