



# Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist Advisory Committee Meeting

## **SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS**

August 27, 2025

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## Agenda Item 2.0

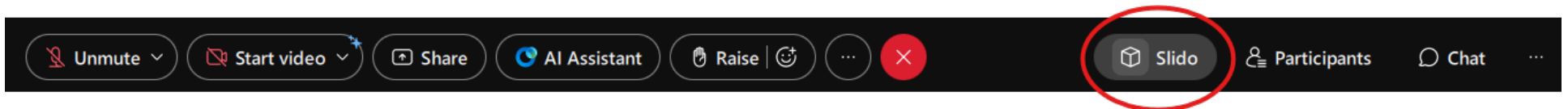
### **General instructions for the format of a teleconference meeting**

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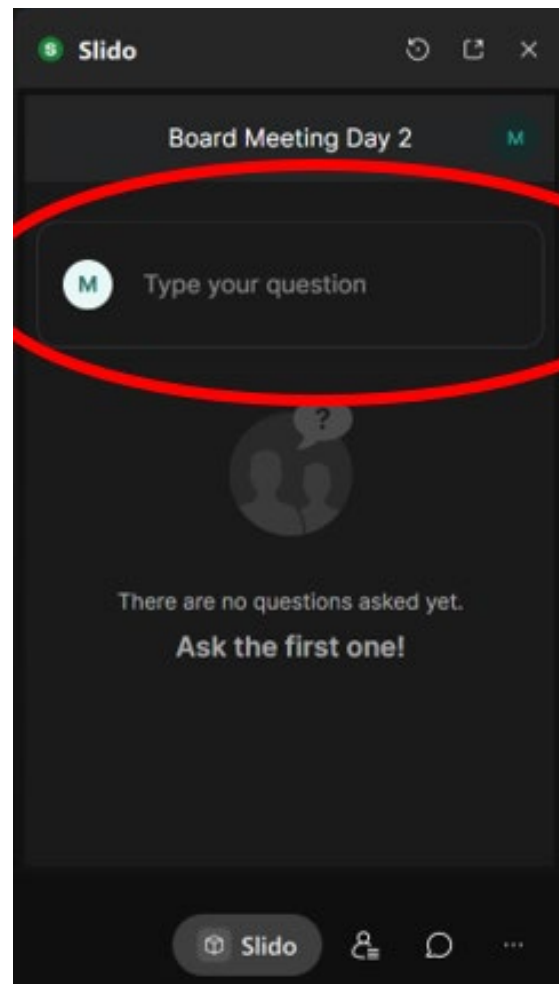
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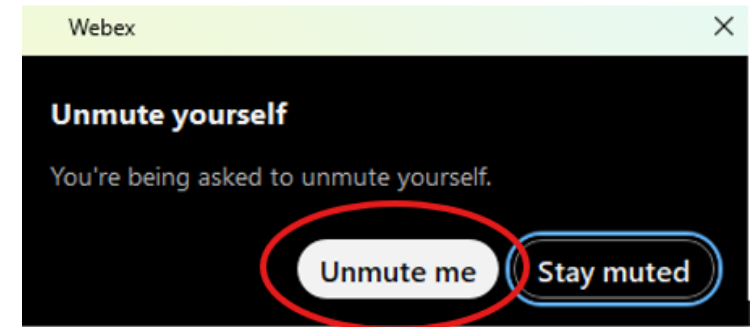
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## Agenda Item 4.1

**Review and vote on whether to approve previous meeting's minutes**

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**BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING**  
**Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**DATE:** January 16, 2025

**START TIME:** 9:04 am

**LOCATION:** **NOTE:** In accordance with Government Code section 11123.5, the meeting was held via a teleconference platform and all committee members participated remotely with a member of the Board's staff present at the primary physical meeting location below:  
1747 North Market Blvd., Ste. 100  
Sacramento, CA 95834

9:04 am      **1.0**

**Call to Order, Roll Call, and Establishment of a Quorum**

Samantha Polikowski, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:04 am. Joseph Martin and Kathleen Theobald were not present. Quorum was established at 9:04 am.

**Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist Advisory Committee Members:**

Samantha Polikowski, CRNA – Chair  
Joseph Martin, DNP, CRNA – Vice Chair (Absent)  
Sandra Bordi, DNP, CRNA  
Karyn Karp, MS, CRNA  
Kathleen Theobald, MA – Joined at 9:12 a.m.

**BRN Staff Representatives:**

Loretta Melby, RN, MSN, Executive Officer  
Reza Pejuhesh, DCA Legal Affairs Division, Attorney

9:06 am      **3.0**

**Public comment for items not on the agenda; items for future agendas.**

**Public Comment for Agenda Item 3.0:**

No public comments in any locations.

9:07 am      **4.0**

**Review and vote on whether to approve previous meeting's minutes**

**4.1 August 15, 2024**

**Discussion:**

Presented by Samantha Polikowski, Chair.

No comments or questions by members.

**Motion:** Samantha Polikowski Motion to Approve

**Second:** Karyn Karp

**Public Comment for Agenda Item 4.1:**

No public comments in any location.

**Vote:**

	SP	JM	KK	KT	SB
Vote	Y	AB	Y	AB	Y
Key: Yes: Y   No: N   Abstain: A   Absent for Vote: AB					

**Motion Passed**

9:10 am

**5.0**

**Discussion and possible action: Report from the three CRNAAC subcommittees: Public Engagement and Website; Regulations; and Regulation Definitions.**

**Discussion:**

Presented by Samantha Polikowski, Chair.

**Samantha Polikowski:** Provided an update for the Public Engagement and Website Subcommittee. They have a meeting next week with Loretta Melby and McCaulie Feusahrens to start some action items and determine what to tackle first for the website.

**Sandra Bordi and Karyn Karp:** Provided an update for the Regulations Subcommittee. They have a meeting with Loretta Melby and Marissa Clark. They continue to work on the regulations and will meet with CANA Practice Division to ensure the regulations are aligned with practice and statute. Loretta Melby said they discussed how to codify what is currently happening in practice and working to get language about the application process. They met with DCA's regulatory attorney to receive some guidance to make sure they have statutory authority for some of the asks going forward.

**Kathleen Theobald:** Arrived at meeting at 9:12 am and introduced herself. She said they want to make the website as user friendly as possible for the public.

**Motion:**

No motion made.

**Public Comment for Agenda Item 5.0:**

**Emily Frank, President, CANA:** Thanked the committee for hard work on the regulations. They are here to support the committee every step of the way.

No public comment in Sacramento.

9:17 am

**6.0**

**Information Only: Licensure process for Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists, including California, out-of-state, and international graduates.**

**Discussion:**

Presented by Loretta Melby, EO, and Sandra Bordi.

**Sandra Bordi:** Said this issue was brought to their attention and she wanted to have it presented at the meeting. She spoke about the international graduates and their path to licensure in California. She asked to post the information she presented to the BRN website. She said they are working on the regulations to streamline the process for CRNAs to come from other states to obtain licensure and practice in California.

**Loretta Melby:** Appreciated the information and said it could be added to the BRN website. She said to become a CRNA the applicant must meet the requirements for Board certification. She spoke about the process for other advanced practice nurses having their program approved in California and that those programs' graduates do not require national certification. She said California is the only state that does not require all advanced practice nurses to be nationally certified. She said one other state just changed their process to address this issue that gave the

applicant six months to become licensed while seeking national certification with two attempts to pass. Without national certification the APRN is unable to bill for service because CMS requires national board certification in order to bill. She said billing and insurance are not under the BRN's jurisdiction but if this was changed in the legislative process in the future it would solve this issue. Another issue is the CRNA national board-certified body has agreed to partner with NCSBN's Nursys to show national certification for CRNAs. She explained the current process that requires a CRNA to sign into the national board and request a copy of the certification be sent to the BRN. She said the BRN collects academic records electronically from the school or from Clearinghouse or Parchment and there is also a form for program verification that can be signed off by the CRNA program director. She said national board certification requires primary source validation of education prior to allowing someone to sit for the boards. If the Board accepts national certification in the future, then the academic documents would not have to be submitted, and it would speed up the licensure process or if the Board agreed to defer to Nursys that could also speed up the process. She said she has learned from the FBI that paper documents are subject to fraud and the the ability to get a document from a single trusted entity helps decrease attempts at fraud.

9:33 a.m.      **Public Comment for  
Agenda Item 6.0:**

No public comments in any location.

9:37 am      **7.0**

**Adjournment: Samantha Polikowski**, adjourned the meeting at 9:37 am.

**Submitted by:**

**Accepted by:**

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**McCaulie Feusahrens**

Chief of Licensing  
Licensing Division

California Board of Registered Nursing

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**Samantha Polikowski**

Chair  
Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist Advisory  
Committee

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**Loretta Melby, MSN, RN**

Executive Officer  
California Board of Registered Nursing





## Agenda Item 5.0

**Discussion and possible action: Report from the Board of Registered Nursing's Executive Officer regarding updates on activities which may impact Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNA)**

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**AGENDA ITEM:** 5.0  
**DATE:** August 27, 2025

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Discussion and possible action: Report from the Board of Registered Nursing's Executive Officer regarding updates on activities which may impact Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNA)

**REQUESTED BY:** Samantha Polikowski, CRNA  
Chair

**BACKGROUND:**

Loretta Melby, Executive Officer for the Board of Registered Nursing, will provide updates on Board activities which may impact CRNAs.

**RESOURCES:**

**NEXT STEPS:**

**FISCAL IMPACT, IF ANY:** None

**PERSON(S) TO CONTACT:** McCaulie Feusahrens  
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## Agenda Item 6.0

**Discussion and possible action: Regarding meeting dates for 2026**

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**AGENDA ITEM:** 6.0  
**DATE:** August 27, 2025

**ACTION REQUESTED:**      **Discussion and possible action:** Regarding meeting dates for 2026

**REQUESTED BY:**              Samantha Polikowski, CRNA  
Chair

**BACKGROUND:**

The CRNAAC will meet twice per year. Meetings will be open to the public and adhere to the Bagley Keene Open Meeting Act requirements. Special meetings may be held at such times as the Board may elect, or on the call of the Board President or the Executive Officer.

A proposed schedule is included in the meeting materials.

**RESOURCES:**

**NEXT STEPS:**

**FISCAL IMPACT, IF ANY:**              None

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## BRN Board, Committee, and Advisory Committee Meetings in 2026

<b>January 21, 2026</b>	<b>Advisory Committees</b> Nursing Education and Workforce Advisory Committee (NEWAC)
<b>February 11, 2026</b>	<b>Board Committee Meetings</b> Nursing Practice Committee Education/Licensing Committee Enforcement/Intervention Committee Legislative Committee
<b>March 26-27, 2026</b>	<b>Board Meeting</b>
<b>April 7, 2026</b>	<b>Advisory Committee</b> Clinical Nurse Specialist Advisory Committee (CNSAC) Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist Advisory Committee (CRNAAC)
<b>April 28, 2026</b>	<b>Advisory Committees</b> Nurse-Midwifery Advisory Committee (NMAC) Nurse Practitioner Advisory Committee (NPAC)
<b>May 13, 2026</b>	<b>Board Committee Meetings</b> Nursing Practice Committee Education/Licensing Committee Enforcement/Intervention Committee Legislative Committee
<b>June 25-26, 2026</b>	<b>Board Meeting</b>
<b>July 22, 2026</b>	<b>Advisory Committees</b> Nursing Education and Workforce Advisory Committee (NEWAC)
<b>August 12, 2026</b>	<b>Board Committee Meetings</b> Nursing Practice Committee Education/Licensing Committee Enforcement/Intervention Committee Legislative Committee
<b>September 24-25, 2026</b>	<b>Board Meeting</b>
<b>October 6, 2026</b>	<b>Advisory Committee</b> Clinical Nurse Specialist Advisory Committee (CNSAC) Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist Advisory Committee (CRNAAC)
<b>October 20, 2026</b>	<b>Advisory Committees</b> Nurse-Midwifery Advisory Committee (NMAC) Nurse Practitioner Advisory Committee (NPAC)
<b>November 5, 2026</b>	<b>Board Committee Meetings</b> Nursing Practice Committee Education/Licensing Committee Enforcement/Intervention Committee Legislative Committee
<b>December 16-17, 2026</b>	<b>Board Meeting</b>



## Agenda Item 7.0

**Discussion and possible action: Regarding election of Chair and Vice Chair positions**

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**AGENDA ITEM: 7.0**  
**DATE: August 27, 2025**

**ACTION REQUESTED:**      **Discussion and possible action:** Regarding election of Chair and Vice Chair positions

**REQUESTED BY:**              Samantha Polikowski, CRNA  
Chair

**BACKGROUND:**

CRNAAC members will identify and vote on a committee Chair and Vice Chair to facilitate meetings in collaboration with the Board's Executive Officer. The Chair will develop the meeting agendas in collaboration with the Board's Executive Officer, staff liaison, and other Board support staff. Only appointed CRNAAC committee members vote on meeting agenda items when a vote is required. This may include items such as approval of minutes and specific recommendations to be moved forward to Board Committees or the full Board. The Vice Chair has the authority to perform the committee Chair's duties in the Chair's absence and is knowledgeable regarding issues that impact CRNAAC and the policies and procedures by which the committee must be run. Members must be available for telephone and email consultation with BRN staff relative to program work and other program issues.

**RESOURCES:**

**NEXT STEPS:**

**FISCAL IMPACT, IF ANY:**              None

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## Agenda Item 8.0

**Discussion and possible action: Report from the three CRNAAC subcommittees: Public Engagement and Website; Regulations; and Regulation Definitions.**

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**AGENDA ITEM:** 8.0  
**DATE:** August 27, 2025

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Discussion and possible action: Report from the three CRNAAC subcommittees: Public Engagement and Website; Regulations; and Regulation Definitions.

**REQUESTED BY:** Samantha Polikowski, CRNA  
Chair

**BACKGROUND:**

The three CRNAAC subcommittees will provide updates on work conducted. The subcommittees and members are as follows:

- Public Engagement and Website: Samantha Polikowski and Kathleen Theobald
- Regulations: Sandra Bordi and Karyn Karp
- Regulation Definition: Joseph Martin

**RESOURCES:**

**NEXT STEPS:**

**FISCAL IMPACT, IF ANY:** None

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## Agenda Item 9.0

### **Information only: Data on final dispositions of disciplinary cases against CRNAs**

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**AGENDA ITEM:** 9.0  
**DATE:** August 27, 2025

**ACTION REQUESTED:**      **Information only:** Data on final dispositions of disciplinary cases against CRNAs

**REQUESTED BY:**            Samantha Polikowski, CRNA  
Chair

**BACKGROUND:**

The members of CRNAAC will discuss any trends/issues with final dispositions of disciplinary cases against CRNAs. Discipline data for the past seven (7) years is included in the two charts below:

**Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNA) Discipline Statistics**

Type of Discipline	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025 (as of 8/13/25)
Public Reprimand	6	1	1	0	0	1	2	1
Probation	2	0	4	3	4	5	1	2
Surrender	4	7	2	4	2	3	0	1
Voluntary Surrender during Probation	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Revocation	2	2	0	3	1	4	2	0
Reinstatement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>

### CRNA Discipline Statistics – Violation Types

Violation Type	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025 (as of 8/13/25)
Practice	5	1	3	1	1	2	0	1
801 Practice	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1
OSD	5	3	2	3	1	4	2	1
Conviction	1	2	0	1	0	3	2	0
SUD	2	3	1	2	5	2	0	0
Sexual Misconduct	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	2	1	2	2	0	1	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>

**RESOURCES:**

**NEXT STEPS:**

**FISCAL IMPACT, IF ANY:**

None

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## Agenda Item 10.0

### **Information only: Overview of the 2026 BRN Sunset Review process**

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**AGENDA ITEM:** 10.0  
**DATE:** August 27, 2025

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Information only: Overview of the 2026 BRN Sunset Review process

**REQUESTED BY:** Sandra Bordi, CRNA

**BACKGROUND:**

Loretta Melby, Executive Officer, will provide an overview of the 2026 BRN Sunset Review process. Each year, the Assembly Business and Professions Committee and the Senate Business, Professions, and Economic Development Committee conduct joint sunset review oversight hearings to review the boards and bureaus within the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA). These boards and bureaus are responsible for protecting consumers and the public and regulating the professionals they license. The sunset review process offers the DCA, the Legislature, the boards, and other stakeholders an opportunity to assess board performance and propose recommendations for improvement.

This comprehensive process allows the Legislature to review the laws and regulations governing each board, assess its programs and policies, and determine whether it is effectively fulfilling its regulatory responsibilities and statutory mandates. It also includes a review of fiscal management practices and financial relationships with other agencies. Through Sunset Review Oversight, boards are also evaluated on key performance measures, such as timeliness of actions and enforcement activities to ensure they meet the needs of California consumers while promoting regulatory efficiency and effectiveness.

The BRN's sunset review is scheduled for 2026; however, preparatory work on the report is underway. The initial sections of the Board's report provide an overview of the Board's current regulatory program and include data tables and charts. The latter sections address the Board's responses to specific issues either raised by the Board or identified during the previous Sunset Review Oversight. Staff will be drafting the report with the goal of presenting it to the Nursing Practice Committee in October for edits, followed by Board approval in November. The final Sunset Report is due to the Legislature for review on or before January 5, 2026.

**RESOURCES:**

The most recent BRN Sunset Report, background papers, and other reports submitted to the Legislature are below and prior years can be found on the [BRN website](#):

- [2022 Sunset Review Report](#)
  - [March 18, 2022 Background Paper](#)
    - [BRN Response to Issues Identified in Sunset Background Paper](#)
    - [Overview of Recent State Auditor Reports on the BRN](#)

**NEXT STEPS:**

**FISCAL IMPACT, IF ANY:** None

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## Agenda Item 11.0

**Information only: Presentation from the California Association of Nurse Anesthesiology (CANA) on future priorities for CRNAs**

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**REQUESTED BY:** Samantha Polikowski, CRNA  
Chair

**BACKGROUND:**

Members from the California Association of Nurse Anesthesiology (CANA) will provide information on CANA's future priorities for CRNAs.

**RESOURCES:**

**NEXT STEPS:**

**FISCAL IMPACT, IF ANY:** None

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