

**NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL CENTER (NLACRC)
9200 OAKDALE AVENUE, SUITE 100
CHATSWORTH, CALIFORNIA**

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
OCTOBER 9, 2024, 6:00 P.M.**

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Ana Quiles, Brian Gatus, Rocio Sigala, Alma Rodriguez, Andrew Ramirez, Leticia Garcia, Sharmila Brunjes, George Alvarado, Juan Hernandez, Nicholas Abrahms, Cathy Blin, Kelley Coleman, James Henry, Alex Kopilevich, Laura Monge, Vivian Seda, Jennifer Koster, Curtis Wang

STAFF: Angela Pao-Johnson - Executive Director, Evelyn McOmie, Vini Montague

ABSENT: Ana Hurst

1. CALL TO ORDER

There being a quorum present, and adequate and proper notice of the meeting having been given, the meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. The incoming Executive Director was welcomed to the meeting.

2. HOUSEKEEPING

The Chair reviewed the voting process to be used during meetings where one or more attendees participate via teleconference.

3. BOARD MEMBER ATTENDANCE

Board members were asked to identify themselves when speaking or making a motion.

4. AGENDA

5. PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA

Questions and comments from the members of the public in attendance were deferred to the conclusion of the meeting, as they were unrelated to the agenda.

6. CONSENT ITEMS

There were five items presented for approval in the consent agenda.

- Approval of September 11, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes
- Approval to Authorize an Officer to Secure Worker's Compensation Insurance for Calendar Year 2025
- Approval of Operations Contracts
 - Canon – Copier Lease
 - Sheridan – Additional Workstations in Antelope Valley
- Approval of Revised Salary Schedule effective 2/26/2024

M/S/C (G. Alvarado / A. Kopilevich) To to approve the consent items as presented.

7. ACTION ITEMS

M/S/C (B. Gatus / J. Koster) To to approve to approve FY 2023 HCBS revision and FY 2024 HCBS revision as presented.

8. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

8.1 Reports Deferred

Presentation of the following items was deferred:

- Review of NLACRC Whistleblower Policy.

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Angela Pao-Johnson reviewed her professional qualifications and prior experience in working with persons being supported.

The director's report addressed the following topics:

- Department of Developmental Services changes in staffing and program updates.
- Legislation approved, vetoed, and pending.
- Updates on the Developmental Services Master Plan.
- Current staffing levels, vacancies, and hiring cycle achievements.
- Quality Assurance activities completed in September 2024.
- Participation in Employee-Driven Self-Managed Work Groups led by The Columbus Organization.
- Progress update on participants transitioning to Self Determination Program with approved spending plans and an active IPP.
- Participation in the Unity in Diversity festival.
- Voter registration activities.
- Consumer Statistics.
- Special events completed.
- Upcoming community events and educational training opportunities.
- Upcoming Disability Organization events/activities.

10. ITEMS 10 – 20 REPORTS RECEIVED

The Board received the following committee reports for information:

- Self-Determination Program.
- Administrative Affairs.
- Consumer Advisory.
- Consumer Services.
- Executive.
- Government and Community Relations.
- Nominating.
- Post-Retirement Medical Trust.
- Strategic Planning.
- Vendor Advisory.

As reports were presented, the following speakers offered observations and comments:

- Juan Hernandez summarized the outcomes of the October 2, 2024, meeting and reviewed the efforts being made to further encourage consumer participation and engagement.
- Ana Quiles reported that the attorney had finished reviewing the NLACRC bylaws and that a working group meeting would be scheduled.
- Cathy Blin asked that Board members plan to attend DDS-required annual legislative training on October 16, 2024.
- Sharmila Brunjes discussed the qualifications and obligations of individuals who may wish to fill one of three current vacancies on the Board.
- Alex Kopilevich reported that in January 2025, meetings would be held on the second Thursday of each month and that a vote to return to in-person meetings would be held in November 2025.

The following reports were deferred:

- Association of Regional Center Agencies report.

21. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

The Board packet contained the following items received for information:

- Board and Committee meeting attendance and time sheets.
- Updated Acronyms Listing.
- Meeting Evaluation Form.

22. ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFORMATION/PUBLIC INPUT

The members of the public attending the meeting via teleconference received an opportunity to present their concerns, questions, and comments to the Board. Among the concerns expressed were:

- Presently, the virtual meeting chat function limits who may see participant questions and comments.
- Simultaneous translation for the duration of the meeting is essential. Without it, virtual attendees find it more difficult to comprehend and participate in discussions which occur in person and are unable to voice their concerns fluently and in a timely manner during the public input portion of the meeting.

23. NEXT MEETING

The date of the next Board meeting is November 13, 2024.

24. ADJOURNMENT

the meeting closed at 7:02 p.m.

Minutes taken by Richard Brown of Minutes Solutions Inc. from a recording.

Submitted by:

Kimberly Visokey

Executive Administrative Assistant

(The majority of these minutes are taken from the Minutes Service submission and reviewed/edited as presented herein by NLACRC staff.*

Date

