



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)

September 23, 2026

ATTENDANCE

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

PRESENT:

Trish Gonzales
Bill Stewart
Joseph Huang
Richard Centeno
Preeti Subramaniam
Tina Wright
Adriana Pinedo
Phillip Loi

ABSENT:

Julie Chetney
Kelly Privitt

STAFF:

Jesse, Weller, Executive Director
Lucina Galarza, Deputy Executive Director
Dara Mikesell, Chief Financial Officer
Yeilen Hernandez, Chief People Officer
Hortencia Tafoya, Director of Clinical Services
Yvonne Gratianne, Communications and Public
Engagement Officer
Jessi Romero, Manager, Specialized Services- Special
Projects
Kristy Owens, Senior Executive Assistant
Erika Gomez, Liaison to BOD & RDDF
Elba Moreno, Department Assistant, Communications

GUESTS:

INTERPRETERS:

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

Willie Ramirez, DDS
Albert Feliciano, SCDD
Nada Saleh
Yan Li
Willanette Stewart Satchell
Manny Lira
Lisa Nguyen
Graciela Marquez
Jay
Mark

Trish Gonzales, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:18 p.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was established.

- The agenda for today’s meeting was reviewed and the following item was tabled: Draft Standardized Social Rec Policy
- Review of minutes for the August 26, 2026.
(M/S/C Wright & Centeno) 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.
- Albert Feliciano, SCDD, provided the following information:
 - Systems Watch: SCDD launched Systems Watch to gather information on how state and federal policy changes are affecting individuals with developmental disabilities and their families, including changes, delays, or loss of services and benefits.
 - Community Conversations: SCDD Executive Director Aaron Carruthers will be hosting community conversations throughout California to discuss issues affecting individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
 - Self-Determination Program (SDP) Orientation: Effective April 1, 2026, SDP Orientation is offered in two separate two-hour sessions. Both sessions must be completed before beginning the SDP transition. Individuals who previously completed orientation or are already enrolled are not required to repeat it.
 - Back-to-School Resource Guide: SCDD released a resource guide to help families navigate special education, educational rights, Individualized Education Programs (IEPs), inclusion, and advocacy.
 - Regional Center Services Resource: SCDD introduced a new resource outlining regional center services and their corresponding service codes, including services available through traditional and self-determination models.

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 – The first meeting will be held on October 20, 2026 in the Irwindale office.

C. ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR INDIVIDUALS SERVED AND THEIR FAMILIES

Phillip Loi reported that Talesha Payne, Chief Services & Engagement Officer, was introduced. Yvonne Gratianne, Communications & Public Engagement Officer, also presented on Emergency Preparedness. Daniela Santana, Director of Client Services, presented the Draft Standardized Social Rec Policy.

D. STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

On behalf of Julie Chetney, Ms. Gonzales reported that the Committee will distribute its annual survey to Board and committee members to gather feedback to help guide the development of the 2027 Board training schedule.

E. VENDOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE (VAC)

Kelly Privitt was not present. Executive Director, Jesse Weller, provided a reminder that the VAC meetings start at 9:30am.

F. COMMUNITY RELATIONS/LEGISLATIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

On behalf of Adriana Pinedo, Tina Wright reported that the Committee received a presentation on the Olmstead Decision. Yvonne Gratianne, Communications and Public Engagement Officer, highlighted September awareness and recognition campaigns, and Salvador Gonzalez, Director of Service Access and Equity, provided updates on community outreach efforts. The next meeting will be on January 13, 2027.

G. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Jesse Weller, Executive Director, presented his monthly report (attached) and linked [here](#):

- *Direct Support Professionals*
 - SG/PRC has tremendous gratitude for every Direct Support Professional who makes it possible for us to carry out the Lanterman Act every single day.
 - Governor Gavin Newsom proclaimed Direct Support Professional Recognition Week honoring the essential workforce.
- *Master Plan for Aging: Advancing the National Strategy to Support Caregivers Webinar* - Save the date/time: Monday September 28, 2026, from 11:00AM-Noon. The Objective is to increase understanding of efforts to improve awareness, navigation, and educational opportunities for California family caregivers who support older adults and people with disabilities.
- *Back to School Resource Guide* - The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) released the 2026-2027 Back To School Guide. It offers resources to get students with disabilities, and their families ready for the school year.
- *What is Public Charge?* - Public charge is an assessment used in some matters related to immigration. It can apply when some individuals seek entry to the United States or apply for a green card. It does not apply to most immigrants already in the United States.
- *California Public Records Act* - Public records requests may be submitted through our online request portal which can be accessed here: [Public Records RequestNextRequest - Modern FOIA & Public Records Request Software](#)

- *SG/PRC Individual Served Statistics* - As of August 31, 2026, SG/PRC served 18,893 individuals.
- *SG/PRC Staffing*: As of August 31, 2026, SG/PRC had 571 employees.
- *Self Determination Program Statistics* - As of August 31, 2026, SG/PRC enrolled 383 participants in the Self-Determination Program.

H. OTHER BOARD & COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Personnel/Legal

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

BOARD MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 23, 2026, MEETING

Submitted by:

Julie Chetney, Board Secretary

Date