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Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council Meeting Agenda June 16, 2026, 10am

The June 16, 2026 meeting of the Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council will be held by videoconference call, as authorized under Texas Government Code section 551.127. One or more Council members may appear at the scheduled meeting via videoconference call, but the presiding member will be physically present at 1801 Congress, Ste. 4.300, Austin, Texas 78701. In the event of internet connectivity problems, the physical meeting location may be moved to 1801 Congress Ave., Ste. 7.102 or 7.301, Austin, Texas 78701. These alternate locations will be open to the public, but seating is limited to first come, first served. Please note that public seating in meeting rooms is limited by the occupancy rating.

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/88470405769> 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 wishing to give public comment, once the public comment item is reached on the agenda after the meeting convenes, 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 unmuted to give public comment. Please note that public comment is not intended for a discussion or a question-and-answer session with the Council. 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 by [clicking here](#). Only those written public comments received by 12pm on the last business day prior to the meeting will be submitted to the council members for their consideration. No written comments received will be read aloud during the meeting.

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 go into Executive Session regarding any item listed on this agenda if authorized under Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code, Ch. 551.

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 June 16, 2026 at 10am

1. Call to Order (includes roll call and excusal of absences, if necessary)
2. Chairman's Report, Announcements, and Invited Testimony.
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. Q2 and Q3 Performance Measures and calculations for FY2026.
 - 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. Overview of current major projects and rulemaking efforts, including executive staff prioritization. *This item is intended to give the Council insight into staff workload and capacity.*
 - h. Results from 2026 Survey of Employee Engagement
 - i. Report on Customer Service for 2025
 - j. Chiles v. Salazar, No. 24-539, slip op. (U.S. 2026)
 - k. OAG Opinion No. KP-0518
 - l. 2nd Amendment to Test Administration Services Agreement with NBCC recognizing Spanish language versions of NCE and NCMHCE licensing exams.
 - m. Texas Regulatory Efficiency Office Guides and Manuals
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 efforts for SB1 budget rider regarding development of Spanish language exam for social work applicants.

- c. Evaluation of the Executive Director's job performance, together with any personnel action warranted following the evaluation. *The evaluation portion of the meeting will take place in closed session pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Government Code, but any personnel action will take place during the public meeting.*
- d. Review and approval of 2027-2031 Strategic Plan.
- e. Review and approve exceptional items for 2028-2029 Legislative Appropriations Request.
- f. Review and approve Request for Proposal (RFP) for the development and administration of a Texas-owned psychology licensure examination.
- g. Discussion regarding the effectiveness and user experience of the current online renewal process, including the interaction between the online licensing system, jurisprudence examination registration process, and continuing education management system, CE Broker, as well as associated administrative benefits and challenges. *Discussion to be led by Councilman Taylor.*
- h. Review and adopt AI Code of Ethics and Complaint Process for AI Systems
- i. Review and adopt Policy on Minimum Standards for Heightened Scrutiny Artificial Intelligence Systems
- j. Discussion of Pending Litigation. The Council may 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. 882.6 Limitations on Number of Examination Attempts
 - ii. 882.36 Compliance with State and Federal Law
 - iii. 884.13 Procedures Regarding Complaints Filed Against Council or Board Members
 - iv. 884.31 Notice to the Public of Complaint Process
- b. Consideration and possible adoption of the following proposed rule changes:
 - i. No rules for consideration under this topic.

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. 801.44 Relationship with Clients
 - iii. 801.47 Drug and Alcohol Use
 - iv. 801.53 Advertising and Announcements
 - v. 801.54 Research and Publications
 - vi. 801.58 Technology-Assisted Services
 - vii. 801.142 Supervised Clinical Experience Requirements and Conditions

- 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.

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

- a. Review and consideration of the following proposed rule changes:

- i. No rules for consideration under this topic.

- b. Consideration and possible adoption of the following proposed rule changes:
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- i. No rules for consideration under this topic.

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

- a. Review and consideration of the following proposed rule changes:

- i. 681.91 LPC Associate License
 - ii. 681.92 Experience Requirements
 - iii. 681.93 Supervisor Requirements

- b. Consideration and possible adoption of the following proposed rule changes:
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- i. No rules for consideration under this topic.

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

- a. Review and consideration of the following proposed rule changes:

- i. 781.313 Competency and the Required Basis for Professional Judgments

- b. Consideration and possible adoption of the following proposed rule changes:
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- 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: Jun 16, 2026 10:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

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