MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, December 04, 2025
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Friday, December 05, 2025
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

(Or Until Conclusion of Business)

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Action may be taken on any item listed on the agenda. Meeting times and order of agenda items are subject to change. Please see last page for information on public participation.

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Thursday, December 04, 2025

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Establishment of a Quorum
2. Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda
   Note: The Board may not discuss or take action on any matter raised during this public comment section, except to decide whether to place the matter on the agenda of a future meeting [Government Code sections 11125, 111257(a)].
3. Approval of Minutes from the August 21-22, 2025, Quarterly Board Meeting
4. President's Report, including notable accomplishments and priorities, introduction of Dr. Tolbert, and communications with interested parties – Kristina D. Lawson, J.D.
5. Executive Management Reports
   A. Technology Updates – Sean Eichelkraut
   B. Licensing Program Summary, including personnel, statistics and licensing unit update – Douglas Hock
   C. Enforcement Program Summary, including personnel, expert reviewer program, statistics, and enforcement unit update – Sharlene Smith

D. Administrative Summary, including budget, and personnel – Reji Varghese

6. Updates from External Stakeholders
   A. Update from the Department of Consumer Affairs – Lucia Saldivar
   B. Update for the Health Quality Investigation Unit – Stephanie Whitley
7. Discussion and Possible Action on Recommendations from the Special Faculty Permit Review Committee – Irving Ayala-Rodriguez, M.D.
8. Discussion and Possible Action on Legislation and Implementation Plans – Aaron Bone
   A. AB 408 (Berman) Physician Health and Wellness Program
   B. AB 489 (Bonta) Health Care Professions: Deceptive Terms or Letters: Artificial Intelligence
   C. AB 876 (Flora) Nurse Anesthetists: Scope of Practice
   D. SB 160 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review) Background Checks
   E. SB 387 (Rubio) Physicians and Surgeons: Special Faculty Permits: Academic Medical Centers
   F. SB 470 (Laird) Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act: Teleconferencing

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Friday, December 05, 2025

9. Call to Order/Roll Call/Establishment of a Quorum
10. Presentation on the Board's Enforcement Process – Sharlene Smith
11. Presentation on the Board's Enforcement Data – Reji Varghese
12. Discussion and Possible Action Related to the Midwifery Advisory Council (MAC), including a Report from the Last MAC Meeting, and Approval of Agenda Items for the Next MAC Meeting – Madeleine Wisner, L.M.
13. Future Agenda Items

CLOSED SESSION

14. Pursuant to Government Code section 11126(a)(1), the Board will meet in closed session to conduct the annual performance evaluation of its Executive Director.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

15. Adjournment

Due to technological limitations, if adjournment follows closed session, such adjournment will not be broadcasted. Adjournment will immediately follow closed session, and there will be no other items of business discussed.

Public Participation

The meeting is accessible to the public via Webex. A link to the WebEx Event and instructions on how to connect will be added to the Medical Board of California's (Board) website approximately one week prior to the meeting date.

During Agenda Item **2** – Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda, the Board has limited the total public comment period to forty minutes. Therefore, after forty minutes, no further comments will be accepted. Each person will be limited to three minutes per agenda item.

During public comment on any other agenda item, a total of twenty minutes will be allowed for comments, apportioned between those participating in-person and those participating remotely. After twenty minutes, no further comments will be accepted. Each person will be limited to three minutes per agenda item.

The public is also welcome to submit comments in writing pertaining to any agenda item that may be considered by the Board members. Please submit written comments by Wednesday, November 26, 2025, via our contact form.

Meetings of the Medical Board of California are open to the public except when specifically noticed otherwise in accordance with the Open Meeting Act. The audience will be given appropriate opportunities to comment on any issue presented in open session before the Board, but the president may apportion available time among those who wish to speak. For additional information, call (916) 263-2389.

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