SOUTH CENTRAL LOS ANGELES REGIONAL CENTER
Remote Zoom Meeting
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
November 18th, 2025
7:00pm – 9:00pm

Member Present:

Cynthia Torres	Caycee Ricketts
Sherry Kidd	Luz Curiel
Ilona Hendrick	Renard Stanford
Raul Munoz	Magali Ochoa
Mireya Romero	Shavon Spiller
Norma Hernandez	

Members Absent:
Cedron McKnight
Christella Frutos
Teyanna Williams

Staff Present:

Dexter Henderson	Ingrid Oliva
Kyla Lee	Iris De La Tova
Cherylle Mallinson	Armando Sanchez
Jenice Turner	

I. General

- Board President, Cynthia Torres opened November 18th, 2025, Board of Director's Meeting via Zoom with roll call.

A. Call to Order and Roll Call

- The meeting was called to order at 7:06pm by The President Cynthia Torres.

Revised 1.16.26

B. Approval of BOD Minutes for September 23rd, 2025

Board Action:
Approved BOD minutes – September 23rd,2025
M/S/C: Sherry Kidd/Norma Hernandez/Unanimous

II. *Board Member Reports*

A. Vendor Advisory Committee – Illona Hendrick

The Vendor Advisory Board Committee met on November 12th to review information shared by the leadership team and to update vendors on DDS required surveys and QIPs that must be completed for the new year. Vendors will receive reminders and deadlines, as incomplete surveys may result in a 10% reduction of their benchmark rate. The Committee will not meet in December, but communication will continue to ensure all service providers remain compliant. The Committee is also planning a recruitment and onboarding effort to expand VAC leadership representation across all vendor service areas, including residential, transportation, ILS, employment, and early start services to prepare for 2026.

B. Advocate Advisory Committee – Renard Stanford

The AAC met on November17, 2025, where Charles Saylor presented on budgeting, emphasizing the importance of planning before spending and reviewing six key steps. These steps included, calculating after-tax income, distinguishing needs from wants, limiting needs to about 50% of income, keeping wants to 20–30%, allocating 20% to savings, and regularly checking and updating totals. It was also discussed to avoid impulse spending, making smart shopping choices, and focusing on healthy, affordable options. A brief recap from last month's AAC meeting was also provided, highlighting strategies for managing stress such as rest, meditation, walking, watching a movie, prayer, getting sufficient sleep, and seeking support from trusted individuals.

C. Self Determination Advisory Committee – Magali Ochoa

The Self-Determination Committee met on November 12, 2025, established quorum, and approved the September amendments. Updates were provided on consumer enrollment, engagement, and new DDS requirements for cases with budget increases over $20,000. The committee also received information on Medicaid updates and nutrition related initiatives. A recap of the recent SDP Community Fair was shared, noting lower attendance but successful resource distribution. Project updates included ongoing recruitment and orientation planning, along with reminders about upcoming workshops and SDP orientations. The next meeting will be on January 14, 2026.

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

The Recruitment and Training Committee met on October 6 and November 3 to review fifteen Board of Director applications and to discuss interviews conducted on October 8, 15, and 22. Following final deliberations on November 3, the Committee selected five candidates to present to the Board. Ms. Kidd presented the biographies of the five candidates, Ogechi Ikhile, Deisy Sandoval, Jesus Murillo, Julio Lopez, and Giovanna Brasfield. The Board then voted to move forward with Ogechi Ikhile, Deisy Sandoval, and Jesus Murillo for immediate Board membership and to move forward with Julio Lopez and Giovanna Brasfield for future dates.

Board Action:
Approval of Ogechi Ikhile – Effective 11/18/25-11/18/2026
M/S/C: Norma Hernandez/ Caycee Ricketts /Unanimous

Board Action:
Approval of Deisy Sandoval – Effective 11/18/25-11/18/2026
M/S/C: Magali Ochoa/ Mireya Romero /Unanimous

Board Action:
Approval of Jesus Murillo – Effective 11/18/25 - 11/18/2026
M/S/C: Norma Hernandez/ Magali Ochoa /Unanimous

Board Action:
Approval of Julio Lopez – Effective 12/14/25 - 12/14/2026
M/S/C: Raul Munoz/ Magali Ochoa/Unanimous

Board Action:
Approval of Giovanna Brasfield – Effective 1/23/26 - 1/23/2027
M/S/C: Norma Hernandez/ Caycee Ricketts /Unanimous

E. Finance Committee – **Sherry Kidd**

The Finance Committee met that same evening and approved the September 23 minutes with no corrections. Ms. Lee reported that the Committee reviewed the financial statements as of September 30, 2025, reviewed the CPP and CRDP contracts, and requested RFP documentation as well as DDS confirmation that CID is the designated HDO for SCLARC.

Updates were also provided on rate reform efforts, noting that the organization is approximately 70% complete toward the December 31st deadline. SCLARC continues to work closely with transportation providers to comply with the DDS Directive mileage billing requirements.

Additionally, updates were provided on the Laserfiche project, with the project kickoff scheduled for November 20, 2025, and on preparations for the Public Records Act, effective January 1st, 2026, including finalizing records retention policies for future Board approval.

III. Staff Reports

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

Statement of Financial Position: As of September 2025, the organization completed the first quarter of the fiscal year with a cash balance of approximately $84.6 million, a decrease of approximately $21 million compared to the prior year. Management reported working closely with DDS to ensure sufficient cash flow to process retroactive payments related to updated authorizations, some effective January 1, 2025. Accounts payable totaled approximately $50.7 million, an increase of approximately $11.6 million from the prior year, reflecting increased vendor payment activity.

Statement of Activities: For the fiscal year to date, operations were allocated approximately $82.6 million, with approximately $19 million, or 23 percent, expended to date and the remaining balance projected to be spent. POS authorizations totaled approximately $849.5 million, with $171.3 million expended and approximately $633 million projected, leaving approximately $44 million available if needed. Management noted ongoing updates to vendor rates and authorizations, with increased utilization expected as new rates take effect.

POS Expenditure Projection Summary: The CFO reported on the POS Expenditure Projection submitted to DDS, which reflects projected expenditures based on current authorization and spending analyses. The analysis indicates that the agency has estimated POS expenditures in the amount of $721.2 million through June 30, 2026.

Performance Contract Year- End Report – **Tamilyn Bonney – (Cherylle Mallinson)**

No report was provided. It was noted that additional information had been requested and would be deferred until the January 2026 Board meeting, along with the Executive Session. The Board President called for a motion to table the items until the next Board meeting on January 26th, 2026. Board member Illona Hendrick abstained from the vote.

Board Action:
Approval of Motion to Table Board Item for Board Meeting on January 27, 2026
M/S/C: Norma Hernandez / Magali Ochoa /Unanimous

IV. Executive Session – Postponed to the next Board of Directors' meeting on January 27, 2026.

V. Executive Director Report – Dexter Henderson

VI. Public Comment –

VII. Meeting Adjournment -

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:17pm by The President Cynthia Torres

VIII. Supplemental Information

***Action Item**