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SCDD LOS ANGELES REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RAC) MINUTES

September 28, 2026

Members Attending
Kathleen Barajas (SA)
Jess Comer (FA)
Lisa Davidson (FA)
Vanessa Garcia (FA)
Manisha Strait (FA)
Wesley Witherspoon (SA)

Members Absent
Alnita Dunn
Lourdes Gomez
Ellen Jannol

Council Members Attending
Cathay Liu
Nestor Nieves

SCDD Staff Attending
Dennis Tomko
Albert Feliciano
Patricia Jackson
Michelle Wagner

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Kathleen Barajas, called the meeting to order at 4:37pm

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 and equitable access for service eligibility.

5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON MINUTES OF 8/3/2026

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

6. CHAIR REPORT

A. Discussion and Possible Action on LA Metro Accessibility Committee

a. Kathleen Barajas provided updates on the LA Metro Accessibility Committee. No formal action was taken.

B. Discussion and Possible Action on Disability Healthcare Summit

a. Kathleen Barajas provided updates on the Disability Healthcare Summit. No formal action was taken.

C. Discussion and Possible Action on Voting on November Meeting Date: 23rd (4th week) or 16th (3rd week)

a. All committee members in attendance (Kathleen Barajas, Jess Comer, Lisa Davidson, Vanessa Garcia, Manisha Strait, and Wesley Witherspoon) agreed and voted yes on switching November's meeting date to 11/16.

D. Share RAC/State Council Recruitment Flier

a. Regional Advisory Committee (RAC)/State Council Recruitment Flier was shared and discussed. No formal action was taken.

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 to make the city as accommodating as possible. A link to the City of Los Angeles ADA Public Input Survey was shared.

b. Discussion and Possible Action on Self Determination Program

i. DJ Tomko provided updates on the Self Determination Program provided by SCDD.

c. Discussion and Possible Action on Early Intervention

i. DJ Tomko discussed recruitment and updates on the State Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) on Early Intervention and shared that the next ICC meeting will take place on 11/5 & 11/6 in a hybrid format.

d. Discussion and Possible Action on California Budget

i. DJ Tomko provided updates on California budget.

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

Discussion and possible action on future agenda items included the RAC Council Members Recruitment Flyer and a speaker attending from Los Angeles Metro.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:38pm.

ADDENDUM

Vote #1 – Minutes Approval

Member	Vote
Kathleen Barajas (SA)	Yes
Lisa Davidson (FA)	Yes
Vanessa Garcia (FA)	Yes
Jess Comer (FA)	Yes
Manisha Strait (FA)	Yes
Wesley Witherspoon (SA)	Yes

Members Absent

Ellen Jannol; Alnita Dunn; Lourdes Gomez

ADDENDUM

Vote #2 – November Meeting Date

Member	Vote
Kathleen Barajas (SA)	Yes
Lisa Davidson (FA)	Yes
Vanessa Garcia (FA)	Yes
Jess Comer (FA)	Yes
Manisha Strait (FA)	Yes
Wesley Witherspoon (SA)	Yes

Members Absent

Ellen Jannol; Alnita Dunn; Lourdes Gomez