Behavioral Health Advisory Board
Executive Committee 2027 Officer Elections
Roles, Responsibilities & Recent Leadership

The Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) elects five officers each year to serve on its Executive Committee. These officers help guide the Board's work, coordinate meeting agendas, and support members in carrying out BHAB's responsibilities.

❖ What Does Serving as a BHAB Executive Committee Member Involve?

Executive Committee Positions	
POSITION	**KEY RESPONSIBILITIES**
Chair	- Serves as the Board's principal executive officer and official spokesperson. - Presides over General and Executive Committee meetings. - Makes committee appointments, except to the Nominating Committee. - Consults with the BHS Director.
1st Vice-Chair	- Assists the Chair in carrying out their duties. - Exercises the powers of the Chair when the Chair is absent.
2nd Vice-Chair	- Assists the Chair and 1st Vice-Chair. - Exercises the powers of the Chair when both are absent.
Members-at-Large (2)	- Assist the Chair in carrying out their duties. - One represents the mental health community; the other represents the alcohol and substance use community.

All five Officers attend monthly Executive Committee meetings in addition to monthly General Membership meetings.

❖ What are the term limits for Officers?

- Officers shall serve one-year (1) terms. Members can serve a second, consecutive one-year term in the same Officer position if elected to do so by the Advisory Board.
- A Member may not serve more than two consecutive years in the same Officer position.
- Members may serve up to four total years in the same position during their BHAB membership, subject to the consecutive-service limit.

❖ What Does the Executive Committee Do?

Per Article V of the BHAB Bylaws, the Executive Committee helps:

- Establish the policy and direction of the Advisory Board.
- Set agendas for regular and retreat meetings.
- Assist the Board in completing its duties and responsibilities.
- Help new members become active and informed.
- Share relevant information and recommend Board actions when appropriate.

❖ Meetings & Time Commitments

In addition to regular BHAB General meetings, all five Executive Committee officers attend a separate monthly Executive Committee meeting, generally held on the third Thursday of the month.

The Chair also meets with BHS staff on at least two additional occasions each month to support preparation and coordination for:
- BHAB General Meetings: Agenda development, presentation planning, and meeting readiness.
- Executive Committee Meetings: Agenda preparation, follow-up items, and meeting coordination.

Additional coordination occurs as needed, including review of BHAB member requests requiring Chair consideration and other matters that arise throughout the year. These coordination activities describe BHS administrative practices in support of the Chair, beyond specific meeting responsibilities described in the Bylaws.

❖ **Recent Executive Committee Leadership**

2023 BHAB Executive Committee
Chair: Bill Stewart
1st Vice-Chair: Judith Yates
2nd Vice-Chair: Serita Polinaire
Member-at-Large Representing the Mental Health Community: Robin Sales
Member-at-Large Representing the Alcohol and Substance Use Community: Carol Clemens

2024 BHAB Executive Committee
Chair: Robin Sales
1st Vice-Chair: Serita Polinaire
2nd Vice-Chair: Judith Yates
Member-at-Large Representing the Mental Health Community: Janice Luna Reynoso
Member-at-Large Representing the Alcohol and Substance Use Community: Bill Stewart

2025 BHAB Executive Committee
Chair: Robin Sales
1st Vice-Chair: Serita Polinaire
2nd Vice-Chair: Judith Yates
Member-at-Large Representing the Mental Health Community: Amanda Berry
Member-at-Large Representing the Alcohol and Substance Use Community: Julie Hayden

Current 2026 BHAB Executive Committee
Chair: Amanda Berry
1st Vice-Chair: Minola Clark Manson
2nd Vice-Chair: Janice Luna Reynoso (replaced Guarav Mishra September 2026)
Member-at-Large Representing the Mental Health Community: Robin Sales
Member-at-Large Representing the Alcohol and Substance Use Community: Julie Hayden

BHAB members are encouraged to consider the responsibilities, time commitments, and leadership needs of each position as they prepare to vote on the 2027 Officer Slate on Thursday, November 5, 2026.