

AZBBHE MISSION STATEMENT

To establish and maintain standards of qualifications and performance for licensed behavioral health professionals in the fields of counseling, marriage and family therapy, social work and addiction counseling and to regulate the practice of licensed behavioral health professionals for protection of the public.

BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EXAMINERS
NOTICE & AGENDA FOR REGULAR SESSION PUBLIC MEETING

Scheduled for December 13, 2024 at 9:00 AM

1740 West Adams Street, Boardroom C, Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the general public and to members of the Arizona State Board of Behavioral Health Examiners that the Board will hold a regular meeting open to the public on the date and at the time indicated above. A full meeting agenda and list of applications to be considered can be found online at www.azbbhe.us or in the lobby of the Board's office building in the binder adjacent to the case displaying meeting notifications.

The Board reserves the right to change the order of items on the agenda, except for those matters set for a specific time. The formal hearings and formal interviews are scheduled to be heard during specific time blocks. The Board Chairperson, however, reserves the right to call cases in random order. Please note that the recommendations listed on the agenda are merely suggested Board actions. Those recommendations do not become final until adopted by the Board. The Board has the authority to accept, reject or modify any recommendation listed on the agenda.

The Board, upon a majority vote of a quorum of the members, may hold an Executive Session on any of the listed agenda items to discuss or consider records exempt by law from public inspection, including the receipt and discussion of information or testimony that is specifically required to be maintained as confidential by state and federal law, or to obtain legal advice. A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(2) and (3). Executive Sessions are not open to the public.

The Board usually allows 3 – 5 minutes per person for public comment on any agenda item: however, depending on the issue presented, the Board Chairperson has the discretion to expand that time.

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If you need to speak to a member of the Board staff regarding an agenda item, please contact Allison Taylor at 602-542-1928 or the TDD number at 800-367-8939.

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

1. Call to order

2. Roll call (staff)

3. Minutes: review, consideration and action.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(2), any discussion of the executive session minutes will take place in executive session.

A. November 1, 2024, general meeting minutes

4. Consent Agenda:

Consent agenda items may be considered for approval as a single action unless a Board member or interested party wishes to remove an item for discussion.

The Board may go into executive session to discuss confidential records pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(2) or to obtain legal advice pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3).

A. Cases recommended for dismissal.

The Board will review, discuss, and may vote to take action on the following case(s):

1. 2025-0054, Travis Foley, LAC-21727
2. 2024-0323, Adriane Miles, LAC-14149
3. 2024-0368, Ashley Ramos, LMSW-22125
4. 2025-0070, Gregory Sanders, LAC-20722
5. 2024-0031, Kristy Schutt, LMSW-16343
6. 2025-0125, Christopher Stewart, LAC-17396
7. 2024-0385, Kaitlyn Tiegs, LMSW-20298
8. 2024-0289, Brittainy Warne-Murphy, LCSW-12942
9. 2025-0068, Dalena Watson, LPC-11965

B. Cases recommended for dismissal with a letter of concern.

The Board will review, discuss, and may vote to take action on the following case(s):

1. 2024-0283, 2024-0298, Mark Anton, LPC-20061
2. 2025-0012, Lauren Megrew, LCSW-16944
3. 2024-0247, Brandy Preston, LAC-22473

C. Cases recommended for opening a complaint and dismissing with a letter of concern.

The Board will review, discuss, and may vote to take action on the following case(s):

1. Evelyn Alvarez, LAMFT Applicant
2. Luciana Da Fonseca, LPC-17066

D. Cases recommended for acceptance of a proposed signed non-disciplinary consent agreement.

The Board will review, discuss, and may vote to take action on the following case(s):

1. 2024-0312, Roxanne Prillwitz, LPC-16416
2. 2023-0091, Carlin Rouse, LPC-20238

E. Cases recommended for opening a complaint and acceptance of a proposed signed non-disciplinary consent agreement.

The Board will review, discuss, and may vote to take action on the following case(s):

1. *Edgar Ngwaru, LMSW Applicant*
2. *Melanie Nordin-Pyle, LMSW Applicant*

F. Cases recommended for acceptance of a proposed signed disciplinary consent agreement. The Board will review, discuss, and may vote to take action on the following case(s):

1. *2024-0004, Gwen Gruber, LCSW-12445 (Inactive)*
2. *2024-0162, Tammie Milliken, LPC-18803*
3. *2025-0011, 2025-0033, Vivian Watters, LMSW-19945*
4. *2024-0245, Leslie Whiting, LPC-1255 (Expired)*

G. Cases recommended for opening a complaint and acceptance of a proposed signed disciplinary consent agreement.

The Board will review, discuss, and may vote to take action on the following case(s):

1. *Lindsey LeCates, LAC Applicant*

H. Cases recommended for opening a complaint and denying for unprofessional conduct.

The Board will review, discuss, and may vote to take action on the following case(s):

N/A

I. Cases recommended for opening a complaint for further investigation.

The Board will review, discuss, and may vote to take action on the following case(s):

N/A

J. Cases recommended for release from consent agreements.

The Board will review, discuss, and may vote to take action on the following case(s):

1. *2024-0142, Sarah D'Amico, LMSW-21132 (Active Restricted)*
2. *2023-0233, Elizabeth Diamond, LMFT-15390 (Active Restricted)*
3. *2024-0325 & 2024-0339, Christopher David, LPC-20068 (Active Restricted)*
4. *2024-0232, Cheryl Lockett, LPC-20014 (Active Restricted)*
5. *2024-0007, Joy Plote, LAC-20272*
6. *2024-0049, Karina Rivera, LAC-22040 (Active Restricted)*
7. *2022-0112, Alexandra Schut, LAC-22450*
8. *2023-0131, Terrance Southern, LAC-19549*

5. Administrative Hearings

Pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 32-3253(A)(10) and 41-1092.07, the Board will conduct administrative hearings in the following matter(s). During the administrative hearing, the Board may go into executive session to discuss confidential records pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(2) or to obtain legal advice pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3).

N/A

6. Formal Interviews

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-3281, the Board will conduct a Formal Interview in the following matter(s). During a formal interview, the Board may go into executive session to discuss confidential records pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(2) or to obtain legal advice pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3).

N/A

7. Complaints and other disciplinary matters: review, consideration and action

The Board may go into executive session to discuss confidential records pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(2) or to obtain legal advice pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3).

Pending complaints represent unproven allegations. On investigation, many complaints are found to be without merit or not of sufficient seriousness to merit disciplinary action against the licensee and are dismissed.

A. Amy Christy, LAC-19568

Review, consideration and possible action regarding opening a complaint and accepting the signed proposed interim consent agreement.

B. 2024-0331, Isabelle McKay, LPC-21361

Review consideration and possible action regarding complaint.

C. 2024-0388, Valerie McFarlin, LAC-20385

Review consideration and possible action regarding complaint.

D. 2024-0369, Grace Mendoza, LPC-18085

Review consideration and possible action regarding complaint.

E. 2024-0387, Nancy Mitchell, LMSW-0387

Review consideration and possible action regarding complaint.

F. 2025-0049, Konia Nikas, LPC-2292, LIAC-1704

Review consideration and possible action regarding complaint.

G. Guillermo Palomino, LAC Applicant

Review, consideration and possible action regarding opening a complaint and possible disciplinary action regarding background information.

H. 2024-0372, Jessica Reid, LPC-20722

Review, consideration and possible action regarding complaint and results of comprehensive substance abuse evaluation.

I. 2025-0086, Amber Scott, LBSW-21685

Review, consideration and possible action regarding accepting the signed proposed consent agreement.

J. Vivian Steavenson-Mundy, LMSW Applicant

Review, consideration and possible action regarding opening a complaint and possible disciplinary action regarding background information.

K. Suzanne Uhl, LMSW-17597

Review, consideration and possible action regarding opening a complaint and accepting the signed proposed consent agreement.

L. 2025-0135, Andrew Watley, LPC-19498

Review, consideration and possible action regarding accepting the signed proposed consent agreement.

M. Mary White, LMFT Applicant

Review, consideration and possible action regarding opening a complaint and possible disciplinary action regarding background information.

8. Assistant Attorney General's Report: Mona Baskin, A.A.G.

The Board may go into executive session to discuss confidential records pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(2) or to obtain legal advice pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3).

N/A

9. Applications for licensure and educational programs: review, consideration and action

The Board may go into executive session to discuss confidential records pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(2) or to obtain legal advice pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3).

A. Review, consideration, and possible action regarding applications for licensure

Names are posted for review in the building lobby of the 1st floor of 1740 W. Adams Street, Phoenix, AZ at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the meeting.

B. Review, consideration, and possible action regarding applications for educational programs

10. Report from the Chair

The Board may go into executive session to discuss personnel matters pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(1), discuss confidential records pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(2) or to obtain legal advice pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3).

A. Summary of current events

By law, the summary of current events is limited to summarizing recent occurrences. The Board cannot propose, discuss, deliberate or take legal action on any matter in the summary unless the specific matter is properly noticed for legal action.

B. Review, consideration, and possible action regarding Ms. Zavala's annual performance review

11. Report from the Treasurer

A. Review, consideration, and possible action regarding October financial report

B. Review, consideration, and possible action regarding November financial report

12. Report from the Executive Director and/or staff

The Board may go into executive session to discuss personnel matters pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(1), to discuss confidential records pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(2), or to obtain legal advice pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3).

A. Discussion regarding conflicts of interest for Board and committee members as well as staff

B. Discussion regarding the Board's participation at the Association of Social Work Boards Delegate Assembly

C. Discussion regarding complaint reviews

13. Request for extension of inactive status: review, consideration and action

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N/A

14. Future agenda items

N/A

15. Call for public comment

Those wishing to address the Board do not need to request permission in advance; however, the Board may limit those persons speaking during this time to a reasonable number on any given public matter. In addition, each person wishing to address the Board will be given five (5) minutes to do so. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.01(I), the Board can only take action on matters

listed on the agenda. Action on public comment matters that are not listed on the agenda will be limited to directing staff to study the matter or to schedule the matter for further discussion at a later date.

16. Establishment of future meeting date(s)

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 10, 2025, at 9:00 a.m., at 1740 W. Adams St., Boardroom C.

17. Adjournment

December 5, 2024



Tobi Zavala
Executive Director