

**BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES REGULATORY BOARD**  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2026**  
**DRAFT MINUTES**

**Tuesday, January 27, 2026**

**I. Call to Order and Roll Call.** The meeting was called to order by Chair David Anderson at 9:30 am.

**Board Members.** David Anderson, Laura Shaughnessy, Denise Cyzman, Jill Flessing, Linda Heitzman-Powell, Donna Hoener-Queal, Jim Kilmartin, and Richard Nobles were present. Mary Jones, Andrea Perdomo-Morales, Cynthia Schendel, and David Stevens were absent.

**BSRB Staff.** BSRB Staff members David Fye, Leslie Allen were present. Kevin Fowler, serving as the Board's legal counsel, also attended.

**II. Agenda Approval.** Laura Shaughnessy moved to approve the agenda. Denise Cyzman seconded. The motion passed.

**III. New Business**

**A. Discussion on Legislation.** David Fye, Executive Director for the BSRB, provided an overview of 2026 House Bill (HB) 2506. HB 2506 would introduce a new type of license – an apprentice addiction counselor license – under the BSRB. The hearing for this bill is on Monday, February 2, 2026, at 1:30 pm. Individuals holding this license would be employed at four different types of facilities: community mental health centers, federally qualified health centers, psychiatric residential treatment facilities, or private treatment facilities. This license would be active for 60 months and cannot be renewed. The bill states that there must be one hour of supervision per week and that any change in supervision must be reported to the Board within five days of the change. The scope of practice for this license would include client screening, assessment, evaluation, referral, development of treatment plans, case management services, individual, group, and family counseling, documentation of client treatment progress, crisis intervention services, development of submission of official written documentation of treatment progress and recommendations for court purposes, adherence to confidentiality requirements for client treatments and information, and adherence to ethical standards of conduct. The bill also states that the fee for this license type would be no more than \$100.

The Executive Director noted there is no minimum age requirement in the bill, nor does the bill specify that the person would need to merit the public trust. The bill makes reference to ethical standards, whereas the licenses under the BSRB refer to unprofessional conduct. Furthermore, the 60-month time frame that this license would be active significantly differs from the two-year active status for BSRB licenses. The bill also does not include education or training requirements.

After speaking with the advocates of the bill, the Executive Director said the advocates would be interested in reducing the 60-month time period to 24 months, add a minimum age requirement of 20 years, and change ethical standards to align with BSRB's unprofessional conduct language. Board members noted concerns with inconsistencies with this potential license type and other licenses under the BSRB and Board members noted significant concerns regarding the lack of education requirements and lack of clarity regarding what would happen after the license expired, since it cannot be renewed. By consensus, the Board directed the Executive Director to provide testimony in opposition to the bill as it is currently written, while noting a willingness to work with advocates on possible changes to the

bill to make it better aligned with other BSRB licenses.

**IV. Possible Additions to the Agenda.** None

**V. Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned.

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