

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

September 23, 2026

The following committee members were present at said meeting:

MEMBERS:

Julie Chetney, Chairperson
Trish Gonzales, Board President
Gisele Ragusa, Committee
Member
Bill Stewart, Board Director
Lisa Nguyen, Committee
Member
Yan Li, Committee Member

STAFF:

Lucina Galarza, Deputy Executive Director
Yeilen Hernandez, Chief People Officer
Erika Gomez, Liaison to the BOD & RDDF

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Natalie Webber, 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 6:04 p.m. A quorum was established.

A) The agenda for the meeting was reviewed.

The minutes of the August 26, 2026 meeting were reviewed and approved.
M/S/C (Stewart/Gonzales) The committee approved the minutes.
Abstained: Nguyen

Public Input - None

B) BOARD TRAINING SURVEY

The Committee developed its annual questionnaire to gather Board and committee members' input on 2027 training topics. The survey will be distributed, and the results will be reviewed at the next meeting. The Committee will then develop the 2027 training schedule and submit the required training plan report to the Department of Developmental Services (DDS).

C) CONTINUATION OF REVIEW OF INTERVIEW PROCESS

The Committee continued its discussion on the recruitment and interview process. Julie Chetney and Yeilen Hernandez, Chief People Officer, reviewed the application questions and discussed how to identify qualified candidates for committee and potential Board membership, including the importance of relevant personal experience.

The Committee worked on revisions to the application, which Ms. Chetney will finalize. Discussion of the interview questions will continue at the next meeting.

D) UPCOMING AGENDAS:

Agenda for 10/28/2026 – Review Board Training Survey Results and set Board Training Topics/Schedule.

There will not be a meeting in November.

E) ADJOURNED

The meeting was adjourned.