SOUTH CENTRAL LOS ANGELES REGIONAL CENTER
Remote Zoom Meeting
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
January 27th, 2026
7:00pm – 9:00pm

Member Present:

Cynthia Torres
Sherry Kidd
Illona Hendrick
Teyanna Williams
Christella Frutos
Norma Hernandez
Cedron McKnight
Caycee Ricketts
Renard Stanford
Jesus Murillo
Ogechi Ikhile
Deicy Sandoval
Julio Lopez
Giovanna Brasfield

Members Absent:

Shavon Spiller
Magali Ochoa
Mireya Romero

Staff Present:

Dexter Henderson
Kyla Lee
Cherylle Mallinson
Jenice Turner
Tamilyn Bonney
Cesar Garcia
Ingrid Oliva
Iris De La Tova
Berlin Ruiz
Armando Sanchez

I. General

- Board President, Cynthia Torres opened January 27th, 2026, Board of Director's Meeting via Zoom and In-Person with roll call.

A. Call to Order and Roll Call

- The meeting was called to order at 7:18pm by The President Cynthia Torres.

B. Approval of BOD Minutes for November 18th, 2025

Board Action:
Approved BOD minutes – November 18th,2025
M/S/C: Renard Standford/Giovanna Brasfield /Unanimous

II. Board Member Reports

A. Vendor Advisory Committee – **Illona Hendrick**

Ilona Hendrick, VAC Chair, reported on the January 14, 2026, VAC meeting, which focused on rate reform implementation, vendor compliance with attestations and service code crosswalks, and ongoing concerns regarding transportation service codes 880, 875, and 882. Vendors also continue to raise concerns about delayed retroactive payments, which remain pending as final transitions are completed.

B. Self Determination Advisory Committee – **Jenice Turner**

Jenice Turner, Director of Children's Services, reported on the Self-Determination Local Advisory Committee meeting held on January 14, 2026. Updates included current SDP enrollment of 216 participants, program operations updates, and ongoing outreach and transition support efforts. The committee also received updates on pending Medicaid policy changes, including new work requirements and more frequent eligibility checks, which are awaiting federal guidance. The next meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2026, via Zoom.

C. Recruitment and Training Committee Meeting – **Sherry Kidd**

No meeting was held this month. Five new members were approved during public meetings held between December and January, and training and orientation are currently being developed and are expected to begin in the first quarter of the year.

Board Action:
Approval of Sherry Kidd – Effective 9/27/25-9/27/2028
M/S/C: Jesus Murillo/ Giovanna Brasfield /Unanimous

Board Action:
Approval of Caycee Ricketts – Effective 9/27/25-9/27/2028
M/S/C: Norma Hernandez /Ogechi Ikhile /Unanimous

Board Action:
Approval of Norma Hernandez as Secretary
M/S/C: Caycee Rickets/ Jesus Murillo /Unanimous

D. Finance Committee – **Teyanna Williams**

The Finance Committee met on January 21, 2026, and reviewed a proposal for CID to serve as SCLARC's Housing Development Organization to purchase and renovate two homes for CPP/CRDP contracts, confirming DDS approval and recommending the item be presented to the Board for approval. The Committee also reviewed the November 30, 2025, financial statements and received updates on the DDS FY 2026–27 budget, including projected caseload growth and increased funding for community programs and purchase of services. The Committee reviewed a draft independent audit reflecting an unqualified opinion, received updates on rate reform implementation and related vendor adjustments, and reviewed DDS audit findings, which included minor overpayments and procedural issues that will be addressed. The Committee approved the November 18th, Finance Committee minutes with no corrections.

III. Staff Reports

E. Budget Update & Finance Report (2025) – (**Kyla Lee)**

Statement of Financial Position: As of November 2025, ScLARC had $104 million in cash on hand, up from $47 million the previous year, and $52 million in accounts payable, compared to $44 million last year. Cash flow remains sufficient, with close monitoring in place due to ongoing rate reform and upcoming contract holdbacks in March and April.
Statement of Activities: Preliminary allocations for operations totaled approximately $83 million, with $33 million spent to date and $49 million projected for the remainder of the fiscal year.
POS Expenditure Projection Summary: Purchase of Services (POS) received to date is $849 million, with $313 million spent and an additional $484 million projected, leaving $51 million allocated but not yet encumbered. Rate reform implementation is approximately 80% complete, including retroactive payments and vendor rate updates. Projected expenditures are monitored internally through the PEP (Projected Expenditure Program) process. The current analysis indicates that the agency has estimated POS expenditures in the amount of $714 million through June 30, 2026.

2026 -27 Governor's Budget Highlights: The DDS budget for FY 2026–27 reflects a $2.4 billion increase, primarily due to increased federal financial participation and caseload growth. The projected population served statewide is expected to increase by 37,000 individuals.

AGT Independent Audit (Draft Audit 6/30/2025): The draft independent audit for June 30, 2025, reflects an unqualified opinion with no material findings. The final report will incorporate CalPERS' liability and will be presented to the Finance Committee and the Board along with Form 990 for approval.

F. Performance Contract Year-End report **– (Tamilyn Bonney)**

Ms. Tamilyn Bonney, Directives Compliance Manager, presented the FY 2024–2025 Performance Contract Year-End Report on behalf of Board Member Mireya Romero. She reviewed DDS Performance Contract requirements under the Lanterman Act and reported that SCLARC served approximately 24,090 individuals, with continued strong performance in community integration, including high rates of individuals living in family and home-based settings and low use of large facilities. Employment, equity, and access to services remained key focus areas, and SCLARC met DDS compliance standards for the year. Challenges included residential resource development and staffing, while accomplishments included expanded employment initiatives, early childhood screenings, and community partnerships.

G. Approval CPP/CRDP Contracts $1.9m – **(Cherylle Mallinson)**

Staff reported on the approval of Community Impact Development (CID) by DDS as SCLARC's Housing Development Organization (HDO) to acquire and renovate residential properties under the Community Placement Plan (CPP) and Community Resource Development Plan (CRDP). CID will be responsible for property acquisition and renovation in accordance with DDS FY 2025–2026 housing guidelines, with deed restrictions requiring the properties to remain available for individuals referred by SCLARC for at least 50 years. The proposed funding totals $1.9 million for two properties located within the SCLARC catchment area, with DDS funds serving as seed money toward acquisition and renovation costs.

Board Action:
Approval of CPP/CRDP Contracts $1.9m
M/S/C: Julio Lopez /Caycee Ricketts /Unanimous

IV. Executive Director Report – Dexter Henderson

V. Public Comment –

VI. Meeting Adjournment -

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:58pm by The President Cynthia Torres

VII. Supplemental Information

*Action Item