

## **SAN FRANCISCO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COUNCIL**

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### **Agenda**

#### **Behavioral Health Council**

#### **San Francisco City Hall**

**1 Dr. Carlton B Goodlett Place, Hearing Room 416**

**San Francisco, California 94102**

**Thursday, July 16, 2026**

**6:00pm – 8:00pm**

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### **Item 1.0** Call to Order, Roll Call

Commissioners: Chair, Kescha S. Mason, Athena Bing-Ying Ng, Raymond Deng, Tara Gamboa Eastman, Michael Fittro, Brandon Fountain, Stephanie Gonzales, Amelia Harmon, Peter Murphy, Sam Ustrzynski and Jasper Verduin.

(Members of the public may provide public comments for items on the agenda before or during each agenda item, at the option of the commissioner who is chairing the meeting.)

**Item 2.0** Division Report, Behavioral Health Services. Presentation by Valerie Kirby, MPH, Special Projects and Planning Coordinator, Behavioral Health Services, SFDPH. [See Attached - Slide Presentation] **[Discussion Only]**

**[Public Comment shall occur before or during agenda items.]**

**Item 3.0** Presentation/training by Theresa Comstock, Executive Director CA Association of Local Behavioral Health Boards & Commissions. [See Attached - Slide Presentation] **[Discussion Only]**

See hyperlinks below:

3a.) Brown Act

<https://www.calbhbc.org/brown-act.html>

3.b.) How to Be an Effective Behavioral Health Board/Commission

<https://www.calbhbc.org/howtobeeffective.html>

**[Discussion Only]**

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**Item 4.0** The BHC should adopt the meeting minutes of the BHC Meeting Thursday, June 18, 2026. [See Attached] **[Action Item]**

**[Public Comment shall occur before or during agenda items.]**

**Item 5.0** New Business

Suggestions for agenda Items for the next meeting. [See Attachment] **[Discussion Only]**

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**Adjournment:** (Motion to adjourn and reminder of the next meeting)

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