



# County of El Dorado

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below

## 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*

*Dr. Richard Lynn, Commissioner - Term Expiration 11/16/2024*

*Debra Thornburgh, Commissioner - Term Expiration  
12/07/2024*

*Dr. Stephen Clavere, Commissioner - Term Expiration  
1/01/2026*

*Amelia Leo-Frazee, Commissioner - Term Expiration 9/24/2027*

*Sophia Sumimoto, Commissioner - Term Expiration 9/24/2027*

*Vacant (1), Commissioner*

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Wednesday, October 16, 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

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#### CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:00 PM

Present: 8 - Thornburgh, Lynn, Santiago, Taylor, Clavere, Abram, Leo-Frazee and Sumimoto

Absent: 2 - Hamilton and Thomas

#### ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

*Public Comment: (None)*

**A motion was made by Santiago, seconded by Taylor, to Adopt the Agenda and Approve the Consent Calendar this matter.**

Yes: 8 - Thornburgh, Lynn, Santiago, Taylor, Clavere, Abram, Leo-Frazee and Sumimoto

Absent: 2 - Hamilton and Thomas

#### CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **24-1827** Commission Chair recommends the Behavioral Health Commission to Approve the Minutes from the September 18, 2024 regular meeting of the Behavioral Health Commission.

**Approved**

**2. 24-1828** 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.

**Approved**

#### **END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

#### **OPEN FORUM**

*Public Comment: (None)*

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**3. 24-1839** Commission Chair recommends the appointment of Debra Thornburgh as a full member of the El Dorado County Behavioral Health Commission (5 minutes)

*Public Comment: (None)*

**Approved**

**4. 24-1829** Discuss 2024 Data Notebook including review of California Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) 5604.2. Commission vote to approve or approve as amended final report. (10-minutes)

*Norma Santiago, Commission Vice Chair: Asks if similar data -particularly estimated homelessness- to State figures provided in the Data Notebook is available specific to El Dorado County.*

*Nicole Ebrahimi-Nuyken, Director of Behavioral Health: Refers Commission and Public to review information available on website for El Dorado Opportunity Knocks Continuum of Care (EDOK CoC). Will provide website link in minutes.*

*Public Comment: (None)*

*Link to website discussed: <https://www.edokcoc.org/data-and-statistics>*

**Approved**

**Yes:** 8 - Thornburgh, Lynn, Santiago, Taylor, Clavere, Abram, Leo-Frazee and Sumimoto

**Absent:** 2 - Hamilton and Thomas

5. 24-1830      Presentation by Nicole Ebrahimi-Nuyken, Behavioral Health Director: California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) Providing Access and Transforming Health (PATH) Justice Involved Initiative. (10-minutes)

*Public Comment: (None)*

**Presented**

6. 24-1832      Presentation by Nicole Ebrahimi-Nuyken, Behavioral Health Director: CARE Act. (20-minutes)

*Dr. Stephen Clavere, Commissioner: As if people with bipolar disorder are disqualified.*

*Nicole Ebrahimi-Nuyken, Director of Behavioral Health: Answers bipolar disorder is not an included diagnosis which would meet criteria.*

*Public Comment:*

*Public Member: Asks if bipolar with psychotic features would be qualifying.*

*Nicole Ebrahimi-Nuyken, Director of Behavioral Health: Answers it is specifically schizophrenia spectrum or psychotic disorders. Will review to be sure and provide follow-up information.*

*Resource link to follow-up information about criteria:*

*<https://www.courts.ca.gov/documents/CARE-Act-Eligibility-Criteria.pdf>*

**Presented**

7. 24-1834      Presentation by Division Staff: Consumer testimonial or lived experience. (5-minutes)

**Presented**

8. 24-1835      Review/Discussion/Questions of Behavioral Health Director's Report. (10-minutes)

*Public Comment: (None)*

**No Formal Action**

**COMMISSIONER COMMENT**

*James Abram, Commission Chair: Thanks Dr. Lynn for his service, this is his last meeting as a Commissioner.*

*James Abram, Commission Chair: Received email from [California Association of Local Behavioral Health Boards and Commissions] regarding bylaw changes needed with new welfare institution code regulations. Will be reviewing with Commissioner Taylor and the Commission can expect an agenda item to approve changes.*

*James Abram, Commission Chair: Dissolves the ad hoc committee for this year's Data Notebook, will establish a new one next year.*

**NEXT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING DATE: November 20, 2024.**

**ADJOURNED AT 6:38 PM**

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