



County of El Dorado

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Minutes - Draft

Behavioral Health Commission

James Abram, Chair - Term Expiration 8/15/2026
Norma Santiago, Vice Chair - Term Expiration 9/24/2027
John Taylor, Vice Chair - Term Expiration 1/1/2026
Kathryn Hamilton, Secretary - Term Expiration 7/30/2027
Wendy Thomas, Board of Supervisors Representative - Term Expiration 01/01/2025
Debra Thornburgh, Commissioner - Term Expiration 12/03/2027
Dr. Stephen Clavere, Commissioner - Term Expiration 1/01/2026
Amelia Leo-Fraze, Commissioner - Term Expiration 9/24/2027
Sophia Sumimoto, Commissioner - Term Expiration 9/24/2027
Vacant (2), Commissioner

Wednesday, November 20, 2024

5:00 PM

Meeting Locations (in person and connected via tele/video-conferencing):
• 330 Fair Lane, Bldg. A, Placerville, CA
• Mental Health Office, 1900 Lake Tahoe Blvd., Suite 103, South Lake Tahoe, CA

5:02 PM CALLED TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Hamilton, Thornburgh, Taylor, Clavere, Abram, Leo-Fraze and Sumimoto

Absent: 2 - Santiago and Thomas

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Commissioner Comment on Consent Calendar:
(None)

Public Comment on Consent Calendar:
(None)

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Commission may make any necessary additions, deletions or corrections to the agenda including moving items to or from the Consent Calendar and adopt the agenda and the Consent Calendar with one single vote. A Commission member may request an item be removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion and separate Commission action. At the appropriate time as called by the Commission Chair, members of the public may make a comment on matters on the Consent Calendar prior to Commission action.

1. 24-2063

Commission Chair recommends the Behavioral Health Commission to approve the minutes from the October 16, 2024 regular meeting of the Behavioral Health Commission.

A motion was made by Abram, seconded by Taylor, to Approve this matter.

Yes: 7 - Hamilton, Thornburgh, Taylor, Clavere, Abram, Leo-Fraze and Sumimoto

Absent: 2 - Santiago and Thomas

- 2. 24-2064** In accordance with AB 2249 (2022) Commission Chair accepts any commissioner request to participate remotely according to Just Cause or Emergency Circumstances allowances pursuant to Title 5 Government Code, Division 2, Part 1, Chapter 9, 54953(f)(2) and take action on any requests made.
- No Formal Action.**

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

OPEN FORUM

*Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda:
(None)*

Open Forum is an opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on subject matter that is not on their meeting agenda and within their jurisdiction. Public comments during Open Forum are limited to three minutes per person. The Commission Chair may limit public comment during Open Forum.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 3. 24-2080** Commission Chair recommends the appointment of Dr. Richard Lynn as an associate member of the El Dorado County Behavioral Health Commission, effective January 1, 2025. (5 minutes)
- Commissioner Comment:
(None)*
- Public Comment:
(None)*
- Approved**

4. 24-2066

Nominating Committee to present the nominations for the 2025 slate of officers of the Behavioral Health Commission. (10-minutes)

John Taylor, Commission Vice Chair: Nominations- Commission Chair: Jim Abram, West Slope Vice Chair: John Taylor, South Lake Tahoe Vice Chair: Norma Santiago, Secretary: Steve Clavere.

James Abram, Commission Chair: Asks if any other Commissioners are interested in holding an officer position?

(None)

Majority vote reflects no contest to nominations.

Public Comment:

(None)

A motion was made by Abram, seconded by Clavere, to Approve the slate of 2025 Behavioral Health Commission officer nominations as presented by the Nominating Committee, and elect officers into respective positions.

Yes: 7 - Hamilton, Thornburgh, Taylor, Clavere, Abram, Leo-Frazee and Sumimoto

Absent: 2 - Santiago and Thomas

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5. 24-2067

Commission Chair recommends the Behavioral Health Commission to review and approve the proposed amendments to the Bylaws. (5 minutes)

James Abram, Commission Chair: On January 1st, the new regulations for Welfare Institution Code [5604.2] needed to be applied to our Bylaws, related to Proposition 1, Senate Bill 326.

Meredith Zanardi, MHSA Program Coordinator: Process is to continue forward after the Commission votes to Approve as drafted, to bring it forward to County Counsel before being finally Approved by the Board of Supervisors. If for any reason there are additional changes required by those offices, this item will be bought back to the Commission for additional approval.

James Abram, Commission Chair: Suggests article-five "Commission Body" changed to "Commission Membership".

Dr. Stephen Clavere, Commissioner: Suggests additional language added to article-four from [Welfare Institution Code] 5604.2; after "review and evaluate the community's behavioral health needs, services, facilities, and special problems", add "In any facility within the county or jurisdiction where mental health or substance abuse evaluations or services are being provided".

Dr. Stephen Clavere, Commissioner: Suggests additional language added to article-five from [Welfare Institution Code] 5963, subparagraph 45963.2; after "Behavioral Health to conduct a public hearing on the draft integrated plan and updates by the close of thirty-day comment period required", add "and make substantive recommendations to the local mental health agency, local substance abuse disorder agency or local behavioral health agency as applicable for revision".

James Abram, Commission Chair: Requests County Counsel review ADA guidance and advise additional language that may be appropriate to add to the Commission bylaws.

James Abram, Commission Chair: Requests County Counsel's advise on maintaining language crossed out under article-eight item-two, regarding members on an approved leave of absence not counting towards establishing a quorum.

Dr. Stephen Clavere, Commissioner: In accordance with changes to article-ten to eliminate standing committees as part of bylaws, suggests removing from last sentence "both standing and ad hoc".

*Public Comment:
(None)*

Approved

Yes: 7 - Hamilton, Thornburgh, Taylor, Clavere, Abram, Leo-Fraze and Sumimoto

Absent: 2 - Santiago and Thomas

- 6. 24-2065** Public Forum/Presentation by HHSA Staff on Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP). (10-minutes)
- Presentation provided by Neal Tessier, HHSA Administrative Analyst, and Jim Diel, Chief Assistant Director of Health and Human Services.*
- Public Comment:*
- Debra Reischel-Cree: Asked for the introduction of the speakers, which did not happen at the beginning of the presentation.*
- Presented**

- 7. 24-2068** Presentation by Division Staff: Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Community Program Planning Process (CPPP) Update and Survey Statistics. (10-minutes)
- Public Comment:*
(None)
- No Formal Action**

- 8. 24-2069** Presentation by Division Staff: Consumer testimonial or lived experience. (5-minutes)
- No Formal Action**

- 9. 24-2070** Review/Discussion/Questions of Behavioral Health Director's Report. (10-minutes)
- Public Comment:*
(None)
- Received and Filed**

COMMISSIONER COMMENT

James Abram, Commission Chair: Acknowledges the holiday next week and wishes everyone well.

John Taylor, Commission Vice Chair: Correction to agenda; next meeting is January 15, 2025 -not 2024.

James Abram, Commission Chair: Acknowledges Supervisor Thomas, who was unable to join the meeting today -her term is ended as a Supervisor, so next year the Commission will be getting a new representative from the Board of Supervisors.

NEXT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING DATE: January 15, 2025

ADJOURNED AT 6:48 PM