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STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL MEETING

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MEETING DETAILS:

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DATE: July 21, 2026

MEETING TIME: 10:30 AM – 3:00 PM

COUNCIL CHAIR:

Julie Gaona

Item 1. CALL TO ORDER

Item 2. ESTABLISH QUORUM

Item 3. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Item 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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This item is for members of the public to provide comments and/or present information to this body on matters not listed on the agenda. There will be up to 20 minutes allocated to hear from the public with each person allotted up to 3 minutes to comment.

Additionally, there will be up to 10 minutes allocated to hear from the public on each Council agenda item, with each person allotted up to 1 minute to comment.

**Item 5. APPROVAL OF MAY 2026 MINUTES **

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Item 6. CHAIR REPORT AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

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Julie Gaona, Council Chair

- A. Executive Committee
- B. Legislative and Public Policy Committee (LPPC)
- C. Membership Committee
- D. Self-Advocates Advisory Committee (SAAC)

**Item 7. DISABILITY RIGHTS MOVEMENT IN CALIFORNIA:
THEN & NOW**

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Sascha Bittner, Self-Advocates Advisory Committee Chair

Item 8. SCDD UPDATES & STAFF REPORTS

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Aaron Carruthers, Executive Director

- A. Federal Budget
- B. State Budget
- C. SCDD Budget
- D. Chief Deputy Director Report
- E. Deputy Director of Policy and Public Affairs Report
- F. Deputy Director of Regional Office Operations Report
- G. RAP Project Report
- H. QA Project Report

**Item 9. POLICY PLATFORM: REVIEW & APPROVAL **

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Chris Arroyo, Deputy Director of Policy and Public Affairs

**Item 10. POLICY POSITION: FACILITATED COMMUNICATIONS AS
AN INCLUSIVE PRACTICE **

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Chris Arroyo, Deputy Director of Policy and Public Affairs

Item 11. CLOSED SESSION: PERSONNEL

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Pursuant to Government Code Section 11126(a)(1), the Council will have a closed session to determine the evaluation of a public employee.

Item 12. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

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Pursuant to Government Code Section 11126.3 (f), there will be an announcement of any publicly reportable actions taken during closed session.

Item 13. NEXT MEETING DATE AND ADJOURNMENT

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The next Council meeting will be in person on September 29, 2026.

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