



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Committee Meeting Minutes - Draft

Behavioral Health Board

Wednesday, May 6, 2026

4:30 PM

1025 Escobar Street, Martinez |
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Agenda Items: Items may be taken out of order based on the business of the day and preference of the Committee

1. Roll Call and Introductions

Chair Campbell called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Present	Anthony Arias, Y'Anad Burrell, Logan Campbell, Roland Fernandez, Laura Griffin, Anya Gupta, Avery Gould, Dhoryan Rizo, Lacharonda Taylor, and Jenelle Towle
Absent	Candace Andersen, Ken Carlson, Rebecca Harper, Alexander Quintero, and Max Sala

2. Chair Announcements

Campbell informed the Board of the passing of Board Member Candace Hendra and acknowledged her contributions during her term of service.

3. Public comment on any item under the jurisdiction of the Board and not on this agenda (speakers may be limited to two minutes).

There were seven public comments received on this item.

Public comment was provided by Jenelle Towle, Laura Griffin, Tom Aswad, Logan Campbell, Avery Gould, Stephen Field, DO and Gigi Crowder.

4. RECEIVE Presentation on the Community Assistance, Recovery and Empowerment (CARE) Act

Speakers: Elyse Perata, LMFT, Marie Scannell, PhD

Forensic Mental Health Services of Behavioral Health Services provided an overview of the Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Act and explained how CARE Court operates in Contra Costa County. The presentation covered the program's purpose, eligibility criteria, referral pathways, recent legislative updates (including SB 27), and the collaborative roles of Behavioral Health,

the courts, and partner agencies. Program highlights included current outcomes such as petition volume, engagement rates, housing placements, and progress toward care agreements.

There were five public comments received on this item.

Public comment was provided by Alejandra Escobedo-Sochet, Ronda Deplazes, Teresa Pasquini, Jenelle Towle and Y'Anad Burrell.

- 5. RECEIVE and APPROVE the Meeting Minutes from the March 4, 2026 Behavioral Health Board meeting, with any necessary corrections

There were no public comments received on this item.

Motion:	Towle
Second:	Gould
Aye:	Arias, Burrell, Campbell, Fernandez, Griffin, Gould, Rizo, Taylor, and Towle
Absent:	Andersen, Carlson, Harper, Quintero, and Sala
Abstain:	Gupta
Result:	Passed

- 6. RECEIVE Report from the March 2026 Nominating Committee

Campbell provided an update on the Nominating Committee’s progress and announced the slate of nominees for the Chairperson roles for both the Programs and Services Subcommittee and the Community Awareness Subcommittee. Elections for each Chairperson position will be held at the June 3 Board meeting.

Nominees for the Programs and Services Subcommittee Chairperson:

Roland Fernandez
Anya Gupta

Nominees for the Community Awareness Subcommittee Chairperson:

Roland Fernandez
Anya Gupta

There were no public comments received on this item.

Adjourn

The next meeting is currently scheduled for June 3, 2026.

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