



LA COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMISSION (BHC)
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE	November 20, 2025		
START TIME	12:00 PM	ADJOURNMENT TIME: 1:00 PM	
LOCATION	510 South Vermont Avenue, (T) Level Conference Room, Los Angeles, CA 90020		
ATTACHMENTS	MEETING RECORDING LINK	PUBLIC COMMENT DOCUMENT LINK	AGENDA

IN ATTENDANCE		ABSENT (E = Excused, U = Unexcused)	
Commissioner Name			
Victor Manalo, Chair, Stacy Dalglish, First Vice Chair, and Brittney Weissman, Member-at-Large		Reba Stevens, Second Vice Chair (E) and Susan Friedman, Member-at-Large (E)	
QUORUM PRESENT: YES		APPROVAL: Yes. Motion made by Commissioner Dalglish. Seconded by Commissioner Friedman. Minutes approved on 12/18/25.	
		ADJOURNMENT: 1:00 PM	

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3. PUBLIC COMMENT –			
<i>Stakeholder Group Reports</i>	Stakeholder groups in attendance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No stakeholder groups were in attendance 		
<i>General Comments</i>	Jim “The Hat”, Ricardo, Cindy Breor, and Dr. Esroruleh Mohammad addressed the Commission by phone, in-person, and/or with emailed communication. See attached public comment document.		
CONSENT AGENDA (Item #4)			
a. Approval of minutes for	Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commissioner Weissman pulled item c on the 		



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October 23, 2025 b. DMH Updates	consent agenda. Items a and b were approved. Motion made by Commissioner Weissman. Seconded by Chair Manalo.		
c. BHC budget report Review of topics of interest list	Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Weissman noted the need for a future discussion regarding the remaining budget balance. • Commissioner Weissman asked whether Chair Manalo preferred that the Executive Committee or the full Commission make budget decisions. • Chair Manalo requested that Commissioner Weissman hold the discussion until Item 6. Item C was approved. Motion made by Commissioner Weissman. Seconded by Commissioner Dagleish.		
WORK IN PROGRESS (Item #5)			
a. Discussion and selection of member-at-large - Veteran/Veteran Advocate	Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair Manalo stated that his preferred candidate had the initials BB. • BB is a U.S. Marine Corps veteran who served for four years and has experience working with organizations at various levels, as well as experience in Substance Abuse and Behavioral Health workforce development. • Commissioner Weissman and Commissioner Dagleish stated that BB is also their top choice. • Candidates considered: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ BB ○ MG 		



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ZM ○ ER ○ SK ○ JM ● Results: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ BB was selected unanimously. ● A vote was taken to formalize the decision. ● The selected candidate will be presented to the full commission and then to the Board of Supervisors for appointment. ● The 2 previously selected members-at-large may be placed on the BOS December agenda for approval. 		
DISCUSS AND DRAFT THE AGENDA FOR DECEMBER 11, 2025 (Item #6)			
	<p>Discussion: Discussion of the Agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chair Manalo asked the Committee for guidance on structuring the agenda to allow more time for commissioner discussion during Regular Meetings. ● Commissioner Dagleish agreed with this approach and emphasized setting the expectation that all Commissioners review shared documents prior to meetings. ● Kenia suggested shifting director presentations from monthly to quarterly. ● Chair Manalo proposed converting presentations into written reports, allowing commissioners to submit questions for directors to address during the meeting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Kenia to move the Brown Act update item to the Consent Agenda. ● Kenia to place Commissioner Reports and Updates at the top of the agenda. 	Done



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Commissioner Weissman expressed concern that this approach might result in seeing department heads less frequently.• Kenia clarified that her suggestion applied only to presentations; department heads or their representatives would still attend to answer commissioner questions.• Commissioner Weissman recommended tabling these ideas for a later discussion.• She also suggested revising stakeholder input, reports, and public comment procedures—specifically that reports be provided in written form, with additional information shared during public comment.• Additionally, she proposed creating a standing agenda item for commissioner conversations instead of quarterly presentations.• Commissioner Dagleish added that commissioners should prepare thoughtful questions and be more specific when requesting topics for future presentations.• Chair Manalo noted that Commissioners are interested in attending stakeholder meetings with the hope that their presence will encourage stakeholders to attend BHC meetings and engage in dialogue.• Commissioner Dagleish suggested creating a		



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	<p>simplified report template for visits to facilities, noting that the current one is too detailed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• She added that if presentations are not given, written reports should be provided in a timely manner.• Commissioner Weissman expressed interest in handling BHC procedural topics outside of official meetings, suggesting email exchanges.• Chair Manalo encouraged the Executive Committee to hold the Full Commission accountable if they deviate from agenda topics.• Commissioner Dalgleish recommended implementing time-blocking for agenda items.• She also suggested placing certain standing reports on the Consent Agenda.• Commissioner Dalgleish expressed concern regarding commissioner attendance and recommended setting expectations.• Commissioner Weissman asked whether the Brown Act item needs to remain on the agenda. <p>Discussion on Budget Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Commissioner Dalgleish shared that she had been invited to various Behavioral Health movie events and suggested that hosting similar events, pairing a film with a subject matter expert, could be a good use of the budget.• Commissioner Weissman suggested moving		



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	<p style="text-align: center;">Commissioner Updates and Reports to the top of the agenda.</p> <p>Decisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brown Act updates will be moved to the consent agenda. • Commissioner Reports and Updates will be moved to the top of the agenda, following Public Comment. 		
NEW BUSINESS (Item #7)			
<p>a. Brown Act Updates – Effective 1/01/2026</p>	<p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioners Weissman and Dagleish encouraged Chair Manalo to explore the option of holding meetings online, as permitted under recent Brown Act updates. • Commissioner Weissman asked whether access services costs could be reduced by aligning BHC meetings with another meeting that requires the same level of accessibility. • Dr. Horn noted that her meetings have identical access requirements and are held on the second Tuesday of each month. • Commissioner Weissman stated that if expenses cannot be reduced, she would prefer to keep meetings in person. <p>Requests and Decisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kenia will consult with County Counsel regarding the process for holding Executive Committee and Regular Meetings online. • Commissioner Weissman requested that Kenia also explore the possibility of aligning BHC meetings with 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kenia to consult with County Counsel to determine the process and requirements for holding Executive Committee and Regular Meetings online under the updated Brown Act. • Kenia to explore whether the BHC meetings can be aligned with the BHSA CPT meetings. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For meetings to be held virtually, approval from BOS must be obtained. • For meetings to be aligned with BHSA CPT meetings. The BHC meetings will have to move to Tuesdays. The commission will have to consider a meeting day change before we can explore this option.



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	the BHSA CPT meetings.		
CONTINUED FROM 10/23/2025 AGENDA (Item #7)			
<p>a. Discuss the feasibility of holding the executive committee meetings on the same day as the commission’s regular meetings (on 2nd Thursday of the month)</p>	<p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair Manalo requested that this item remain on the agenda for future discussion, noting that recent changes to the Brown Act have created new opportunities. • Commissioner Dalgleish asked whether a poll had been conducted to determine commissioners’ interest in holding both BHC meetings on the same day. • Commissioner Weissman noted that consolidating the meetings might increase commissioners’ interest in running for Executive Committee positions. • The Committee agreed that if both meetings were held on the same day, the Executive Committee meeting would be scheduled immediately before the Regular Meeting. <p>Requests and Decisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair Manalo requested that Kenia distribute a poll to the Full Commission to gauge interest in holding both meetings on the same day. • Chair Manalo and Commissioner Weissman requested that Kenia include a line under the Consent Agenda to report the poll results. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kenia to poll the Full Commission on whether they are interested in having both the Executive meeting and the Regular Meeting on the same day. • Kenia to include a line under the Consent Agenda to report the poll results. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As of 8/12, only one executive committee member has responded to the poll.