



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER**

**Agenda Number:**

**Clerk of the Board of Supervisors**  
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**Submitted on:**  
**(COB Stamp)**

**Department Name:** Behavioral Wellness  
**Department No.:** 043  
**Agenda Date:** March 10, 2026  
**Placement:** Administrative Agenda  
**Estimated Time:** N/A  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:** N/A  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Director: Antonette Navarro, LMFT, Director, Behavioral Wellness  
Contact: Suzanne Grimesey, MST, CCISM, PIO and Chief Strategy & Community  
Engagement, Behavioral Wellness  
**SUBJECT:** Reappointment of Members to the Santa Barbara County Psychiatric Health Facility  
(PHF) Governing Board

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:**

As to form: N/A

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Reappoint each of the following individuals to the Santa Barbara County Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) Governing Board for a two-year term:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Membership Position</u>
Arlene Diaz	A representative from the Public Guardian's Office
Dr. Josephine Preciado	A County Health Doctor

**Summary Text:**

This item is on the agenda to request approval of the re-appointment of Arlene Diaz and Dr. Josephine Preciado to the PHF Governing Board, each for a two-year term. Arlene Diaz, Public Services Division Chief, holds the position of representative from the Public Guardian's Office. Dr. Josephine Preciado, Chief Medical Officer, holds the position of County Health Doctor. Ms. Diaz's current term expires on April 23, 2026. Dr. Preciado's current term expires April 2, 2026.

**Discussion:**

The PHF Governing Board is a collective of representatives of key departments that provide operational oversight of the PHF including the bylaws, medical staff, quality of care, resources and facility operations. The PHF Governing Board is legally responsible for the conduct of the PHF, including specified governance functions set forth in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 42, Part 482.12 which outlines that medical staff is accountable for the quality of care provided to patients, the overall conduct of the hospital, and grants privileged based on medical staff recommendations.

The PHF Governing Board meets monthly and presents a report to the County Board of Supervisors on an annual basis. Members of the PHF Governing Board are appointed and approved by the Board of Supervisors and serve two-year terms.

The Board of Supervisors is requested to approve the reappointment of Dr. Preciado and Ms. Diaz, each for two-year terms.

**Background:**

*PHF Governing Board*

The Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) is a 16-bed, locked inpatient psychiatric facility that provides comprehensive services to individuals in need of acute psychiatric care. The PHF Governing Board was originally created by action of the Board of Supervisors on August 30, 2016, as amended on September 20, 2016, October 10, 2017, and April 8, 2025, to provide oversight of the County's Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF).

The PHF Governing Board oversees operations of the PHF including medical staff, quality of care, and other programmatic matters.

The PHF Governing Board is comprised of the following members:

1. Assistant County Executive Officer of Health and Human Services;
2. Chief Deputy of Custody Operations for the Santa Barbara County Sheriffs' Department;
3. County Health Director;
4. Santa Barbara County Public Defender;
5. A representative from the Public Guardian's Office;
6. A County Health Doctor; and
7. One Supervisor from the County of Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors (and alternate).

On January 13, 2026, Second District Supervisor Laura Capps was appointed by the Board of Supervisors to serve on the PHF Governing Board and First District Supervisor Roy Lee was selected as the alternate.

Dr. Preciado began serving on the PHF Governing Board in 2024.

Arlene Diaz began serving on the PHF Governing Board in 2017.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts: N/A**

**Fiscal Analysis: N/A**

**Staffing Impacts: N/A**

**Special Instructions:**

Please return one (1) Minute Order to M. Simon-Gersuk at [msimongersuk@sbcbswell.org](mailto:msimongersuk@sbcbswell.org), BWell Contracts at [bwellcontractsstaff@sbcbswell.org](mailto:bwellcontractsstaff@sbcbswell.org). and the PHF Governing Board Administrator at [ragguz@sbcbswell.org](mailto:ragguz@sbcbswell.org).

**Attachments:**

**Attachment A** – Board Resolution 25-71

**Attachment B** – PHF Governing Board Application: Arlene Diaz

**Attachment C** – PHF Governing Board Application: Dr. Josephine Preciado

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