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President's Welcome

By Lea Tate, Psy.D., President, Board of Psychology



Welcome to the spring Board of Psychology newsletter and 2025!

Dr. Shacunda Rodgers and I are honored, grateful and humbled for being re-elected to the leadership roles within the Board. Dr. Rodgers continues to serve in the role as vice president with commitment, passion, and expertise. I am honored to continue to serve the Board as president. Thank

you to our dedicated Board members for trusting Dr. Rodgers and I to lead the Board through 2025. We have a lot of work to accomplish this year!

Looking ahead to our busy year, I would like to thank the members of the Sunset Review Committee: Dr. Stephen Phillips, Ms. Julie Nystrom, and Dr. Rodgers. This group spent time preparing the document that was sent to the California Legislature regarding what the Board has accomplished the past five years.

At our February 2025 meeting the Board appointed Jon Burke as its new executive officer. Mr. Burke has served as the Board's assistant executive officer since 2020.

Our 2025 board and committee meetings are updated on the Board's website: www.psychology.ca.gov. It has been fun to meet new people, putting faces to names, and listen to great public comments over the past several years. We look forward to seeing more new faces this year!

On a painful note, I would like to briefly speak to friends, family, colleagues, and neighbors affected by the recent Southern California fires that occurred in January. The devastation sustained is unimaginable and surreal. Please continue to listen and support each other. Rebuilding may take years but Californians are resilient and strong. We are known for pulling together to help our friends, family, and neighbors during difficult times.

I hope to see you at our next Board meeting on May 9 in Berkeley!

Lea Tate, Psy.D.



What My Grandmother Taught Me About Gratitude

By Shacunda Rodgers, Ph.D., Vice President, Board of Psychology

My maternal grandmother was my very first mindfulness teacher before I even knew what mindfulness and meditation were. She always embodied a certain

peacefulness, contentment, and reverence for stillness and solitude that I never quite understood or even fully appreciated as a child. She was the epitome of calm and serenity, which offered me sanctuary any time I was in her presence. Being near her always allowed me to settle—to find my bearing—to return to center. For these gifts, I will always be thankful. Above all of these wonderful qualities, there is a particular quality that was at the core of her being, gratitude.

Every single day, without fail, upon waking, the first words out of my Grandma's mouth were, "Thank you for another day of life." I have always been intrigued by the way that gratitude was her default at the start of every day, no matter what. Her gratitude is a stark contrast to my typical start to the day, which seems to be focusing on whatever ache, pain, or new facet of aging I'm meeting. But, as I have been reflecting on this topic of gratitude more as of late, the more I realize that gratitude, like anything else is a state of mind, a way of being, and a practice we can cultivate.

Broadly speaking, gratitude has the power to both open and enlarge the heart. It creates a sense of expansion and spaciousness, large enough to take in the totality of our lived experience rather than closing off. For me, the practice of gratitude is one of noticing how my heart opens when I am in a state of appreciation and how it closes in aversion to things I don't like or don't want. This can also happen somatically. Think about how the body softens and opens in response to those parts of life we welcome, and goes into a defensive posture in response to those things we'd rather push away.

We often spend so much of our lives turning away from our experience, preferring that it were a different way than how it truly is in any given moment. What would it be like, instead, to appreciate what this moment brings—even if the moment is hard? Can we whisper, "Thank you," no matter our circumstances, and really, truly mean it?

My grandmother also used to tell me all the time, "Shacunda, not everything adds up in dollars and cents." It was her way of reminding me that what makes life sweet and truly meaningful is not material or monetary, but in the everyday small things that bring us joy. That's what being rich is, resting in the abundance of all of our blessings, both big and small.

In the Mindful Self-Compassion course, students are instructed to make a list of the small and seemingly insignificant things that they might overlook, but actually bring a bit of sunshine to one's day-to-day life. The goal here is to get really granular about the smallest things, and see the ways in which they contribute to the experience of joy. What do you sometimes take for granted that you actually appreciate once you stop to call it to mind and heart? It might be a kind smile from the clerk at the grocery store, a beautiful sunset, a deep belly laugh, a favorite song on the radio, a delicious meal, a gentle breeze, or seeing the leaves change colors. When we slow down long enough to open our awareness, we see that these little things can add up quite quickly.

Gratitude can truly be a garden of beauty, giving rise to generosity, compassion and joy. It is medicine that can heal our hearts by helping us savor the good that is all around us. Not only that, it can remind us of the good that's within us and within one another. It has the power to help us not only see the good, but also to be the good in the world. This can be a wellspring for love.

I'll close with a passage by one of my favorite writers, scholars, and human beings, bell hooks. She writes, "Gratitude prepares the ground of our being for love, and it is good to see that in the end, when all is said and done, love prevails." May gratitude cultivate the healing power of joy and love in us all, opening our hearts, and deepening our capacity for compassion and connection. And, I send a deep bow of gratitude to my dear grandmother, who was the best teacher I ever had.



Continuing Professional Development Information

Continuing professional development (CPD) offers multiple categories for licensees to earn hours for renewal. The CPD requirements have been restructured into 15 activities grouped into four categories, with specific hour requirements for laws and ethics and cultural diversity/social justice.

CPD Requirements:

- As of January 1, 2024, licenses expiring thereafter must adhere to CPD to fulfill the 36-hour renewal requirement.
- With the exception of 100% American Board of Professional Psychology (ABPP) board certification, a licensee shall accrue hours during each renewal period from at least two of the four CPD activity categories.
- The 36-hour CPD requirements include the minimum four hours of laws and ethics, and the minimum four hours of cultural diversity/social justice.
 - » This requirement can be met using any combination of CPD categories.

CPD Resources

A full list of the categories and approved activities can be found [here](#).

To view a full list of CPD FAQs, visit our [website](#).

A recording of the CPD webinar that offered a comprehensive breakdown of CPD with a real-time Q&A session can be accessed on our website [here](#).

The Board offers a courtesy [CPD reporting form](#); however, licensees may use their own reporting form.

Board Meeting Attendance for CPD Credit

If looking to earn CPD hours by attending a Board or committee meeting, the Board Meeting/Event Calendar can be accessed on our website [here](#). If a meeting is posted as in-person, physical attendance is required to receive credit.

2025 Board Meeting Dates

February 27–28—Sacramento

May 9—Bay Area

August 22—San Diego

November 6–7—Riverside

To learn more about these updates or to get in touch with the CPD coordinator for further information, email BOPCE@dca.ca.gov.





Health Professions Education Fund Recipient Profile

The window to apply for a scholarship through the Licensed Mental Health Services Provider Education Program (LMH) opens on May 1, 2025. More information can be found at <https://hcai.ca.gov/workforce/financial-assistance/loan-repayment/lmhspep/> or by calling (916) 326-3700 or email HWDD-LRP@hcai.ca.gov.



By Raj Aurora

My journey into the realm of health care began with the foundational influence of my parents, who instilled in me the values of service and compassion from a young age. Their support led me to pursue medicine, equipped with a scholarship that enabled me to study in Europe and earn my M.D. physician degree without the burden of debt. This initial phase of my career was driven by a desire to make a tangible impact in the lives of those who needed it most.

Upon returning to India and later moving to the U.S. to practice, I was confronted with the reality of health care delivery: brief patient interactions that barely scratched the surface of their needs. This realization was particularly stark in my work with vulnerable communities, where the complexities of their situations demanded more than just medical interventions.

Driven by a deep-seated belief in the importance of comprehensive care, I transitioned from medicine to clinical psychology. This shift was motivated by my experiences in community services, where I saw firsthand the critical need for accessible mental health support. My new path allowed me to engage with individuals on a deeper level, addressing not only their immediate health concerns but also the underlying psychological and emotional challenges.

My grounding practices, rooted in the traditions of yoga and meditation from my upbringing in India, have been invaluable in this work. They have provided me with the resilience and balance necessary to support others effectively, especially when faced with the overwhelming challenges that often accompany work in community health services.

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The transition to psychology was also informed by my cultural background, which instilled in me a strong sense of community and the importance of mental wellness. Despite facing stigmas around mental health in my own community, I was driven by a commitment to change these perceptions and improve access to mental health services for vulnerable populations.

My personal battle with perfectionism, shaped by cultural and societal pressures, has further enriched my ability to empathize with those I serve. It has allowed me to connect on a more human level, offering not just clinical support but also understanding and compassion derived from my own experiences.

In my work with diverse and vulnerable communities, I approach each individual as a unique being, transcending societal labels to focus on their inherent worth and potential for healing. This approach has enabled me to build trust and foster a supportive environment where individuals feel seen, heard, and cared for.

My journey from medicine to psychology, driven by experiences in community services, is a reflection of my commitment to holistic and accessible health care. It underscores the importance of compassion, understanding, and culturally sensitive care in making a meaningful impact in the lives of those in vulnerable communities.

I extend my deepest gratitude to the Department of Health Care Access and Information (HCAI) for their invaluable support through the scholarship that has been instrumental in my journey. This gesture of faith and investment in my potential has not only facilitated my academic pursuits but has also significantly amplified my ability to serve those in need within our community. The HCAI's commitment to nurturing professionals dedicated to accessible and compassionate health care resonates deeply with my personal mission and has been a beacon of encouragement as I navigate the complexities and challenges of community service.

This scholarship represents more than just financial assistance; it embodies a shared vision of a world where health care, especially mental health services, is within reach of even the most vulnerable populations. It has empowered me to further my education and skills in clinical psychology, thereby enhancing my capacity to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those who often find themselves on the fringes of our health care system. The support from HCAI has been a pivotal force in my journey, enabling me to continue my work with renewed vigor and a deepened commitment to fostering a healthier, more inclusive community. For this, I am profoundly thankful.





Why It's Important to Keep Your Contact Information Up-to-Date

In light of the recent wildfire disaster in Southern California, it reminds us how important it is to make sure you have accurate contact information on file with the Board. While inaccurate contact information may seem like a minor inconvenience, it can have huge ramifications. It makes it difficult for the Board to reach you with important information regarding your license if there is incorrect or missing contact information on file. The Board utilizes the following to contact our 22,000 and growing number of licensees:

- **Address of Record (AOR):** The AOR is available to anyone who asks over the phone, in writing, or via the Board's website. Your AOR will be the address to which all Board correspondence (e.g., CPD audit notices, pocket licenses) will be sent. The Board recommends that you do not use your residence address as your AOR.
- **Confidential Address:** The confidential address is not made public. If the AOR is a post office box, or mail drop location, then a confidential physical business or residential address must also be reported.
- **Phone and/or Email:** Your phone number and email address is for the Board's internal use to contact you about your license or registration. This information will not be released to the public, nor will it be displayed online.

Pursuant to [California Code of Regulations 1380.5](#), it is your legal obligation to maintain an up-to-date address and email within 30 days after a change is made to those listed above. You may update your contact information online using BreZE, www.breZE.ca.gov. For information on how to log on, please visit www.psychology.ca.gov/about_us/breeze.shtml. You may also submit our *Notice of Change of Address* form available on our webpage, www.psychology.ca.gov/licensees/change_address.pdf.



Registered Research Psychoanalysts



Registered research psychoanalysts and student research psychoanalysts have successfully transitioned to the Board, effective January 1, 2025. The Board has worked closely with the Medical Board of California to ensure a smooth transition and all records have been transferred.

In September 2024, the Board hosted the Research Psychoanalyst Ad Hoc Committee Stakeholder Meeting to allow research psychoanalysts and other stakeholders an opportunity to address any concerns regarding the transition to the Board and future potential changes in registration requirements. While no substantive changes have taken place, any substantive changes will need to go through our statutory and regulatory review process, which will provide multiple opportunities for stakeholders to collaborate with Board staff. The Board encourages all stakeholders to join these conversations; the process promises to be transparent while allowing the Board to uphold its mission to protect consumers of psychological services in California.

If you have any questions related to the registration requirements of a research psychoanalyst or student research psychoanalyst, please reach out to our Licensing Unit at BOPLicensing@dca.ca.gov. If you have questions about a renewal, please reach out to our Renewals Unit at BOPRenewals@dca.ca.gov.

Stay tuned for updates over the coming legislative and regulatory cycles, and as always, we want to hear from you. Meeting dates and locations for 2025 are posted on the Board's website at www.psychology.ca.gov/about_us/meetings/index.shtml.



ASPPB

Association of State and
Provincial Psychology Boards

ASPPB's 2024–25 Outlook and Updates

As I look back on the Association of State and Provincial Board's (ASPPB) history, I am proud to see how the Association, which just entered its 65th year of existence, continues to evolve and show vitality, strength, and resilience through change and transformation. ASPPB's team continues to make progress in implementing our [Strategic Plan](#). Here is some of the progress to date to benefit our members in their commitment to public safety:

Website: The Association's updated [website](#) was launched in February 2025. The current site serves as our public face and a vital knowledge repository, connecting us with diverse national and international audiences. It plays a crucial informative role in the lives of member jurisdictions, students, licensure applicants, psychologists, psychology organizations, the public, and the media. The site is designed to improve user experience with easy navigation and forward-thinking content. It will assist you to find information easily on a dynamic platform, highlighting features and content of interest to jurisdictions, professionals, media, and the public. The website also features a new members-only area, PsyHub, with additional resources and information.

Member and Public Communications: ASPPB's new Communications and Engagement Department is working to provide more touchpoints and closer collaboration between the Association and its

constituents, generate richer content, and increase our footprint on LinkedIn, where the Association is ramping up its social media presence by highlighting our member jurisdictions and sharing valuable insights and posts.

Beyond the progress in implementing Strategic Plan initiatives, our Board of Directors concluded 2024 by issuing a call for volunteers for the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology Collaborative Implementation Task Force (EPPP CITF). This group of volunteers will take on vital aspects of a reimagined Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP) by gathering jurisdictional and other stakeholder input and feedback on implementing a reimagined EPPP as an integrated competency-based exam. The EPPP CITF will comprise 14 members, including delegate members, ASPPB liaisons, and representatives from ASPPB's Board of Directors and staff.

Looking forward to 2025, this year is filled with momentum, energy, and enthusiasm, and I feel grateful that ASPPB stands on the shoulders of so many talented professionals who have generously given their time over the past 65 years to further ASPPB's mission of supporting member jurisdictions in fulfilling their responsibility of public protection.

Mariann Burnetti-Atwell
Chief Executive Officer
ASPPB



Explanation of Disciplinary Language and Actions

Gross negligence: An extreme departure from the standard of care.

Incompetence: Lack of knowledge or skills in discharging professional obligations.

Public letter of reproof: Formal discipline that consists of a reprimand of a licensee that is a matter of public record for conduct in violation of the law.

Accusation: A formal, written statement of charges.

Stipulated settlement of decision: The case is formally negotiated and settled prior to hearing.

Surrender: To resolve a disciplinary action, the licensee has given up his or her license, subject to acceptance by the Board of Psychology.

Suspension from practice: The licensee is prohibited from practicing or offering to provide psychological services during the term of suspension.

Revoked: The right to practice has ended due to disciplinary action.

Revocation stayed, probation with terms and conditions: “Stayed” means the revocation is postponed. Professional practice may continue so long as the licensee complies with specific probationary terms and conditions. Violation of any term of probation may result in the revocation that was postponed.





Administrative Citations

September 31—December 31, 2024

Mitch Guarneros

Unlicensed, Calabasas

On October 1, 2024, the Board issued a citation containing an Order of Abatement and a fine in the amount of \$2,500 for allegedly engaging in unlicensed psychotherapy. He allegedly used various therapeutic techniques, including Brainspotting, to work with a client on childhood sexual abuse trauma, which requires formal licensure. The Order of Abatement required him to cease all misrepresentation as a psychologist, discontinue unlicensed practice, and review Business and Professions Code section 2903 before submitting a signed statement under penalty of perjury confirming compliance.

Anna Clayton Runkle

Unlicensed, San Francisco

On October 16, 2024, the Board issued a citation containing an Order of Abatement and a fine in the amount of \$2,500 for alleged unauthorized practice of psychology. She allegedly advertised her group as offering treatment for complex PTSD (C-PTSD) and accepted payments for these services, constituting unlicensed psychological practice. The Order of Abatement required her to cease all practice requiring licensure and remove treatment plans for C-PTSD from her service offerings, then review Business and Professions Code section 2903 before submitting a signed statement under penalty of perjury confirming compliance.

Krystal H. Parrish, Ph.D.

Unlicensed, Sacramento

On October 2024, the Board issued a citation containing an Order of Abatement and a fine in the amount of \$2,500 for allegedly misleading advertising and unlicensed practice. She allegedly marketed herself as a “psychologist” and “psychotherapist” and provided services requiring licensure, misleading the public. The Order of Abatement required her to cease all misrepresentation as a psychologist, discontinue

all practice requiring a license, and review Business and Professions Code sections 2902, 2903, 2960(g), 2960(n), and 17500 before submitting a signed statement under penalty of perjury confirming compliance.

Beatrix Sibylle Wagner, Psy.D.

PSY 23746, Westlake Village

On October 25, 2024, the Board issued a citation containing an Order of Abatement and a fine in the amount of \$1,000 for allegedly failing to respond to multiple requests from the Board regarding an investigation. The Order of Abatement required her to respond to the Board's inquiry and review Business and Professions Code section 2960(k) and California Code of Regulations 1397.2(c), then submit a signed statement under penalty of perjury confirming compliance.

Antonius D. Brandon, Psy.D.

PSY 12281, Loma Linda

On October 25, 2024, the Board issued a citation containing an Order of Abatement and a fine in the amount of \$750 for allegedly failing to respond to a minor patient's mother, who made multiple attempts to contact him after receiving a copy of his evaluation of her son. Ethical guidelines require psychologists to take reasonable steps to avoid harm and explain assessment results to clients or their representatives. The Order of Abatement required him to review Business and Professions Code section 2960(k) and APA Ethical Principles, including standards on avoiding harm and explaining assessment results, then submit a signed statement under penalty of perjury confirming compliance.

Cassidy F. Blair, Psy.D.

PSY 22022, Beverly Hills

On November 5, 2024, the Board issued a citation containing an Order of Abatement and a fine in the amount of \$750 for alleged unprofessional conduct related to the use of social media in her professional practice. She allegedly allowed her staff to screen and interact with potential clients on her behalf via social media rather than addressing inquiries directly. She was also aware of an issue with a problematic potential client in an online forum but failed to act responsibly, allowing unprofessional exchanges.

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between her staff and the potential client. This conduct would constitute a violation of professional standards, diminishing public confidence in the field of psychology. The Order of Abatement required her to complete three (3) Continuing Education Units (CEUs) related to social media in professional practice and submit proof of completion. Additionally, she was required to review and familiarize herself with Business and Professions Code sections 2960(i), 2960(j), 2960(k), and 17500, as well as APA Ethics Code Standard 5.04 (Media Presentations), and provide a signed statement under penalty of perjury confirming compliance.

Janice Domaschenz

PSY 94027625, San Diego

On November 18, 2024, the Board issued a citation containing an Order of Abatement and a fine in the amount of \$2,000 for allegedly engaging in the unlicensed practice of psychology. From February 27, 2022, to April 4, 2023, she allegedly continued to provide psychological services to approximately 25 clients per week despite the expiration of her registration. The Order of Abatement required her to review and familiarize herself with Business and Professions Code sections 2902, 2903, and 2913, as well as California Code of Regulations section 1391.12, and submit a signed statement under penalty of perjury confirming compliance.

Ina Von Ber, Ph.D.

PSY 20079, La Jolla

On November 27, 2024, the Board issued a citation containing an Order of Abatement and a fine in the amount of \$500 for allegedly failing to recognize primary ethical obligations in her business model, which may have placed patients at risk of harm or exploitation. The Order of Abatement required her to review and familiarize herself with APA Ethical Principles and submit a signed statement under penalty of perjury confirming compliance.

Jennifer Eggert, Ph.D.

PSY 21422, San Francisco

On December 13, 2024, the Board issued a citation containing an Order of Abatement and a fine in the amount of \$1,000 for allegedly failing to respond to multiple inquiries from the Board regarding an

ongoing investigation. Despite multiple letters sent in 2023 and 2024, she failed to provide a response, which constituted unprofessional conduct. The Order of Abatement required her to respond to the Board's inquiry and review Business and Professions Code section 2960(k) and California Code of Regulations 1397.2(c), then submit a signed statement under penalty of perjury confirming compliance.

Carolyn F. Crimmins, Psy.D.

PSY 23205, Santa Rosa

On December 16, 2024, the Board issued a citation containing an Order of Abatement and a fine in the amount of \$5,000 for allegedly failing to conduct timely neurodevelopmental evaluations for children, which resulted in a delay of treatment by approximately two academic years. Additionally, she allegedly failed to notify the children's parent that she would not be conducting the evaluations, causing further delays in intervention. Furthermore, she allegedly included partial confidential information, such as a Social Security Number, in a report, constituting a breach of privacy. The Order of Abatement required her to review and familiarize herself with the relevant Business and Professions Code provisions and APA ethical standards, then provide a signed statement under penalty of perjury confirming completion.

Elena Eustache

Unlicensed, Beverly Hills

On December 30, 2024, the Board issued a citation containing an Order of Abatement and a fine in the amount of \$2,500 for allegedly engaging in unlicensed psychological practice. She allegedly provided individual and couples counseling, as well as neurofeedback therapy, and treated conditions such as depression, anxiety, ADHD, and PTSD. The Order of Abatement required her to cease all misrepresentation as a psychologist, discontinue all practice requiring licensure, and review Business and Professions Code section 2903 before submitting a signed statement under penalty of perjury confirming compliance.



Disciplinary Actions

September 31–December 31, 2024

Surrender

David P. Pingitore, Ph.D.

PSY 13778, Oakland

On November 8, 2024, the Board accepted the voluntary surrender of David P. Pingitore, Ph.D.'s psychologist license (PSY 13778), following formal accusations of gross negligence, unprofessional conduct, and practicing outside the boundaries of his competence. The case arose from his fitness-for-duty evaluations of a deaf and visually impaired patient in 2017 and 2018. The Board found that he failed to ensure proper accommodations, misrepresented the patient's medical history, and did not take appropriate steps to obtain the necessary competence for evaluating a deaf patient. His assessments contained critical deficiencies, such as inappropriate test selection and a lack of understanding of the patient's disability-related needs.

Denial of Licensure

Emily E. Mes, Psy.D.

Application Denied, Sacramento

On August 19, 2024, the Board denied the application of Emily E. Mes, Psy.D, for registration as a psychological associate. The denial was based on findings that she engaged in unprofessional conduct, including overfamiliar behavior with an inmate/patient, dishonesty during an investigation, and failure to notify the Board of her resignation from employment and termination of her supervision agreement. Evidence showed that she knowingly communicated with an inmate/patient via text messages through a third-party (the inmate's family member), an extreme departure from the standard of care. Additionally, she denied these communications during an official California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation investigation, providing misleading and deceptive statements.





2024 Legislative Advisories

AB 2270 (Maienschein): Continuing education: Menopausal mental or physical health

This bill allows medical providers including psychologist to have the option to take a course in menopausal mental and physical health as part of the continuing education or professional development requirements.

The bill was signed by the governor on September 27, 2024, and became effective January 1, 2025.

Board Position: Support

To view the text of the bill, click here:

[AB 2270 Continuing education: menopausal mental or physical health](#)

AB 2581 (Maienschein): Continuing education: Maternal mental health

This bill allows medical providers including psychologists to have the option to take coursework in maternal mental health to satisfy continuing education or professional development requirements.

The bill was signed by the governor on September 28, 2024, and became effective January 1, 2025.

Board Position: Support

To view the text of the bill, click here:

[AB 2581 Continuing education: maternal mental health](#)

AB 2703 (Aguiar-Curry): Federally qualified health centers and rural health clinics: psychological associates

This bill amended the current law to allow psychological associates to perform services in Federally Qualified Health Centers and Rural Health Centers and allow the centers to be reimbursed for the services.

The bill was signed by the governor on September 27, 2024, and became effective on January 1, 2025.

Board Position: Support

To view the text of the bill, click here:

[AB 2703 Federally qualified health centers and rural health clinics: psychological associates](#)

SB 1451 (Ashby): Professions and vocations

This bill clarified that no person shall use the words “doctor” or “physician,” the letters or prefix Dr., the initials M.D. or D.O., or any other terms or letters indicating or implying that the person is a physician and surgeon, physician, surgeon, or practitioner in a health care setting that would lead a reasonable patient to determine that person is a licensed M.D. or D.O. The bill allows a person holding a current and active license under another chapter, or any initiative act referred to the use of the title is consistent with the act governing the practice of that license, and a person who uses the word “doctor” or the prefix “Dr.” is not associated with any claim of entitlement to practice medicine or any other professional service for which the title would be untrue or misleading pursuant to Section 17500.

The bill was signed by the governor on September 22, 2024, and became effective January 1, 2025.

Board Position: Support

To view the text of the bill, click here:

[SB 1451 Professions and vocations](#)

SB 1526 Consumer Affairs: Committee on Business, Professions and Economic Development

This bill amended Health and Safety Codes (HSC) 1374.72, 124260 and 128454, by removing the outdated registration category for “registered psychologist” and amend the registration title “psychological assistant” by replacing the category with the current title of “psychological associate.”

The bill was signed by the governor on September 22, 2024, and became effective January 1, 2024.

Board Position: Support

To view the text of the bill, click here:

[SB 1526 Consumer affairs](#)



Regulatory Update

Below are the Board's pending regulatory changes and their status in the formal rulemaking process.

Title 16 CCR Section 1395.2—Disciplinary Guidelines and Uniform Standards Related to Substance-Abusing Licensees

Status: Production Phase. Review of the proposed regulatory language at the May 19, 2023 Board meeting was postponed to the August 18, 2023 Board meeting. At the August 18, 2023, Board meeting the Board voted to adopt the proposed regulatory language and staff is preparing the initial submission documents for DCA and Agency review before filing with OAL for notice publication.

This regulatory package does the following:

Updates the Board's disciplinary guidelines including conforming changes required by the passage of AB 2138, the Board's new regulations regarding criminal convictions and substantial relationship criteria, and the Department's Uniform Standards for Substance Abusing Licensees.

Title 16 CCR sections 1380.3, 1381.1, 1381.2, 1381.4, 1381.5, 1382, 1382.3, 1382.4, 1382.5, 1386, 1387, 1387.1, 1387.2, 1387.3, 1387.4, 1387.5, 1391, 1391.1, 1391.3, 1391.4, 1391.5, 1391.6, 1391.8, 1391.11, and 1391.12 – Pathways to Licensure

Status: Drafting Phase. This phase includes preparation of the regulatory package and collaborative reviews by Board staff and legal counsel.

This regulatory package does the following:

Streamlines the licensing process and removes unnecessary barriers for applicants and the supervisors who support their training.

Title 16 CCR sections 1380.6, 1393, 1396, 1396.1, 1396.2, 1396.4, 1396.5, 1397, 1397.1, 1397.2, 1397.35, 1397.37, 1397.39, 1397.50, 1397.51, 1397.52, 1397.53, 1397.54, 1397.55—Enforcement Provisions

Status: Drafting Phase. This phase includes preparation of the regulatory package and collaborative reviews by Board staff and legal counsel.

This regulatory package does the following:

This regulatory package would update the Board's enforcement provisions.

Title 16 CCR sections 1397.35–1397.40—Corporations

Status: Drafting Phase. This phase includes preparation of the regulatory package and collaborative reviews by Board staff and legal counsel.

This regulatory package does the following:

This regulatory package would update the Board's requirements for professional corporations provisions.

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Title 16 CCR sections 1381, 1387, 1387.10, 1388, 1388.6, 1389, and 1389.1—Implementing AB 282

Drafting Phase. This phase includes preparation of the regulatory package and collaborative reviews by Board staff and legal counsel. On May 19, 2023, the Board approved the statutory and regulatory changes that would implement the EPPP part 2 Skills Exam, effective January 1, 2026, along with the AB 282 (Aguiar-Curry, Ch. 45, Stat. of 2023) mandates that allow applicants as specified to take any and all examinations required for licensure. On May 10, 2024, Board approved amended regulatory language.

On October 22, 2024, the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) paused the decision to make EPPP a two-part exam effective on January 1, 2026. Board staff will pause the regulatory work related to implementing EPPP Part 2 based on this new development.

As this regulatory package originally serves a dual purpose, Board staff are working on a separate regulatory package to implement the mandates of AB 282 and bring it to the Board for review and discussion in future meetings. With this change, the anticipated implementation date would be tentatively postponed to 2027.

This regulatory package does the following:

This regulatory package updates the regulatory sections needed to implement the provisions of AB 282.

Title 16 CCR 1367, 1367.1, 1367.2, 1368, 1369, 1370, 1371, 1373, 1373.1, 1374, 1375, 1376, 1376.1, 1377, 1377.5, 1378, 1378.5—Research Psychoanalyst

Status: Drafting Phase. This phase includes preparation of the regulatory package and collaborative reviews by Board staff and legal counsel. On May 10, 2024, the Board approved adoption of regulations for research psychoanalyst. On August 16, 2024, the Board approved the revised language, and Board Staff is currently finalizing the package for the initial submission.

This regulatory package does the following:

This regulatory package updates the current regulations for research psychoanalyst from the Medical Board of California regulations.

Title 16 CCR 1396.8—Standards of Practice for Telehealth Services

Status: Drafting Phase. This phase includes preparation of the regulatory package and collaborative reviews by Board staff and legal counsel. On February 27, 2025, the Board approved adoption of regulations for the standards of practice for telehealth services.

This regulatory package does the following:

This regulatory package updates the current regulations for standards of practices of telehealth regulatory language.

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