



**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES**  
**Behavioral Health Advisory Board**  
**Special Meeting – Review of Teleconferencing Status**  
**301 E. 13<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**Merced, CA 95341**  
**January 4, 2022**

# Minutes

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**Present:** Sally Ragonut, Vice-Chair; Zachery Ramos, Secretary; Mary Ellis; Iris Mojica de Tatum; Keng Ger Cha; Vicki Humble; Vince Ramos; Genevieve Valentine

**Absent:** Bruce Metcalf, Chair; Supervisor Lloyd Pareira; Linda Deol

**Others Present:** Sharon Mendonca; Charles Bruce; Amy Houghtaling (Recorder)

## Call to Order / Roll Call

Today's meeting was held as a special meeting and via video conference only. Vice-Chair, Sally Ragonut, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Audible roll call was taken by Recorder, Amy Houghtaling.

## Mission Statement

The Mission Statement was read by Sally Ragonut, Vice-Chair.

**Opportunity for public input. At this time any person may comment on any item which is not on the agenda.**

**Discussion/Conclusion:** No public comment was given.

**Recommendation/Action:** None

## Review Teleconferencing Status

**Discussion/Conclusion:** Sally explained that the Board must review whether teleconference is still necessary for these Board meetings in the next thirty days. She asked BHRS Director, Genevieve Valentine, for an update on the state of emergency status. Director Valentine shared that the State still has us in a declared State of Emergency. Sally then stated that the Board finds that a state of emergency continues to exist and secondly, that there is agreement that the state of emergency impacts the BHAB's ability for the members, BHRS staff and the public to meet safely in person. Sally then called for a motion to vote on these findings.

**Recommendation/Action:** M/S/C (Ragonut) to approve using teleconferencing for the next meeting and that meeting to be a Special Meeting on January 4, 2022 for the sole purpose of taking a new vote on continuing teleconferencing for the February meeting. Bruce called for a roll call vote. The names of all present Board members were called and asked for their individual approvals. Use of teleconferencing at the next scheduled meeting was approved with a majority for members in attendance.

Pareira – Absent

Ramos, V. – Offline for vote

Metcalf – Absent

Mojica de Tatum – Aye

Cha – Aye

Ramos, Z. – Aye

Ellis – Aye

Ragonut – Aye

Humble – Aye

Deol – Absent



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**Adjournment:** Sally adjourned the meeting at 4:06 pm.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Amy Houghtaling  
Recording Secretary

Approved by: Approved and Signed by Secretary 02/14/22  
Zachery Ramos, Secretary  
Merced County Behavioral Health Board

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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