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DATE	July 10, 2026
TO	Board of Directors
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SUBJECT	Education and Practice Committee

SUMMARY

This memo is intended to start a discussion regarding the Board's Education and Practice Committee.

BACKGROUND

The Education and Practice Committee is the only Committee with more than two members and is subject to the Bagley-Keene Open Meetings Act. The Board's Education member is generally the chair, and the three members are drawn from both public and licensee members.

Historically, this committee was charged with scope of practice and school decisions, making recommendations to the full Board. This was intended to provide an in-depth discussion of proposed actions to save time at Board meetings. In practice, this was found to be duplicative, as the Board's discussion was based on the same NEC reports, the school representatives came to both meetings and the Board's questions and comments were much the same as the committee's discussion.

In addition, the EPC has experienced logistical and quorum issues. The last meeting was February 2026.

CONTEXT

The issues in Education and Practice are vitally important to the success of the Board, impacting licensing, enforcement, outreach, legislation and administration.

POSSIBILITIES

Possible scenarios for the Education and Practice Committee.

Scenario 1

Convene the EPC in conjunction with the full Board meeting, as schools and stakeholders may already be present. All Board members could listen to the meeting.

Scenario 2

Change the EPC to a 2-member committee, meeting virtually as needed.

Scenario 3

Establish EPC meetings as focused discussions on specific policy areas, possibly with guest presenters or panels, or a facilitated town hall format.

Scenario 4

Position EPC as public hearings on rulemaking and/or legislation.

Scenario 5

Position EPC as forum for scope issues and possible recommendations for precedential decisions. Possibly serve as quasi-judicial, hearing complaints, scope issues, workforce, etc.

Scenario 6

Make EPC more of a “working” group, with staff and members addressing operational and/or planning matters, such as the Strategic Plan, annual reports and Sunset.

SUGGESTED ACTION

Staff recommends that the Board discuss these and any other options and delegate to the Executive Committee for a possible recommendation at a future Board meeting.

While more than one of these scenarios can be combined, staff recommends that the Board consider the staff workload and Committee member time commitment.