



San Gabriel / Pomona  
Regional Center

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

**April 22, 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  
Sam Yi  
Kelly Privitt

**ABSENT:**

Karen Zarsadiaz – Ige

**INTERPRETERS:**

ASL - Issac and Leslie  
Spanish – Marisol and Eduardo  
Mandarin – Charlene and  
Chenhung  
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  
Salvador Gonzales, Director of Service Access & Equity  
Daniela Santana, Director of Client Services  
Zorahida Escarcega, Associate Director of Adult and  
Residential Services  
Maria Nuñez, Public Records and Policy Compliance  
Manager  
Jessi Romero, Manager, Specialized Services- Special  
Projects  
Erika Gomez, Liaison to BOD & RDDF  
Elba Moreno, Department Assistant, Communications

**GUESTS:**

Willie Ramirez, DDS  
Elizabeth Tom, DDS  
Pete Cervinka, DDS  
Amy Westling, ARCA  
Nada Saleh  
Yan Li  
Lisa Nguyen  
Mariah Joy Ilthi  
Jaye Dixit

Ookie Voong  
Graciela Marquez  
Mark  
Ann

Trish Gonzales, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:17 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.

**PRESENTATION BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES**

Pete Cervinka provided a presentation to the Board regarding the role and responsibilities of the California Department of Developmental Services (DDS).

Key points from the presentation included:

- DDS is one of the departments within the California Health & Human Services Agency (CalHHS), which oversees 16 departments and offices statewide. The DDS Director reports through CalHHS leadership to the Governor. To qualify for developmental services, disabilities must be identified before the age of 18 and must substantially impact an individual’s life.
- DDS is responsible for obtaining funding, implementing policies and legislation, providing monitoring and oversight, and supporting the wellbeing of individuals served and their families.
- DDS receives Special Incident Reports and conducts monitoring and audits of service providers.
- DDS establishes billing structures and standardization within the vendor program.
- The majority of DDS funding comes from taxpayer dollars, with approximately 37% provided through federal financial participation.
- DDS currently serves approximately half a million individuals statewide.
- The Porterville Developmental Center currently serves approximately 166 individuals and maintains a police force of approximately 30 officers.

- Canyon Springs serves approximately 40 individuals.
- Star Homes provide short-term crisis stabilization services.
- DDS headquarters employs approximately 800 staff members.

**B. PRESENTATION BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE ASSOCIATION OF REGIONAL CENTER AGENCIES AMY WESTLING**

Amy Westling provided a presentation to the Board regarding the role and responsibilities of The Association Of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA).

Key points from the presentation included:

- ARCA’s overall role
- How ARCA’s decisions are made
- What ARCA does
- The benefit of ARCA for regional centers and communities

**C. PRESENTATION BY SALVADOR GONZALEZ, DIRECTOR OF SERVICE ACCESS AND EQUITY**

Salvador Gonzalez provided a presentation to the Board regarding 2026-2027 Performance Measures.

Measures from the presentation included:

- Community Integration
- Early Start – Childhood
- Employment
- Equity and Cultural Competency

**D. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

**Next meeting on Wednesday, May 27, 2026, at 7:15 p.m.**

**BOARD MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 22, 2026, MEETING**

Submitted by:

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Julie Chetney, Board Secretary

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Date