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Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council Meeting Agenda October 14, 2025, 10am

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Please note that the Council may request input during the meeting from any interested parties or members of the public during its discussion of an agenda item.

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The Council may discuss and take action concerning any matter on the agenda and in a different order from what it appears herein. Additionally, items may be voted on individually or as a group, at the direction of the Chair or upon the request of a member.

There may be a quorum of the members from each of the following boards present at the Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council meeting: the Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists; the Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners; the Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists; and the Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors.

Council Meeting Agenda for October 14, 2025 at 10am

1. Call to Order (includes roll call and excusal of absences, if necessary)
2. Chairman's Report, Announcements, and Invited Testimony. In connection with this agenda item, the Council will recognize and present an agency resolution and gubernatorial proclamation honoring Chairwoman Gloria Canseco for her service as the inaugural presiding member.
3. General Public Comments – Public comment is limited to three (3) minutes per person, unless otherwise directed by the Presiding Member. At the discretion of the Presiding Member, comments on a specific topic may be heard at a designated time or when the relevant agenda item is reached. Please note that the Council may not discuss or take action on any matter raised during public comment that is not on the agenda, except to decide whether to place the matter on the agenda of a future meeting.
4. Informational Items. *Topics and items under this section are intended to provide the Council with updates or information.*
 - a. Annual and Q4 Performance Measures and calculations for FY2025.
 - b. Year-to-Date Financial Report.
 - c. Report on licensing operations.
 - d. Report on enforcement operations.
 - e. Agreed Orders and Dismissals for prior fiscal-quarter(s).
 - f. Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact (PSYPACT) Update.
 - g. ASWB's Overview of the 2024 Social Work Workforce Study Series
 - h. July 21, 2025 SAO Desk Audit Report on Controls Over Expenditure Processing
 - i. U.S. Dept. of Justice approves fingerprint background checks for LPC Associates
 - j. Report on HB3130 (88th Leg.) implementation costs.
 - k. Annual Financial Report for FY2025
5. Action Items. *Topics and items under this section may require discussion or action.*
 - a. Review and consideration of licensing and disciplinary recommendations from member boards. *Recommendations are eligible for review, regardless of whether they are listed in this document, if they have been made by a member board in an open meeting.*
 - b. Update on implementation of online CE management system for licensees, including outreach efforts and the mandatory effective date for system use during license renewal.
 - c. Establish criteria for evaluating artificial intelligence systems seeking participation in the regulatory sandbox. Agency staff will begin rulemaking to develop criteria under Section

553.052 of the Business and Commerce Code. Council may discuss whether to establish ad hoc committee to assist with rule development process.

- d. Update on implementation efforts for SB1 budget rider regarding development of Spanish language exam for social work applicants.
- e. Review and consideration of revised travel policy.
- f. Review and consideration of *Guidelines for Use of New Technologies or Emerging Practices*.
- g. Review and consideration of *Guidelines for Practice Monitors (Council-Ordered Supervision)*.
- h. Discussion of Pending Litigation. The Council will convene in a closed session to discuss the lawsuit *Youniacutt, et al v. Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners, et al* filed in Travis County District Court on November 13, 2024. This closed session is authorized under Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, which permits private consultation with legal counsel on matters involving pending or contemplated litigation.

6. Rulemaking - Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council

- a. Review and consideration of the following proposed rule changes:
 - i. 881.2 Definitions
 - ii. 882.42 Ineligibility Due to Criminal History
 - iii. 882.60 Special Provisions Applying to Military Service Members, Veterans, and Spouses
 - iv. 882.61 Special Licensing Provisions for Service Members and Military Spouses
 - v. 884.11 Informal Conferences
 - vi. 885.1 Executive Council Fees
- b. Consideration and possible adoption of the following proposed rule changes:
 - i. 882.1 Application Process
 - ii. 882.2 General Application File Requirements
 - iii. 882.21 License Statuses

7. Rulemaking - Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists:

- a. Review and consideration of the following proposed rule changes:
 - i. 801.2 Definitions
 - ii. 801.57 Child Custody Evaluations
 - iii. 801.112 General Academic Requirements
 - iv. 801.113 Academic Requirements
 - v. 801.204 Licensing of Military Service Members, Military Veterans, and Military Spouses
- b. Consideration and possible adoption of the following proposed rule changes:
Proposed rule changes being considered for adoption herein may be proposed anew based upon the member board's recommendation in an open meeting held after

publication of this agenda.

- i. 801.44 Relationships with Clients
- vi. 801.142 Requirements and Conditions
- vii. 801.143 Supervisor Requirements

8. Rulemaking - Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists:

- a. Review and consideration of the following proposed rule changes:
 - i. 463.8 Licensed Psychological Associate
 - ii. 463.9 Licensed Specialist in School Psychology
 - iii. 463.11 Supervised Experience Required for Licensure as a Psychologist
 - iv. 463.20 Special Provisions Applying to Military Service Members, Veterans, and Spouses
 - v. 463.30 Examinations Required for Licensure
 - vi. 465.1 Definitions
 - vii. 465.2 Supervision
 - viii. 465.18 Forensic Services
 - ix. 465.21 Termination of Services
 - x. 465.38 Psychological Services for Schools
- b. Consideration and possible adoption of the following proposed rule changes:
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 - i. 465.2 Supervision
 - ii. 465.34 Providing Mental Health Services to Those Served by Others

9. Rulemaking - Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors:

- a. Review and consideration of the following proposed rule changes:
 - i. 681.53 Child Custody Evaluation, Adoption Evaluation, and Evaluations in Contested Adoptions
 - ii. 681.114 Licensing of Military Service Members, Military Veterans, and Military Spouses
- b. Consideration and possible adoption of the following proposed rule changes:
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 - i. 681.91 LPC Associate License. *The member board recommended withdrawal of this proposed rule change at its Sept. 19th meeting.*
 - ii. 681.93 Supervisor Requirements. *The member board recommended withdrawal of this proposed rule change at its Sept. 19th meeting.*

10. Rulemaking - Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners:

- a. Review and consideration of the following proposed rule changes:
 - i. 781.102 Definitions
 - ii. 781.302 The Practice of Social Work
 - iii. 781.303 Rule of Practice
 - iv. 781.322 Child Custody Evaluations
 - v. 781.401 Qualification for Licensure
 - vi. 781.402 Clinical Supervision for LCSW and Non-Clinical Supervision for Independent Practice Recognition (*Repeal and Replace*)
 - vii. 781.402 Recognition as a Supervisor (*New Version*)
 - viii. 781.403 Independent Practice Recognition (Non-Clinical) (*Repeal and Replace*)
 - ix. 781.403 Types of Supervision (*New Version*)
 - x. 781.404 Recognition as a Council-approved Supervisor and the Supervision Process
 - xi. 781.405 Application for Licensure (*Repeal and Replace*)
 - xii. 781.405 Clinical Supervision for Licensed Clinical Social Worker (*New Version*)
 - xiii. 781.406 Required Documentation of Qualifications for Licensure (*Repeal and Replace*)
 - xiv. 781.406 Independent Practice Recognition (*New Version*)
 - xv. 781.407 Prohibited Independent Practice
 - xvi. 781.419 Licensing of Military Service Members, Military Veterans, and Military Spouses
 - xvii. 781.805 Schedule of Sanctions
- b. Consideration and possible adoption of the following proposed rule changes:
Proposed rule changes being considered for adoption herein may be proposed anew based upon the member board's recommendation in an open meeting held after publication of this agenda.
 - i. No rules for consideration under this topic.

11. Report from Member Boards regarding current or future issues that may impact the profession or the agency's regulatory functions.

12. Recommendations for agenda items for the next Council meeting.

13. Adjournment

Addendum: Additional Videoconference and Telephone Conference Call Information

When: Oct 14, 2025 10:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

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