

CaIMHSA Board of Directors Meeting

MEETING PACKET

March 18, 2026

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m

CaIMHSA Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

Noon – 1:00 p.m.

Registration Link: [Click Here](#)

Agenda

1. **Call to Order**

2. **Roll Call, Instructions and SB 707 Disclosure**

3. **Instructions for public comment and stakeholder input**

The Board welcomes and encourages public participation in its meetings. For agenda items, public comment will be invited at the time those items are addressed. Because the meeting will be held via Zoom Meeting, each interested party is invited to inform CaIMHSA staff prior to discussion of the item by sending an email to CFO David Avetissian david.avetissian@calmhsa.org indicating the item to be addressed. At the end of the meeting, the Board will also provide the public with an opportunity to speak on issues not listed on the agenda.

4. **Closed Session:** Closed Session: (Gov. Code § 54957.7(a)) The CaIMHSA Board of Directors will meet in closed session as permitted by Government Code Section 54957(b). Anticipated Litigation: Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Gov. Code § 54956.9(d)(2) (two cases); Initiation of litigation pursuant to Gov. Code § 54956.9(d)(4) (one case)

5. **Consent Calendar:**

- a) Board Resolution 26-02 Authorizing Remote Teleconferencing Meetings Pursuant to Senate Bill 707
- b) CaIMHSA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes from February 18, 2026

Recommendation: Approval of Consent Calendar

6. **Executive Director's Report**

7. **Close Meeting**

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This meeting will be recorded. By joining the meeting, you give consent to being recorded.

CALIFORNIA MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AUTHORITY

**Board Resolution 26-02 Authorizing Remote Teleconferencing
Meetings Pursuant to Senate Bill 707**

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CALIFORNIA MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AUTHORITY

Resolution No. 26-02

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCING MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND BOARD COMMITTEES PURSUANT TO ASSEMBLY BILL 361

WHEREAS, the California Mental Health Services Authority (“CalMHSA”) is a local government agency subject to the Ralph M. Brown Act; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code section 54953.8.2 as added by Senate Bill 707, CalMHSA’s Board of Directors and its committees may use teleconferencing and videoconferencing to conduct Board and committee meetings, and may do so without complying with the requirements of Government Code section 54953(b)(3), subject to certain conditions; and

WHEREAS, one condition that would allow CalMHSA to use teleconferencing and videoconferencing to conduct Board and committee meetings, without complying with the requirements of Government Code section 54953(b)(3), occurs when a meeting is held during a proclaimed state of emergency, and the Board determines, by majority vote that, as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees; and

WHEREAS, on December 9, 2025, the Governor of California proclaimed a state of emergency to exist due to significant wild fire impacts; and

WHEREAS, on December 24, 2025, the Governor of California proclaimed a state of emergency to exist in in several counties due to a storm; and

WHEREAS, on or about December 24, 2025, several counties issued a proclamation of a local emergency due to significant storms; and

WHEREAS, it would be safe, beneficial and efficient for the public and for CalMHSA to use teleconferencing and videoconferencing to conduct the Board of Directors meeting without complying with the requirements of Government Code section 54953(b)(3).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated into this Resolution by reference; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the CalMHSA Board of Directors has considered the circumstances of the state of emergency and finds that, as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the CalMHSA Board of Directors are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to conduct Board of Directors meetings, without complying with the requirements of Government Code section 54953(b)(3) in

accordance with Government Code section 54953(e) and other applicable provisions of the Brown Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the CalMHSA Executive Director is hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall be effective until the earlier of: (i) 30 days from the date of the adoption of this Resolution, or (ii) such time as the Board of Directors adopts a subsequent resolution to continue to teleconference without complying with the requirements of Government Code section 54953(b)(3) in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e)(3); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of CalMHSA hereby ratifies and approves any and all actions taken by the Executive Director, or her designee, prior to the adoption of this resolution, to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the California Mental Health Services Authority on March 18, 2026.

Emi Botzler-Rodgers
PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

David Avetissian
CalMHSA, Chief Financial Officer

CALIFORNIA MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AUTHORITY

**CalMHSA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes from February 18,
2026**

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**CalMHSA Board of
Directors**

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Alameda County, Member, Karyn L Tribble PsyD LCSW
Amador County, Member, Melissa Cranfill LCSW
Amador County, Alternate, Candace Thomas
Berkeley, City of, Member, Jeffrey Buell MSW
Butte County, Member, Scott Kennelly LCSW
Del Norte County, Member, Ranell Brown MSML IPMA-SCP
Fresno County, Member, Susan Holt
Glenn County, Alternate, Eloise Jones
Humboldt County, Member, Emi Botzler-Rodgers, MFT
Imperial County, Alternate, Gabriela Jimenez
Kern County, Member, Alison Burrowes
Kings County, Alternate, Christi Lupkes
Kings County, Member, Lisa Lewis
Lake County, Member, Elise Jones
Lassen County, Member, Tiffany Armstrong, LCSW
Marin County, Alternate, Galen Main
Mariposa County, Member, Stacey Lynch
Mendocino County, Alternate, Karen Lovato
Merced County, Member, Kimiko Vang
Monterey County, Member, Melanie Rhodes
Napa, Member, Chelsea Stoner
Placer County, Alternate, Amy Haynes Psy.D.
Riverside County, Alternate, Brandon Jacobs MHA
Sacramento County, Member, Ryan Quist Ph.D.
San Joaquin County, Member, Fay Vieira
San Mateo County, Member, Jei Africa
Santa Cruz County, Member, Marni Sandoval
Shasta County, Alternate, Bailey Cogger
Siskiyou County, Member, Sarah Collard
Sonoma County, Member, Jan Cobaleda-Kegler
Stanislaus County, Alternate, Keri Magee
Tulare County, Alternate, Casie Ennis
Tulare County, Member, Dr. Natalie Bolin
Ventura County, Member, Loretta L. Denering DrPH

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

None

CALMMHSA STAFF PRESENT

Amie Miller, Executive Director
Allison Bradley, Director of Communications
Carmen Salais, Project Coordinator
Courtney Vallejo, Senior Director of EHR Clinical Integration
David Avetissian, Chief Financial Officer
Dawn Kaiser, Senior Director of Managed Care Operations
Holly Petrosyan, Associate Contracts Specialist
Jeremy Wilson, Senior Program Director
Karleen Jakowski, Senior Director of Cross County Contracts and Partnerships
Karri Eggers, Chief Operating Officer
Lucero Robles, Director of Quality Assurance & Compliance
Magen Jack, Project Manager
Margaret Bruno, Executive Assistant
Ryan Caceres, Director of Behavioral Health Financing
Tara Muchow, Office Administrator
Tatiana Ortiz, Executive Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT

Randall Keen, Legal Counsel, Manatt, Phelps, & Phillips, LLP
Michelle Cabrera, CBHDA

Agenda

A. Open Session

1. **Call to Order**

President Emi Botzler-Rodgers called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 12:03pm on Wednesday, February 18, 2026. Emi Botzler-Rodgers directed Magen Jack, CalMHSA Project Manager to take the roll call.

2. **Roll Call and Instructions**

Ms. Jack recorded Board Members and Alternates in attendance and reminded Board Members of SB707 requirements for teleconferencing meetings, which include disclosing the presence of any individual 18 years of age or older in the room and providing their general relation with said individual. A quorum of the Executive Committee was established, and no members reported an individual of 18 years of age or older present.

3. **Instructions for public comments and stakeholder input**

Ms. Jack reviewed the instructions for public comment and noted that items not on the agenda would be reserved for public comment at the end of the agenda. Public comment is

called for after each agenda item. Ms. Jack instructed individuals to raise their hands via the raise hand feature on Zoom to indicate their desire to make a public comment.

4. **Closed Session:** The Board did not move into Closed Session.

5. **Consent Calendar**

President, Emi Botzler-Rodgers acknowledged the Consent Calendar as follows:

- a. Board Resolution 26-01 Authorizing Remote Teleconferencing Meetings Pursuant to Senate Bill 707
- b. CalMHSA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes from August 20, 2025
- c. CalMHSA Independent Auditors Report FY 23-24
- d. Board Treasurer vacancy appointment

Ms. Botzler-Rodgers asked for comments from Board Members. Ms. Jack asked for comments from the public. Hearing no comments or questions, Ms. Botzler-Rodgers asked for a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Upon hearing the motion and second, the President directed Executive Committee Members to vote.

Action: Approval of the Consent Calendar

Motion: Lake County, Member, Elise Jones

Second: Siskiyou County, Member, Sarah Collard

Public Comments: None

Vote: Passed

Abstain: 0

Yes: 4

Humboldt County, Member, Emi Botzler-Rodgers	Fresno County, Members, Susan Holt	Lake County, Member, Elise Jones	Siskiyou County, Member, Sarah Collard
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6. **Executive Director’s Report**

Executive Director Amie Miller presented a 90-second Behavioral Health 101 explainer video produced by IDEO for the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). The video highlights County Behavioral Health Services for adults and children with serious needs, demonstrating how counties provide therapy, counseling, and ongoing support to help individuals rebuild their foundations. Services are available to both eligible and ineligible populations. CalMHSA encouraged attendees to share the video on their websites and social media platforms and welcomed feedback on its effectiveness.

The Executive Director reported \$129 million in cost savings for the counties achieved through county collaboration and shared customized county savings statements with attendees. Ms. Miller also provided an update on ongoing contract work with DHCS and announced the successful completion of the Behavioral Health Fiscal Academy, which is now available as a resource on the CalMHSA website.

Executive Director Miller introduced several new resources and initiatives:

LMS Course for Peer Support Specialists: A new Learning Management System (LMS) course was developed in response to requests for affordable continuing education options, helping peer support specialists meet their certification requirements.

Housing Guidebook: A comprehensive housing guidebook was published to serve as a foundational resource for navigating housing-related services.

NCQA Certification: CalMHSA continues to work toward National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) certification for HEDIS measures, with ongoing efforts to maintain and advocate for these standards within the county behavioral health landscape.

Public Comments: None

7. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**

Ms. Jack invited members of the public to make comments on non-agenda items.

Public comments from the following individual(s):

None.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

NAME

Secretary, Robert Robin

DATE