

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

August 26, 2026

The following committee members were present at said meeting:

MEMBERS:

Julie Chetney, Chairperson
Trish Gonzales, Board President
Natalie Webber, Committee
Member
Gisele Ragusa, Committee
Member
Bill Stewart, Board Director

STAFF:

Jesse Weller, Executive Director
Yeilen Hernandez, Chief People Officer
Erika Gomez, Liaison to the BOD & RDDF

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Lisa Nguyen, Committee
Member
Yan Li, Committee Member

GUESTS:

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTIONS

**THE STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT
THEY TAKE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:**

ITEMS DISCUSSED

Chairperson Julie Chetney, called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. A quorum was established.

A) BOARD COMPOSITION - *Applicant Interviews*

The Committee entered into a private session to interview the following applicants:

- Chris Stewart
- Joseph C

Bill Stewart was not present during the interview of Chris Stewart.

Post-Interview Recommendations

Chris Stewart

Following discussion, the Committee considered recommending Chris Stewart for membership on the Community Relations/Legislative Advisory Committee.

M/S/C (Gonzales/Ragusa) The Committee approved recommending Chris Stewart to the Board of Directors for membership on the Community Relations/Legislative Advisory Committee.

Abstained: Stewart

Joseph C

Following discussion, the Committee considered whether to recommend Joseph Cesena for committee membership.

M/S/C (Gonzales/Stewart) The Committee approved not moving forward with a recommendation for Joseph C at this time.

B) THE COMMITTEE RECONVENED IN PUBLIC SESSION.

- The agenda for the meeting was reviewed.
- The minutes of the July 22, 2026 meeting were reviewed and approved.
M/S/C (Gonzales/Stewart) The committee approved the minutes.
Abstained: Ragusa and Chetney
- Public Input - None

C) STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATES – Jesse Weller, Executive Director

Mr. Weller provided Quarter 4 updates on SG/PRC's strategic plan from April – June 2026. The following was presented on:

- Goal 1 is moving toward stronger outcome measurement using workflow, ticketing, stakeholder, and service data to assess real improvements in responsiveness and family experience.
- Goal 2 - Next step: better connect SG/PRC's outreach and education to what families do afterward — requesting services, using resources, or advocating for themselves.
- Goal 3 - Q4 reflects limited new measurable implementation under Goal 3. Established workforce practices continued while SG/PRC advanced selected workforce and leadership-development priorities.
- Goal 4 had limited new measurable activity during Q4. Work is concentrated on technology rollout, system consolidation, and connecting stakeholder feedback to operational improvement.
- Talesha Payne — Beginning August 31st - SG/PRC has created a new Chief Services and Engagement Officer position to provide executive-level oversight of:
 - Service delivery and community engagement

- Stakeholder feedback and data-driven improvement
- Technology adoption and KPI development

D) CONTINUATION OF REVIEW OF INTERVIEW PROCESS

The Committee continued its discussion on the interview process and questions, including what qualities to look for in a candidate, what makes a successful committee member, and what a candidate can bring to the committee.

Julie Chetney will work with Yeilen Hernandez, Chief People Officer, on developing a list of desired qualities and attributes for committee members and will bring it back to the Committee next month. The Committee will also continue discussing a committee member job description.

Mrs. Chetney also shared she would like an ARCA Board Delegate description.

E) UPCOMING AGENDAS:

Agenda for 9/23/2026 - Board Training Survey – Mrs. Chetney proposed discussing the possibility of conducting some future Board trainings in private session.

F) ADJOURNED

The meeting was adjourned.