

TEXAS STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS



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TEXAS STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS FULL BOARD MEETING AGENDA Friday, January 30, 2026 9:00 a.m.

The January 30, 2026 meeting of the Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors will be held by videoconference call, as authorized under Texas Government Code §551.127. The presiding officer will be physically present at 1801 Congress Avenue, Suite 4.300, Austin, Texas 78701 which will be open to the public. In the event of internet connectivity problems, the physical meeting location will be moved to 1801 Congress Avenue, Suite 7.102 or 7.301, Austin, Texas 78701. These alternate locations will also be open to the public, but seating is limited to first come, first served. Due to the size of these alternate meeting rooms, public seating will be limited by their relative occupancy ratings.

In lieu of attending in person, members of the public are encouraged to access and participate virtually in this meeting by entering the URL address: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89813343659> into their web browser. Telephone access numbers and additional videoconference call access information can be found in the attached addendum. An electronic copy of the agenda and meeting materials will be made available at www.bhec.texas.gov prior to the meeting. A recording of the meeting will be made available on the Council's YouTube channel after the meeting is adjourned. To obtain a copy of the recording, please contact the Council's public information officer at open.records@bhec.texas.gov.

For members of the public who wish to give public comment, after the meeting convenes and the public comment item is reached on the agenda, the presiding member will allow those who are attending in person to give public comment first and then ask those joining by computer to use the "raise hand" feature to indicate who would like to make a public comment. Those individuals who raise their hand will then be allowed to unmute and give public comment. Once all of the individuals with raised hands have been given an opportunity to make public comment, the individuals appearing by telephone will be asked whether they would like to make a public comment. (Those attending by phone use *6 to unmute.) Please note that public comment is not intended for a discussion or a question-and-answer session with the board. Additionally, when making a public comment, please identify yourself and whether you are speaking individually or on behalf of an organization. All public comments will be limited to 3 minutes, unless otherwise directed by the presiding officer. In lieu of providing public comment during the meeting, you may submit written public comments via <https://forms.office.com/r/RuJYLdfbp5>. Only those written public comments received by 5 p.m. on the last business day prior to the meeting will be submitted to the board members for their consideration. No written comments received will be read aloud during the meeting.

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Please note: The board 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 board may go into Executive Session to deliberate any item listed on this agenda if authorized under Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code, Ch. 551. The board may discuss and take action concerning any matter on the agenda and in a different order from what it appears herein.

1. Call to Order.

Includes roll call and excusal of absences if necessary.

2. Welcome and announcements.

Includes items of public interest and concern.

3. Public Comment.

Comments will be received from individuals attending in person, by virtual meeting, and by phone.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – NO ACTIONS WILL BE TAKEN.

4. Reports on general matters.

a. Report from the Board Chair.

May include discussion of current challenges and accomplishments; lawsuits; interaction with stakeholders, state officials, and staff; committee appointments and functions; workload of Board members; conferences; and general information regarding the routine functioning of the Board.

b. Report from the Board's Delegates to the Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council.

May include discussion regarding the activities of the Executive Council, including recently proposed or adopted rules.

c. Report from the Board Administrator and other staff.

May include discussion of operations, organization, and staffing; workload processing and statistical information; customer service accomplishments, inquiries, and challenges; media, legislative, and stakeholder contacts and concerns; special projects; and general information regarding the routine functioning of the program.

d. Reports from Committees

1) Rules Committee – (Dr. Stubblefield)

5. Discussion and Clarification Regarding Texas Family Code and Mandatory Reporting Requirements.

MATTERS FOR POTENTIAL BOARD ACTION

6. Discussion and vote to nominate and elect a professional board member to serve on the Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council, in accordance with §881.4(b).

7. Licensing matters.

May include discussion of licensing regulations and operations as they pertain to application processing.

a. Board review and possible action on appeal of license applications

8. Examination matters.

May include reports from the Board's jurisprudence exam vendor, national exam administrator (CCE/NBCC), and discussion of exam content and format.

a. Board review and possible action related to changes in the Board's jurisprudence exam.

9. Enforcement matters.

May include discussion of quarterly enforcement activities, as well as discussion of agreed orders executed or cases dismissed by the Council's Executive Director.

a. Board review and possible action regarding contested cases from State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH).

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b. Board review and possible action regarding agreed orders to be executed by the Board.

10. Rulemaking.

May include discussion and referral of potential rule changes to the Rules Committee, as well as discussion of the status of rule proposals sent to the Executive Council.

a. Proposed Adoption of Rules: *Discussion and possible action to recommend adoption of new rules, amendments, or repeal of rules in Title 22 of the Texas Administrative Code:*

1) §681.53 Child Custody Evaluation, Adoption Evaluation, and Evaluations in Contested Adoptions

2) §681.114 Licensing of Military Service Members, Military Veterans, and Military Spouses

11. Recommendations for agenda items for the next meeting.

12. Adjournment.

Addendum: Additional Videoconference and Telephone Conference Call Information

When: Jan 30, 2026 09:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

Topic: Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors January 30, 2025 Full Board Meeting

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