San Gabriel / Pomona
Regional Center

SAN GABRIEL/POMONA DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
DRAFT Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
(A California Corporation)

August 26, 2026

ATTENDANCE

The following members of the Board of Directors were present at said meeting:

PRESENT:
Trish Gonzales
Julie Chetney
Bill Stewart
Joseph Huang
Richard Centeno
Preeti Subramaniam
Tina Wright
Adriana Pinedo
Phillip Loi
Kelly Privitt

ABSENT:

INTERPRETERS:
ASL - Issac and Daniel
Spanish – Marisol and Eduardo
Mandarin – Charlene and Ken
Korean – Sally and Kaitlyn
Vietnamese – Peter Le and Thienai

STAFF:
Jesse, Weller, Executive Director
Lucina Galarza, Deputy Executive Director
Dara Mikesell, Chief Financial Officer
Yeilen Hernandez, Chief People Officer
Daniela Santana, Director of Client Services
Salvador Gonzalez, Director, Service Access and Equity
Tim Travis, Director of Community Services
Maria Nuñez, Public Records and Policy Compliance Manager
Yvonne Gratianne, Communications and Public Engagement Officer
Jessi Romero, Manager, Specialized Services- Special Projects
Marlene Alvarez, Specialized Services 1 Manager
Kristy Owens, Senior Executive Assistant
Erika Gomez, Liaison to BOD & RDDF
Elba Moreno, Department Assistant, Communications

GUESTS:
Elena Sanchez, The Parents' Place
Willie Ramirez, DDS
Adriana Alonso, DDS
Hanna Dunham, SCDD
Jenni Villanueva, SCDD

Nada Saleh
Yan Li
Sheila Guardiola, Inclusion Services
Vicky Hatfield, 24 HHC
Willanette Stewart Satchell
Ann
Mark

Trish Gonzales, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was established.

- The agenda for today's meeting was reviewed and the following item was added: ARCA Report by Julie Chetney
  (M/S/C Stewart & Pinedo) The Board approved the amendment to the agenda.

- Review of minutes for the June 24, 2026 and July 22, 2026 meeting.
  (M/S/C Loi & Subramaniam) The Board approved the minutes.

A. PUBLIC INPUT:

- Carl Argila reminded the Board that he records the entire meeting and uploads the video of the meeting to his personal blog. He shared details about his son's conservatorship, including his wish for the conservatorship to be terminated and asked that more details of his request be added to the minutes. He also shared his appreciation for the work of Jessi Romero, Manager, Specialized Services- Special Projects for her work setting up one of his sons for Self Determination.

B. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Board President, Trish Gonzales, provided information on the following:

- Code of Conduct for SG/PRC Board and Committee Meetings –The document provides an opportunity to establish expectations for productive and respectful meetings.
- Board Chair or Designee Statement for Public Comment at SG/PRC Board Meetings . The complete statement was read:
  Thank you for the public comment this evening. In addition to the information shared this meeting, San Gabriel/Pomona Regional Center (SG/PRC) publishes comprehensive information on its official website: SGPRC.org

SGPRC.org is the only website affiliated with SG/PRC and is the most reliable source for accurate information about the regional center. Any other websites with similar domain names are not affiliated with SG/PRC and do not represent the organization.
To stay connected and for additional information on board or committee membership, upcoming events, official social media accounts, and conservatorship information, including alternatives to conservatorships - please visit the Department of Developmental Services webpage here: DDS Conservatorship Information

- Bylaws Adhoc Committee * - Ms. Gonzales presented a proposed adhoc committee with the purpose of reviewing and updating he current Board bylaws. The committee should work together from September 2026-June 30, 2027.
  (M/S/C Wright & Loi) The Board approved the Bylaws Ad hoc Committee.
- Ms. Gonzales also shared that Adriana Pinedo is the new Chairperson for the Community Relations/Legislative Advisory Committee.

C. SPECIAL PRESENTATION - THE PARENTS' PLACE

Elena Sanchez, Executive Director of The Parents' Place presented the following:

- The Parents' Place is a Family Resource and Empowerment Center
- Early Start Family Resource Centers
- Family Resource and Empowerment Centers
- Serving 7 SELPAS
- 12 community partners
- Services provided
- Support groups
- IT supports/services
- Lending library
- Community Navigator Program
- Referral forms
- Personal Protective Equipment
- More resources
- Collaborations with SG/PRC
- Educational trainings
- Annual Transition Conference "Life After High School"
- Annual Open House
- Volunteers

D. <u>ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR INDIVIDUALS SERVED AND THEIR FAMILIES</u>

Phillip Loi reported that Daniela Santana, Director of Client Services, asked the committee to review the Social Rec Policy as it's been updated. Lucina Galarza, Executive Deputy Director presented the Community Needs Survey.

E. <u>STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE</u>

Julie Chetney presented the following

- *Recommendation for Committee Membership* - The Committee recommended Chris Stewart for membership on the Community Relations/Legislative Advisory Committee.
  M/S/C (Privitt/Pinedo) The Board approved the recommendation.
  Abstained: Bill Stewart
- The Committee continues to review and revise the interview, recruitment, and selection process.
- Jesse Weller presented an overview of the Q4 Strategic Update.
- The Committee will work on developing a Board Training Survey next month.

F. <u>VENDOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE (VAC)</u>

Kelly Privitt spoke about helping vendors better understand the partnership between service providers and SG/PRC staff.

G. <u>COMMUNITY RELATIONS/LEGISLATIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE</u>

Adriana Pinedo shared that the 10th Annual Pomona 5K/10K & Toddler Trot takes place on Saturday, October 17, 2026, at Downtown Pomona's Shaun Diamond Plaza. The event benefits youth activities, features a health and wellness fair, and welcomes participants of all abilities to join the community run and walk. She also shared that Mr. Weller reviewed the updated Legislative Engagement Roster for FY 2026/27, which was provided to Committee members as a resource for legislative outreach.

H. <u>EXECUTIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE</u>

Financial Report - Dara Mikesell, Chief Financial Officer, presented the following financial report, that was approved by the Executive Finance Committee on August 12, 2026:

- ***Review of Financial Report***

  Regional Center Operations- Based on the B-5 Amendment, operations allocations are projected to meet expenditure projections. These projections include continuation costs and expenditures carried forward from the prior fiscal year. The FY 2025–26 operations B-5 allocation totals $57,773,373, with projected expenditures equal to the full allocation. Year-to-date expenditures are $51,183,582, with projected remaining expenditures of $6,589,791, resulting in a fully utilized allocation with no remaining balance.

  Family Resource Center - The Family Resource Center allocation is projected to fully meet expenditures, resulting in a zero remaining balance. The current allocation is $169,611, with projected expenditures totaling $169,611.

  Lanterman Foster Grandparent/Senior Companion Program - The program's current allocation is $1,252,121, and expenditures are projected to fully utilize the allocation.

  Community Placement Plan (CPP) and Developmental Center (DC) Ongoing Workload Operations CPP and DC ongoing workload operations were allocated at 100% under the B-4 Amendment.

  Purchase of Services (POS) - The POS allocation under the B-5 Amendment totals $588,702,805. Year-to-date service expenditures are $527,347,857, with projected remaining expenditures—including late billings—estimated at $61,354,948. This results in a fully utilized allocation with no remaining balance.

  Community Placement Plan/Community Resource Development Plan Purchase of Service - is reflected as a separate line item with a current allocation of $924,940 for placement. Additional allocations for start-up projects are anticipated in the B-5 Amendment.

I. <u>ARCA BOARD DELEGATE REPORT:</u>

Julie Chetney provided an update from the recent ARCA Board meeting. A Board Delegate presented on a survey seeking input and feedback from individuals with developmental disabilities regarding their top priorities. The top three priorities identified were dignity and respect, meaningful employment, and Social Security.

Ms. Chetney also provided highlights from the DDS report presented by Michi Gates and Pete, including upcoming Trailer Bill changes related to Regional Center Boards.

Updates from ARCA's other advisory committees were also provided.

The ARCA Academy is on September 25, 2026.

J. <u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:</u>

Jesse Weller, Executive Director, provided the following updates:

- *Review of Whistleblower Policy*
  Mr. Weller presented proposed revisions to the Whistleblower Policy resulting from the recent Board training conducted by legal counsel. He explained that legal counsel identified minor areas requiring clarification and updates. Information pertaining to the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) was updated, and language recommended by legal counsel was identified in the draft. Mr. Weller noted that the revisions clarify the actions to be taken under the policy but do not substantially change the existing process.

- *Review of Conflict of Interest Policy*
  Mr. Weller presented proposed revisions to the Conflict of Interest Policy resulting from legal counsel's review during the recent Board training. He explained that the proposed revisions primarily provide clarification and do not substantially change the existing process. Language recommended by legal counsel was identified in the draft.

  Mr. Weller also noted that language stating that DDS could withhold funds for noncompliance was removed because supporting statutory or regulatory language for that provision could not be identified.

(M/S/C Gonzales & Stewart) The Board approved the revised policies.

- *$350,000 or Above Contract Policy – Tim Travis, Director of Community Services*
  Mr. Travis presented proposed revisions to the policy governing contracts requiring Board approval. He explained that recent legislative changes increased the threshold for specified contracts requiring Board approval from $250,000 to $350,000.

  The updated requirements establish a $350,000 threshold through June 30, 2030. Beginning July 1, 2030, the threshold will increase to $450,000, with an additional $50,000 increase every five years beginning July 1, 2035.
  (M/S/C Huang & Loi) The committee approved the revised policy.

- Due to time constraints, the Executive Director Report was provided in the Zoom chat for review. The report was also included in the meeting materials.

K. **<u>PRESENTATION – NATIONAL CORE INDICATORS</u>** – By Salvador Gonzales

Fiscal Year 2023-2024 National Core Indicators Survey Overview
- What is National Core Indicators?
- Background
- NCI Surveys
- Health and Safety
- Satisfaction
- CA Questions
- Next Steps
- Implementing Recommendations
- Additional feedback

Fiscal Year 2024-2025 National Core Indicators Survey Overview
- What is National Core Indicators?
- Background
- Employment
- Community Inclusion and Belonging
- Community Participation
- Relationships
- Satisfaction

- Service Coordination
- Workforce
- Access
- Health
- Medications
- Wellness
- Next Steps
- Rights and Respect
- CA Questions
- Implementing Recommendations
- Additional feedback

L. OTHER BOARD & COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

M. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

Next meeting on Wednesday, September 23, 2026, at 7:15 p.m.

BOARD MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 24, 2026, MEETING

Submitted by:

Julie Chetney, Board Secretary Date