

**Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians**

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TO	Board Members
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SUBJECT	Executive Officer's Report: August 2025

Greetings, Board Members

The August 2025 Board Meeting will be a one-day in-person meeting in Sacramento on Friday, August 15, 2025. Please be sure to make your travel arrangements soon.

Board of Directors

A very warm welcome to our newest Board members, John Russell (LVN) and Reem Olaby (Public Member appointed by the Assembly Speaker). We're all looking forward to working with you.

Unfortunately, we bid farewell to Abraham Hill (PT). The Board's first order of business in August will be to elect a new Vice President. Candidates may be nominated by another member or self-nominate.

The Board needs one new Psychiatric Technician member, who is to be appointed by the Governor. We also have two public member seats open, one of which is the Senate's appointment. If you know of any strong candidates, please feel free to give them my contact information.

Similarly, we need to work on the Board Committees. I recommend that the whole Board discuss the roles of each committee and make updates or changes, if needed. Except for the Education and Practice Committee, they are 2-member bodies, and we suggest that each has one professional member and one public member. Our standing committees are: Enforcement, Education and Practice (up to 4 members), Legislation and Regulations, Licensing, and the ad hoc on Psychiatric Technicians. The Executive Committee is made up of the President and Vice President. Note: The Board can create ad hoc committees on specific topics at its pleasure.

The November Board meeting is currently scheduled for the 17th and 18th in person in Sacramento. Aside from any house-keeping type refreshers, we generally set up at least one training or team building session. One possibility would be a high-level session on the regulatory process. Suggestions and requests are welcome.

Speaking of training, there are several mandatory trainings for Board Members. The list and required timelines for completing these trainings can be found here: [Mandatory Trainings Board/Bureau Members - SOLID](#)

Psychiatric Technician Occupational Analysis

We are proud to announce the completion of this analysis, which is required every five years. Team Education, and especially Ms. Geralyn Maracino were superhuman in working with our colleagues at OPES. The report was sent to the Board members electronically and OPES will present at this meeting.

Budget and Finance

We have attached the Board's most current Fund Condition report and Assistant Executive Officer Mark Ito will report on our fiscal health. The State has a new Budget as of July 1, and a summary may be found here: [2025-26 Enactment Budget Summary](#)

Governor's Reorganization Plan

Governor Newsom's proposed reorganization of our Agency, Business, Consumer Services and Housing has been approved. This plan divides the Agency into two cabinet-level agencies by creating a California Housing and Homelessness Agency and a California Business and Consumer Services Agency. It will be fully activated in June 2026. Impact on BVNPT should be minor, mostly updating information to change to the new agency. Here is information on the plan: [Governor's Reorganization Plan 2025 – Little Hoover Commission](#)

State Leadership Accountability Act and Risk Assessment

The State Leadership Accountability Act (SLAA) was enacted to reduce waste and strengthen internal control systems within California state agencies. It requires each agency to maintain effective internal controls and to conduct biennial evaluations of these systems. Agencies are required to provide quarterly progress reports. BVNPT just filed its June 30, 2025 update.

Similarly, DCA is beginning its 2025 Risk Assessment Plan. Each Board will be responding to a survey about its risks, controls, strategies and objectives. Board senior staff will work collaboratively on the response and consult with the Executive Committee.

Legislation

The Legislature has been on recess for the past month and will return to office on Monday August 18. The next month will be a whirlwind of activity, as both houses work to finalize all legislation. The 2025 session ends on September 12. We will update the Board on specific bills at the meeting.

Regulations Update

Staff and Counsel continue to work on regulations to enact our authority to create a retired license program and a cite and fine system for the VN and PT schools. In addition, the Education Team has been working on a comprehensive update of the school program approval and oversight regulations. We hope to have at least one of these packages presented to the Board by the November meeting.

National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN)

NCSBN's Annual Meeting is scheduled for the week of August 12-15. Generally, the Executive Officer and the President attend these meetings, or send a designee. As this meeting conflicts with the Board meeting, I have deputized Enforcement Chief Antoinette Wood to represent BVNPT.

Closing

Please don't hesitate to call or email with any questions or suggestions, or if you need help with anything. We're looking forward to the meeting.