



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)**

December 10, 2025

ATTENDANCE

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

PRESENT:

Bill Stewart
Julie Chetney
Joseph Huang
Richard Centeno
Preeti Subramaniam
Tina Wright
Adriana Pinedo
Phillip Loi

STAFF:

Lucina Galarza, Deputy Executive Director
Yvonne Gratianne, Communications and Public Engagement Officer
Dara Mikesell, Chief Financial Officer
Maria Nuñez, PRA and Policy Compliance Manager
Erika Gomez, Liaison to BOD & RDDF
Elba Moreno, Department Assistant, Communications
Willanette Stewart/Satchell, Executive Assistant

ABSENT:

Trish Gonzales
Sam Yi
Karen Zarsadiaz – Ige
Kelly Privitt

GUESTS:

Nada Saleh
Willie Ramirez, DDS
Sara Yang, DDS
Jovenal Malonzo
Lisa Nguyen
Mark
Ann

INTERPRETERS:

Spanish – Sonia and Eduardo
Mandarin - Chenchung and
Charlene
Korean - Sally and Kaytlin
Vietnamese – Peter Le
and Thien Ai Choi
ASL - Issac and Leslie

On behalf of Board President, Trish Gonzales, Bill Stewart, Board 1st Vice President,

called the meeting to order at 7:16 p.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was established.

- The agenda for today's meeting was reviewed.

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 spoke highly of Silvia Moniot, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Service Coordinator, and Jessie Romero, Manager, Specialized Services-Special Projects.

B. CONSENT AGENDA

- Review of minutes for the September 24, 2025 and October 22, 2025 meeting.
- Financial Report by Dara Mikesell, CFO
In regional center operations, the allocation based on the B-2 Amendment is projected to meet expenditure projections. Projections include operating continuation costs and expenditures from the prior fiscal year. The operations B-2 allocation for fiscal year 2025-26 is currently at \$57,281,470 with projected expenditures of \$57,281,470. The year-to-date expenditure is \$18,354,828 with projected remaining expenditures of \$38,926,642. This results in a fully utilized allocation with no remaining balance.

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

The Lanterman Foster Grandparent/Senior Companion program has a current allocation in the amount of \$1,516,624, it is expected that the full amount will be spent.

The Community Placement Plan (CPP) and DC ongoing Workload operations were allocated at 100% in the B-2 amendment.

The Purchase of Service allocation is based on the B-2 amendment in the amount of \$556,363,589. The year-to-date expenditure for services is \$175,167,807, with projected remaining expenditures, including late bills,

are estimated at \$381,195,782. This results in a fully utilized allocation with no remaining balance.

CPP/CRDP POS is a separate line item, SG/PRC was allocated \$110,000 for placement. SG/PRC is expecting additional allocations in B-3 for Start-up projects.

(M/S/C Wright & Chetney) The Board approved the consent agenda items presented.

C. ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR INDIVIDUALS SERVED AND THEIR FAMILIES

Phillip Loi reported that Daniela Santana, Director of Client Services, provided a presentation on the Strategic Plan. Staff also reviewed the proposed Purchase of Service (POS) Policy for American Sign Language Training and Support. The committee recommended the policy for Board approval. Jessica Wilson, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Specialist, introduced herself and reviewed the proposed policy with the Board.

(M/S/C Wright & Pinedo) The Board approved the proposed Purchase of Service (POS) Policy for American Sign Language Training and Support

D. STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mrs. Chetney shared that the committee will resume its regular meeting schedule on January 28, 2026 and that the annual training report is due to DDS December 15, 2025.

E. VENDOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE (VAC)

Kelly Privitt was not present. Lucina Galarza, Deputy Executive Director, reported on the DDS rate reform and equity concerns impacting vendors. She shared that a letter of support addressing these concerns was submitted to DDS, signed by multiple vendors, as well as Kelly Privitt, Chair of the Vendor Advisory Committee, and Jesse Weller, Executive Director. Lucina Galarza also shared that DDS funding will be used to develop a website to assist with job advertising and to support job fairs. The committee meeting schedule will resume on February 5, 2026.

F. COMMUNITY RELATIONS/LEGISLATIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The committee will resume its regular meeting schedule on January 14, 2026.

G. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

On behalf of Board President, Trish Gonzales, Bill Stewart, asked Julie Chetney,

Board Secretary and ARCA Board Delegate, to share about her experience at the 2025 ARCA Academy. She shared that approximately 150 local board members from all 21 regional centers attended. Mrs. Chetney noted that the next ARCA Academy will be geared toward local board members to provide greater insight into state-level issues and activities.

H. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Lucina Garlarza, Executive Deputy Director, provided Mr. Weller's Executive Director Report:

- Eaton Fire Survivors, Altadena twins, served by SG/PRC, will join Governor Newsom in 94th Annual Capitol Tree Lighting Ceremony on December 10, 2025 at 7:00 pm.
- The Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) Academy was held in Sacramento on November 14–15, 2025, with a focus on leadership development and building effective regional center boards. The Academy featured presentations related to SG/PRC, including remarks from Pete Cervinka, Director of the Department of Developmental Services, and Amy Westling, Executive Director of ARCA. Appreciation was expressed to the SG/PRC Board members who represented the Center at the Academy
- On Friday Dec, SG/PRC families came together for an inclusive holiday event for children ages 3-15 with sensory sensitivities.
- Mr. Weller enjoyed speaking about state and regional center perspectives with: Angela Pao-Johnson, Executive Director of North Los Angeles County Regional Center, and Katie Hornberger, Deputy Director at Dept. of Developmental Services, at the Empowerment in Practice Conference: Self Determination and Supported Decision Making at California Endowment Los Angeles
- As a result of Assembly Bill 1147, regional centers will become subject to Public Records Act Requests effective January 1, 2026. Maria Nunez is the agency's Public Records and Policy Compliance Manager.
- As of November 30, 2025, SG/PRC has 574 authorized positions. This total number includes 550 full-time equivalent employees (559) Headcount) and 24 vacancies.
- As of November 2025, SG/PRC served 18,184 individuals.
- To review the most recent Strategic Plan Implementation Quarterly Report: [October-2025-SGPRC-Strategic-Plan-Board-Report_final.pdf](#)

- There is a dedicated section on our website for Strategic Planning: [Strategic Plan -San Gabriel Pomona Regional Center](#)
- The Email Retention Policy was presented by Ms. Galarza and the Board reviewed it.
(M/S/C Wright & Pinedo) The Board approved the Email Retention Policy.
- The Whistleblower Policy was updated to reflect revised contact information and title changes. No substantive changes were made to the policy; therefore, this item was presented for information only and did not require Board action.

I. OTHER BOARD & COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Stewart thanked the Board, staff and public for their dedication in 2025.

J. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

Next meeting on Wednesday, January 28, 2026, at 7:15 p.m.

BOARD MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 10, 2025, MEETING

Submitted by:

Julie Chetney, Board Secretary

Date