

Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board

Advisory Committee Policy

Purpose: A BSRB Advisory Committee, as a creation of the Board, has the purpose of supporting the Board in carrying out its mission to protect the public. Members serve at the pleasure of the Board. Actions pertaining to informing, licensing, and disciplining of those persons regulated by the Board are the methods for accomplishing the mission.

Process: An Advisory Committee fulfills its purpose by addressing issues referred to it by the Board through the Advisory Committee Chair or the Executive Director. A Committee may suggest issues it believes the Board should consider by referring those through the Chair of the Advisory Committee. When the latter occurs the Board has three courses of action from which to choose:

1. The Board can agree the issue needs to be addressed at the Board level.
2. The Board can agree the issue should be addressed and refer the matter to the appropriate person or committee for additional information, review, or analysis, which will then be brought back to the Board.
3. The Board can decide to not address the issue.

Structure of the Committee: The Chair of the Committee will be a Board member licensed in the discipline of the committee **and appointed by the Governor to represent that discipline on the Board. Any other Board members appointed by the Governor to represent that discipline on the Board will serve as a member of that advisory committee.** A public member of the Board will also be a member. There will be a minimum of three and **a maximum of ten additional members appointed.** The Executive Director will be a non-voting, ex officio member. **The Assistant Director or Licensing Manager is encouraged to attend. The Assistant Attorney General representing the Board should attend meetings when their attendance is requested.**

Terms for Advisory Committee members will be two years. They will be appointed by the Chair of the BSRB and can serve up to four terms. Appointments to the committee should be staggered **to avoid having too many members of the Advisory Committee reach their maximum length of service at the same time.** The policies and procedures under which the BSRB Board Members are expected to operate will apply also to the Advisory Committee Members. The Chair of the BSRB can remove members.

Selection: Members for the Committee may be nominated by anyone, including the public, committee members, members of a professional organization — either the discipline’s own or other’s — or through self-nomination. In reviewing nominations, the Committee should work to ensure that there **is diverse representation including, but not limited to, geographic setting, gender, culture, and ethnicity. Members should provide representation of the levels of licensing for that discipline and those members should be selected from among public and private practitioners and educators.**

The Committee as a whole discusses nominations **and reaches recommendations on new members**. The nominee’s resume, a letter stating the reasons why he or she desires to be appointed, and a copy of the Board’s mission and goals to which the nominee has indicated agreement, are reviewed. The Chair of the Committee will submit the **Committee’s recommendations for new members** to the BSRB Board Chair. The Chair will review the **recommendations** and may request input before making a decision, which will be announced at a Board meeting.

After the appointment has been approved the Executive Director will inform the Advisory Committee appointee by letter **or e-mail**. The Executive Director may assist the new member by providing information, which will help orient the member to the Board’s, and Advisory Committee’s, role and function.