



South Central Los Angeles
Regional Center
for persons with developmental disabilities, inc.

SOUTH CENTRAL LOS ANGELES REGIONAL CENTER
Remote Zoom Meeting
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
September 23rd, 2025
7:00pm – 9:00pm

Member Present:

Cynthia Torres	Caycee Ricketts
Sherry Kidd	Luz Curiel
Teyanna Williams	Renard Stanford
Raul Munoz	Magali Ochoa
Mireya Romero	Cedron McKnight
Norma Hernandez	

Members Absent:

Shavon Spiller
Christella Frutos
Illona Hendrick

Staff Present:

Dexter Henderson	Cherylle Mallinson	Armando Sanchez
Kyla Lee	Cesar Garcia	Lui B. Xu
Jesse Rocha	Ingrid Oliva	
Jenice Turner	Iris De La Tova	

I. General

- Board President, Cynthia Torres opened September 23rd, 2025, Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom with roll call.

A. Call to Order and Roll Call

- The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm by The President Cynthia Torres.

B. Approval of BOD Minutes for July 22nd, 2025, and August 12th, 2025

Board Action:

Approved BOD minutes – July 22nd, 2025

M/S/C: Norma Hernandez/Teyanna Williams/Unanimous

Board Action:

Approved BOD minutes – August 12th, 2025

M/S/C: Sherry Kidd/ Norma Hernandez /Unanimous

II. Board Member Reports

A. Supportive Services Committee – Raul Munoz

At the August Supportive Services Committee meeting, Mr. Jesse Rocha shared updates allowing families to submit recent medical records and sign an agreement form in place of nursing assessments for certain conditions not listed in WIC Section 4686, easing access to care. SCLARC hosted a Transition Conference on August 22nd for families navigating school and adulthood transitions. As of August, over 170 individuals were enrolled in the Self-Determination Program, with efforts underway to reach 200 by year-end. The next committee meeting is set for Monday, October 13th, 2025.

B. Vendor Advisory Committee – Illona Hendrick

No report was given due to the presenter's absence.

C. Advocate Advisory Committee – Renard Stanford

At the last AAC meeting, Scott Barron, Peer Advocate from Disability Rights California, led an interactive "Know Your Rights" session covering 22 individual rights, such as the right to privacy, communication, personal choice, safety, respect, and access to services. Members participated and won prizes while learning about their legal rights in a fun, engaging way. At the most recent AAC meeting, Esther Kelsey presented on the topic of respect, emphasizing self-respect, treating others kindly, respecting boundaries, and promoting positive interactions.

D. Self Determination Advisory Committee – Magali Ochoa

The Care Determination Program Local Advisory Committee met via Zoom on September 10, 2025. A quorum was not met; Co-Chair Terrence Payne called the meeting to order. Minutes from May 14 and July 16 remain pending approval. Alex Marquez reported 189 participants currently enrolled in the Self-Determination Program. Guest speaker Sofia Cernes from SCDD provided updates on Medicaid cuts, work requirements, and service changes. Updates were also shared on the upcoming Self-Determination Resource Fair on October 17, 2025, featuring providers and vendors.

E. Recruitment and Training Committee Meeting – Sherry Kidd

The Recruitment and Training Committee is actively working to fill three current board vacancies, with an additional three members potentially terming out in the next six months. The committee discussed the recruitment process, including outreach through social media and support from the regional center. A total of 15 resumes were received, and the committee is reviewing them to begin interviews in October. Interested applicants were encouraged to apply as soon as possible.

F. Finance Committee – Teyanna Williams

The Finance Committee met on September 23rd, after rescheduling from September 17th. CFO Ms. Kyla Lee provided a brief overview of the B2 allocation for fiscal year 2025–2026, which will be presented for board approval. The committee reviewed preparations for Public Records Act compliance, including a proposed imaging software contract. Additional updates included rate reform, the Renaissance Building, and the upcoming Life Outcome Improvement System accounting platform. The next meeting is set for Wednesday, November 12th.

III. Staff Reports

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

Statement of Financial Position: The Statement of Financial Position for July, the first month of the fiscal year, showed strong starting figures. Cash totaled \$110 million, up from \$105 million the same time last year, due to DDS advance payments. Accounts Payable was \$46 million, compared to \$39 million last year. Despite the increase, cash flow remains healthy and sufficient to cover vendor payments and operating costs.

Statement of Activities: For FY 2025–2026, SCLARC received a B1 allocation of \$76.1 million for operations and \$642 million for Purchase of Services (POS). As of July, \$7.6 million (10%) of operations funds and \$38 million (5.9%) of POS funds have been spent. A projected shortfall of \$108 million in POS is expected to be offset by the B2 allocation. Total funding from B1 equals \$718 million.

POS Expenditure Projection Summary: The monthly POS Expenditure Projection estimates a total year-end POS spend of \$752 million. This projection is based on current payment trends, late billings, and rate reform impacts. All regional centers submit this analysis to DDS to forecast year-end expenditures.

Approval of the B-2 Allocation: The B2 allocation provided further detail and added \$7.5 million to operations, bringing the total to \$83.7 million. Key B2 funding highlights included \$11 million for reducing 0–5 caseload ratios, \$2.7 million for provisional eligibility, and \$7.1 million in performance incentive funding. Additionally, \$123 million was added to POS, raising the total POS funding to \$766 million. Combined with operations, total FY 2025–2026 funding now stands at approximately \$849 million. The board was asked to approve the B2 allocation.

Board Action:

Approval of FY 2025-2026 B-2 Allocation

M/S/C: Teyanna Williams/Mahali Ochoa /Unanimous

Imaging Software Upgrades Laserfiche - The board was asked to approve the purchase of a new imaging system, Laserfiche, to replace the outdated and unsupported AX system. Laserfiche will improve document access, integrate with existing tools, and support Public Records Act compliance. The total first-year cost is \$279,420. Board approval is required as the amount exceeds \$250,000.

Board Action:

Approval of Imaging Software Upgrades Laserfiche

M/S/C: Raul Munoz / Norma Hernandez/Unanimous

B. Conservatorship Policy Update – Lui B. Xu. Chief of Case Management – Jesse Rocha

The board was presented with revisions to the dedicated conservatorship policy in response to DDS feedback. Updates included the addition of formal version control, clarification of staff roles and responsibilities, and documentation of staff qualifications and required training. DDS has reviewed and approved the revised version. The board was asked to approve the updated policy.

Board Action:

Approval of SCLARC's DDS Conservatorship Policy Update

M/S/C: Caycee Ricketts/ Sherry Kidd/Unanimous

IV. Staff

C. Performance Contract Update – Tamilyn Bonney (Cherylle Mallinson)

No report was provided, as there were no updates.

D. Public Comment

E. New Business

F. Executive Director Report – Dexter Henderson

G. Executive Session

H. Meeting Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:11pm by The President Cynthia Torres

I. Supplemental Information

***Action Item**