



## BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMISSION

The below listed summary of seats, term expirations and membership information shall serve as notice of **vacancies, upcoming term expirations** and information on currently held seats, appointed by the Board of Supervisors. Appointments by other bodies are listed, if available. Seat numbers listed in **bold** are open for immediate appointment. However, you are able to submit applications for all seats and your application will be maintained for one year, in the event that an unexpected vacancy or opening occurs.

### Membership and Seat Qualifications

Seat #	Appointing Authority	Seat Holder	Term Ending	Qualification
<b>1</b>	BOS	<u>Bahlam Vigil</u> (Consumer)	1/1/23	Must be a Consumer, a Family Member of a Consumer, a Child Advocate, an Older Adult Advocate, a Mental Health Professional, or a representative of the public interest and appointed by the District 11 Supervisor, for a three-year term
2	BOS	Genesis Vasconez (Mental Health Professional)	1/1/24	Must be a Consumer, a Family Member of a Consumer, a Child Advocate, an Older Adult Advocate, a Mental Health Professional, or a representative of the public interest and appointed by the District 7 Supervisor, for the unexpired portion of a three-year term
<b>3</b>	BOS	<b>Carletta Jackson-Lane (term expired 1/1/22)</b>	1/1/25	Must be a Consumer, a Family Member of a Consumer, a Child Advocate, an Older Adult Advocate, a Mental Health Professional, or a representative of the public interest and appointed by the District 6 Supervisor, for a three-year term
<b>4</b>	BOS	<b>VACANT</b>	1/1/23	Must be a Consumer, a Family Member of a Consumer, a Child Advocate, an Older Adult Advocate, a Mental Health Professional, or a representative of the public interest and appointed

				by the District 3 Supervisor, for a three-year term
<b>5</b>	<b>BOS</b>	<b>VACANT</b>	<b>1/1/24</b>	Must be a Consumer, a Family Member of a Consumer, a Child Advocate, an Older Adult Advocate, a Mental Health Professional, or a representative of the public interest and appointed by the District 4 Supervisor, for a three-year term
6	BOS	Keshca Mason (Child/Older Adult Advocate)	1/1/25	Must be a Consumer, a Family Member of a Consumer, a Child Advocate, an Older Adult Advocate, a Mental Health Professional, or a representative of the public interest and appointed by the District 10 Supervisor, for a portion of a three-year term
<b>7</b>	<b>BOS</b>	<b>VACANT (Ashel Sempel - resigned)</b>	<b>1/1/23</b>	Must be a Consumer, a Family Member of a Consumer, a Child Advocate, an Older Adult Advocate, a Mental Health Professional, or a representative of the public interest and appointed by the District 5 Supervisor, for a three-year term
8	BOS	Stephen Banuelos (Mental Health Professional)	1/1/24	Must be a Consumer, a Family Member of a Consumer, a Child Advocate, an Older Adult Advocate, a Mental Health Professional, or a representative of the public interest and appointed by the District 9 Supervisor, for a three-year term
<b>9</b>	<b>BOS</b>	<b>VACANT (Richelle Lee Slota resigned 12/31/21)</b>	<b>1/1/25</b>	Must be a Consumer, a Family Member of a Consumer, a Child Advocate, an Older Adult Advocate, a Mental Health Professional, or a representative of the public interest and appointed by the District 1 Supervisor, for a three-year term
<b>10</b>	<b>BOS</b>	<b>Harriette Stevens (Family Member of Consumer)</b>	<b>1/1/23</b>	Must be a Consumer, a Family Member of a Consumer, a Child Advocate, an Older Adult Advocate, a Mental Health

				Professional, or a representative of the public interest and appointed by the District 2 Supervisor, for a three-year
11	BOS	Lisa Williams (Family Member of Consumer)	1/1/24	Must be a Consumer, a Family Member of a Consumer, a Child Advocate, an Older Adult Advocate, a Mental Health Professional, or a representative of the public interest and appointed by the District 8 Supervisor, for a three-year term
12	BOS	<b>Toni Parks (term expired 1/1/22)</b>	<b>1/1/25</b>	Must be a Consumer, a Family Member of a Consumer, a Child Advocate, an Older Adult Advocate, a Mental Health Professional, or a representative of the public interest for a three-year term
13	BOS	Lisa Wynn	1/1/23	
14	BOS	Liza Murawski	1/1/24	
15	BOS	<b>Ulash Thakore-Dunlap (Term expired 1/1/22)</b>	<b>1/1/25</b>	
16	BOS	<b>Idell Wilson (Term expired 1/1/2021)</b>	<b>1/1/24</b>	
17	BOS	VACANT	1/1/23	Member of Board of Supervisors

**Seat Requirements:**

The following floating requirements are not tied to a specific seat and all qualifications are considered at the time of appointment to determine which requirement(s) an applicant would qualify for (applicants may meet more than one requirement):

- At least nine members must be consumers or the parents, spouses, siblings or adult children of consumers. Of these nine members, at least:
  - Four (4) must be **“Consumers”** (see definition below)
  - Four (4) should be **“Family Members of a Consumer”** (see definitions below)
  - One (1) **Consumer or Family Member of a Consumer**
- One (1) member must be a **“Child Advocate”** (a “Family Member of a Consumer” or a consumer advocate for minors who use mental health services).
- One (1) member must be an **“Older Adult Advocate”** (a “Family Member of a Consumer” or consumer advocate for persons 60 years of age or older who use mental health services).
- Two (2) members must be **“Mental Health Professionals”** (see definition below).
- All other seats may be filled by persons with experience and knowledge of the mental health system representing the **“Public Interest”**.

**“Consumer”** is a person who has received mental health services in San Francisco from any program operated or funded by the City and County, from a State hospital, or from any public or private nonprofit mental health agency.

**“Family Member of a Consumer”** includes domestic partners and significant others.

**“Mental Health Professional”** shall be from the following professions: psychiatry, psychology, mental health social work, nursing with a specialty in mental health, marriage and family counseling, psychiatric technology, or administrator of a hospital providing mental health services or of a community health facility.

**Exclusions:** No member or his/her spouse shall be a full-time or part-time County employee of a County mental health service, an employee of the State Department of Mental Health, or an employee of, or a paid member of the governing body of, a Bronzan-McCorquodale contract agency.

#### **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS (BOS) APPLICATION FORMS AVAILABLE HERE**

- English - [https://sfbos.org/sites/default/files/vacancy\\_application.pdf](https://sfbos.org/sites/default/files/vacancy_application.pdf)
- 中文 - [https://sfbos.org/sites/default/files/vacancy\\_application\\_CHI.pdf](https://sfbos.org/sites/default/files/vacancy_application_CHI.pdf)
- Español - [https://sfbos.org/sites/default/files/vacancy\\_application\\_SPA.pdf](https://sfbos.org/sites/default/files/vacancy_application_SPA.pdf)
- Filipino - [https://sfbos.org/sites/default/files/vacancy\\_application\\_FIL.pdf](https://sfbos.org/sites/default/files/vacancy_application_FIL.pdf)

(For seats appointed by other Authorities please contact the Board / Commission / Committee / Task Force (see below) or the appointing authority directly.)

Applications and other documents may be submitted to [BOS-Appointments@sfgov.org](mailto:BOS-Appointments@sfgov.org)

*Please Note: Depending upon the posting date, a vacancy may have already been filled. To determine if a vacancy for this Commission is still available, or if you require additional information, please call the Rules Committee Clerk at (415) 554-5184.*

**Next Steps:** Applicants who meet minimum qualifications will be contacted by the Rules Committee Clerk once the Rules Committee Chair determines the date of the hearing. Members of the Rules Committee will consider the appointment(s) at the meeting and applicant(s) may be asked to state their qualifications. The appointment of the individual(s) who is recommended by the Rules Committee will be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for final approval.

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The Behavioral Health Commission (“Commission”) (formerly the Mental Health Board) consists of seventeen (17) members:

- Eleven (11) members: one (1) appointed by each of the District Supervisors; and
- Six (6) members are appointed by the full Board of Supervisors; one (1) of whom shall be a member of the Board of Supervisors.

The California Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 5604, requires:

- At least nine (9) members shall be Consumers or the parents, spouses, siblings or adult children of Consumers;
- At least four (4) members shall be Consumers;
- At least four (4) members shall be family of Consumers;
- One (1) member shall be a child advocate (a family member or Consumer advocate for minors who use mental health services);
- One (1) member shall be an older adult advocate (a family member or Consumer advocate for persons 60 years of age or older who use mental health services); and
- Two (2) members shall be from the following professions: psychiatry, psychology, mental health social work, nursing with a specialty in mental health, marriage and family counseling, psychiatric technology, or administrator of a hospital providing mental health services or of a community mental health facility.

NOTE: A “Consumer” is a person who has received mental health and/or substance use services in San Francisco from any program operated or funded by the City and County, from a State hospital, or from any public or private nonprofit mental health agency. The Board of Supervisors member position shall not count in determining whether the Consumer and family of Consumer requirements of this section are met.

Any positions not allocated to specific types of members may be filled by persons with experience and knowledge of the mental health system representing the public interest. Except for the Board of Supervisors member, the term of each member shall be for three years. No member shall serve more than two consecutive terms. The term of office of a member appointed by an individual Board of Supervisors member is not affected by the Board of Supervisors member no longer continuing in that office.

The Commission shall review and evaluate the City and County's behavioral health needs, services, facilities and special problems and other duties as stated in Administrative Code, Section 15.14.

Reports: An Annual Report shall be submitted to the Board of Supervisors on the needs and performance of the City and County's mental health system

Authority: California Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 5604 et seq.; and Administrative Code, Section 15.12 et seq. (Ordinance Nos. 15-80, 452-85, 98-93, 337-99, and 240-19)

Sunset Date: None

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