



Membership Committee Meeting Minutes February 4, 2025

Attending Members

Harold Ashe (FA)
Kara Ponton, Chair (SA)
Sonia Jones (SA)

Members Absent

Eric Ybarra (SA)

Others Attending

Aaron Carruthers
Austin Murphy
Beth Hurn
David Delgado
Dena Hernandez

Others Attending (cont.)

Ibrahim Muttaqi
Jadolphus Fraser
Kenya Martinez
Lori Walker
Robin Maitino-Erben
Sheraden Nichalou

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Committee Chair Kara Ponton (SA) called the meeting to order at 1:06 P.M.

2. **ESTABLISH QUORUM**

A quorum was established.

3. **WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS**

Members and others introduced themselves.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Lori Walker, Chair of the North Los Angeles County Regional Center Self-Determination Advisory Committee, reported a long-standing vacancy on the NLACRC SDAC and noted an urgent need to fill vacancies with candidates that have Self-Determination Program experience. She emphasized the importance of identifying someone who could support advocacy efforts and work closely with her to strengthen the committee's impact.

5. **APPROVAL OF AUGUST 2024 MINUTES**

It was moved/seconded (Ashe [FA]/Ponton [SA]) and carried to adopt the August 2024 meeting minutes, as presented. (Motion passed unanimously, with one abstention from Sonia Jones. [See Page 1 for the full list of voting members]).

6. **MEMBERSHIP WORKGROUP REPORT**

Committee Chair Kara Ponton (SA) provided a summary of the August 2024 Membership Workgroup Report, which included an overview of the status of reappointments and vacancies for the Regional Advisory Committees and the Local Self-Determination Advisory Committees.

7. **DEMOGRAPHIC MAP**

Executive Director Aaron Carruthers reviewed a map showing the current demographic makeup of the Council.

8. **APPOINTMENT AND VACANCIES**

Executive Director Carruthers presented the current Appointment and Vacancies Tracking Form to the Committee.

9. **APPLICATIONS FOR COUNCIL**

The Committee reviewed candidates with expiring first terms and recommended that Eric Ybarra and Alex Reyes be reappointed for a second term. The Committee then evaluated applications submitted for the vacant seats representing the Central Coast Region, At-Large, and Non-Governmental Agency categories. The following actions were taken:

It was moved/seconded (Ashe [FA]/Jones [SA]) and carried to move applicants 740, 775, 786, 793, 801, 832, 849, 855, 866, 868, 881, 883, 885, and 898 forward to the interview process. (Motion passed unanimously. [See Page 1 for the full list of voting members]).

It was moved/seconded (Ashe [FA]/Ponton [SA]) and carried to move applicant 685 forward to the interview process. (Motion passed with 2 votes in favor and 1 opposed (Sonia Jones) [See Page 1 for the full list of voting members]).

It was moved/seconded (Jones [SA]/Ponton [SA]) and carried not to move applicant 893 forward to the interview process. (Motion passed with a vote of 2 in favor and 1 opposed (Harold Ashe). [See Page 1 for the full list of voting members]).

The Committee agreed that applications from candidates 855, 866, and 868 will not be considered for the At-Large seat and will instead be reviewed specifically for the Central Coast Region seat.

Executive Director Aaron Carruthers stated he would follow up with the Governor's Office to request recommendations for the Non-Governmental Agency seat.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 3:25 P.M.