SAN GABRIEL/POMONA VALLEYS
DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES, INC.
STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

July 22, 2026

The following committee members were present at said meeting:

MEMBERS:
Trish Gonzales, Board President
Lisa Nguyen, Committee Member
Bill Stewart, Board Director
Yan Li, Committee Member

STAFF:
Jesse Weller, Executive Director
Erika Gomez, Liaison to the BOD & RDDF

MEMBERS ABSENT:
Julie Chetney, Chairperson
Natalie Webber, Committee Member
Gisele Ragusa, Committee Member

GUESTS:
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RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTIONS
THE STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT THEY TAKE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:

ITEMS DISCUSSED

A) On behalf of Chairperson Julie Chetney, Trish Gonzales called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m. A quorum was established.

- The agenda for the meeting was reviewed.
- The minutes of the June 10, 2026 meeting were reviewed and approved.
  M/S/C (Stewart/Nguyen) The committee approved the minutes.

B) PUBLIC INPUT
None

C) **STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATES** – Jesse Weller, Executive Director

Mr. Weller provided updates on SG/PRC's strategic plan goals and related initiatives. He reported that he will develop a timeline reflecting the previous four quarters and proposed timeframes for beginning development of the next strategic plan.

Futr Artificial Intelligence (AI) Secure Chat Platform – Pilot Program **-** Mr. Weller provided an update on the Futr AI Secure Chat Platform pilot program previously presented to the Executive Finance Committee. He reported that the agreement had been finalized following extensive legal review and that a kickoff meeting was scheduled for the following week. The six-month pilot is expected to begin shortly thereafter.

The AI chat assistant will be available through SG/PRC's website and text messaging and will provide information from SG/PRC-approved sources rather than independently retrieving information from outside sources. The platform will provide multilingual support in approximately 120 languages and will provide data to assist SG/PRC in evaluating its use and effectiveness.

Goal 1 – Communication **-** Mr. Weller discussed continued efforts related to communication and engagement. He emphasized the importance of using the Advisory Committee for Individuals Served and Their Families as an opportunity to receive meaningful feedback from individuals served and families, in addition to providing training and information.

Goal 3 – Talent and Leadership Development **-** Mr. Weller provided an update on efforts to strengthen SG/PRC's human resources infrastructure in support of the strategic plan. He reported on recent staffing developments within Human Resources and noted that Chief People Officer, Yeilen Hernandez has been developing standardized procedures related to disciplinary actions, coaching and supervision, and supportive improvement plans. These efforts are intended to promote greater consistency and equity across the organization and support the goals of the strategic plan.

Mr. Weller reported that the Quarter 4 Strategic Plan update is expected to be available the following month.

D) **CONTINUATION OF REVIEW OF INTERVIEW PROCESS - ** Julie Chetney and Yeilen Hernandez, Chief People Officer

This agenda was tabled.

E) **UPCOMING AGENDAS:**

Agenda for 8/26/2026 – Interviews (starting at 5pm)
Agenda for 9/23/2026 - Board Training Survey

Board Trainings
Board Training Survey will be added to the to the September 23, 2026 meeting agenda. The annual survey will be used to solicit input from Board members regarding topics they would like included in the following year's Board training schedule. Training topics will also include subjects required by the Department of Developmental Services (DDS).

Mr. Weller discussed new Board training requirements included in the 2026/27 Budget Trailer Bill for Developmental Services. He explained that Board members will be required to complete annual training on specified topics provided or approved by DDS. Additional guidance from DDS regarding the required training topics and approved curricula is expected by February 1, 2027. The Committee will take these requirements into consideration as it plans Board trainings for 2028

Board Development, Mentorship, and Succession Planning
Ms. Gonzales reported on a recent meeting with Mr. Weller, Erika Gomez, and Elba Moreno regarding upcoming Board initiatives, including the formation of the Bylaws Ad Hoc Committee.

Ms. Gonzales also discussed mentorship and succession planning for the Board, including opportunities to provide members with additional experience and exposure to leadership roles. Ideas discussed included identifying co-chairs who could work alongside Committee Chairs and developing a mentorship program to help prepare members for future leadership opportunities.

F) **ADJOURNED**

The meeting was adjourned.