



NOTICE/AGENDA

STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES LOS ANGELES OFFICE REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RAC) MEETING

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MEETING LOCATION:

SCDD LA Office
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Date: Monday, September 28, 2026

Meeting Time: 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Chair: Kathleen Barajas

- Item 1. **CALL TO ORDER**
- Item 2. **ESTABLISH QUORUM**
- Item 3. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Item 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

This item is for members of the public to comment and/or present information to the Committee for items not on the agenda. Each person will be provided up to three minutes to speak. Written requests, if any, will be considered first.

Item 5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON MEETING MINUTES OF 08/03/26 All

Item 6. CHAIR REPORT

Kathleen Barajas, RAC Chair

- A. Discussion and Possible Action on LA Metro Accessibility Committee
- B. Discussion and Possible Action on Disability Healthcare Summit
- C. Discussion and Possible Action on Voting on November meeting date: 23rd (4th week) or 16th (3rd week)
- D. Share RAC/State Council recruitment fliers (attached)

Item 7. REGIONAL MANAGER REPORT

DJ Tomko, SCDD Los Angeles Regional Manager

- 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
 - b. Discussion and Possible Action on Self Determination Program
 - c. Discussion and Possible Action on Early Intervention
 - d. Discussion and Possible Action on Budget

Item 8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SCDD COUNCIL REPORT

Julie Gaona, Council Chair

Item 9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ACTIVITIES OF THE

STATEWIDE SELF-ADVOCACY NETWORK (SSAN)

Wesley Witherspoon, RAC Member

Item 10. MEMBER REPORTS

All

Item 11. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

All

Item 12. ADJOURNMENT

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DRAFT SCDD LOS ANGELES REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RAC) MINUTES August 3, 2026

Members Attending

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

Members Absent

Jess Comer (FA)
Alnita Dunn
Lourdes Gomez
Elena Tiffany (SA)

SCDD Staff Attending

Dennis Tomko
Patricia Jackson

Council Members Attending

Cathay Liu
Nestor Nieves

Others Attending

N/A

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ellen Jannol called the meeting to order at 4:43pm

2. ESTABLISH QUORUM

A quorum was established.

3. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

Conducted roll call for members.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comment was received concerning Self Determination feedback, differences between co and sole employer model, and employer liability.

Public comment was also received from Laurel Benjamin, sharing information on a research study on the experiences of parents with developmental disabilities and the providers that support them (including parents' Service Coordinators and children's Early Start providers). Eligible parents and providers can earn a \$30 gift card for a one-time 45 minute Zoom interview. Laurel attached fliers with additional information.

5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON MINUTES OF 6/1/2026 All

Minutes were discussed and approved by all committee members in attendance (Kathleen Barajas, Lisa Davidson, Vanessa Garcia, Ellen Jannol, Manisha Straight, and Wesley Witherspoon) with a vote of yes.

6. CHAIR REPORT

A. Discussion and Possible Action on Committee Priorities

- a. Priorities discussed were Self Determination Training and Rate Reforms. No formal action was taken.

B. Discussion and Possible Action on Voting Kathleen Barajas as new chair

- a. All committee members in attendance (Kathleen Barajas, Lisa Davidson, Vanessa Garcia, Ellen Jannol, Manisha Straight, and Wesley Witherspoon) voted yes.

C. Discussion and Possible Action on Voting new meeting date

- a. All committee members in attendance (Kathleen Barajas, Lisa Davidson, Vanessa Garcia, Ellen Jannol, Manisha Straight, and Wesley Witherspoon) agreed and voted yes on switching meeting dates to every other month on the last Monday of the month.
- b. Next meeting will take place on Monday, September 28, 2026 from 4:30-6:00pm.

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.
- c. Discussion and Possible Action on Early Intervention
 - i. DJ Tomko provided updates on Early Intervention.
- d. Discussion and Possible Action on California Budget
 - i. DJ Tomko provided updates and analysis regarding the DDS Equitable Access to Intake and Services Proposal

8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SCDD COUNCIL REPORT No report was provided.

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

Rate Reform was discussed, specifically a request for clarification on the definition of excessive mileage.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 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

Members Absent

Jess Comer
Alnita Dunn
Lourdes Gomez
Elena Tiffany

ADDENDUM

Vote #2 – New Chair

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

Members Absent

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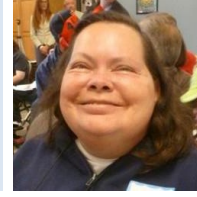
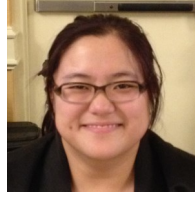
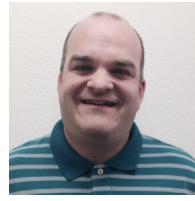
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Vote #3 – New Meeting Date

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

Members Absent

Jess Comer
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El Consejo, como se nos conoce en la comunidad, está comprometido a crear una vida mejor para niños y adultos con discapacidades del desarrollo.

Como agencia estatal independiente dirigida por 31 miembros nombrados por el gobernador, el Consejo debe reflejar la diversidad geográfica y étnica de California. El Consejo promueve vidas independientes y productivas al influir en las políticas públicas en áreas como la educación, el empleo, la vivienda, la inclusión y la autodeterminación.

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- Porque cree que todos los niños deben tener el mismo acceso a la mejor educación posible.
- Porque cree que todas las personas deben tener el poder de decidir sobre su propia vida.
- Porque cree en la igualdad y la inclusión de las personas con discapacidades del desarrollo.
- Porque cree que puede ser parte del cambio para mejorar la vida de las personas con discapacidades del desarrollo y sus familias.

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