



SCDD LOS ANGELES REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RAC) MINUTES April 01, 2026

Members Attending

Lisa Davidson (FA)
Vanessa Garcia (FA)
Ellen Jannol (FA)
Manisha Strait (FA)
Wesley Witherspoon (SA)
Lourdes Gomez (FA)
Elena Tiffany (SA)
Jess Comer (FA)

Members Absent

Alnita Dunn
Kathleen Barajas (SA)

SCDD Staff Attending

DJ Tomko

Council Members Attending

Harold Fujita
Nestor Nieves

Others Attending

N/A

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jannol called the meeting to order at 4:37 p.m.

2. ESTABLISH QUORUM

A quorum was established.

3. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

Conducted roll call for members.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comment were received concerning California's Early Intervention Program, the Self Determination Program, Special Education, and Medicaid.

5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON MINUTES OF 09/29/25

Minutes were approved.

6. CHAIR REPORT

- A. Discussion and Possible Action on Committee Priorities
 - i. Early Start, Self Determination, Healthcare, Olympics, Universal Design, and Budget were items identified as possible priorities. No formal action was taken.
- B. Discussion and Possible Action on Committee Meeting Dates & Frequency
 - i. Discussion to reinstate meeting on the first of every other month was discussed.
- C. Discussion and Possible Action on Holding Elections for new chair and co-chair
 - i. Item was brought up and discussion was held. No formal elections or voting occurred.
- D. Discussion and Possible Action on OAH Committee Applications
 - i. Chair, Ellen Jannoll discussed OAH Committee composition and purpose.
- E. Discussion and Possible Action on Upcoming Trainings
 - i. Discussion on upcoming trainings statewide and locally was discussed.

7. REGIONAL MANAGER REPORT

- A. Discussion and Possible Action on SCDD Statewide and Local Activities
 - a. Discussion and Possible Action on FIFA 2026, 2028 Olympics, and the City of Los Angeles
 - i. DJ Tomko provided updates on the activities SCDD is doing in coordination with the City and County of Los Angeles
 - b. Discussion and Possible Action on Self Determination Program
 - i. DJ Tomko provided updates on changes to the Self Determination Program Orientation provided by SCDD.

8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SCDD COUNCIL REPORT

This item was tabled.

9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ACTIVITIES OF THE STATEWIDE SELF-ADVOCACY NETWORK

Wesley Witherspoon, RAC Member, provided an update.

10. MEMBER REPORTS

Members and Council Members provided updates on their activities and those of the community.

11. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Future agenda items discussed were Healthcare, Olympics, Universal Design, Transportation, and the Budget.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:47 pm.

ADDENDUM

Vote #1 – Minutes

Kathleen Barajas (SA)	Yes
Lisa Davidson (FA)	Yes
Vanessa Garcia (FA)	Yes
Ellen Jannol (FA)	Yes
Manisha Strait (FA)	Yes
Wesley Witherspoon (SA)	Yes