

SAN ANDREAS REGIONAL CENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING NOTICE AGENDA

DATE: Monday, May 18, 2026, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Via Zoom Only

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6:00 - 6:02 p.m. I. Call to Order and Introductions Pam Kerman



6:02 - 6:05 p.m. II. Vision Statement Rajesh Patel



6:05 - 6:07 p.m. III. Approval of Minutes

1. Board Meeting Minutes - 3/16/26
2. Fiscal Committee Meeting - 3/16/26
3. Program Policy Committee - 5/5/26
4. Board Development Meeting - 5/5/26
5. Executive Committee Meeting - 5/5/26
6. SPAC Minutes - 4/9/26, 5/14/26
7. Quality Assurance 5/12/26

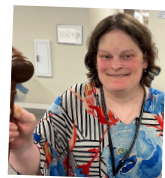


6:07- 6:20 p.m. IV. State Council on Developmental Disabilities - Central Coast Jennifer Lucas

Note: Time is allowed for public input on all agenda items prior to board action on that item. Time is also allowed for public input on any issue not included on the agenda. [W&I Code 4660 (c)] People wishing to give input need to fill-out the pink sheet and give it to the administrative assistant then they are invited to speak during "Public Comment", During a virtual meeting send a direct message via chat to the Administrative Assistant stating name, and topic of discussion. The Board appreciates and accepts all input without discussion.



6:20- 6:30 V. Presidents Report Pam Kerman
 1. Providing Accessibility to Mental Health Support for Individuals with IDD



6:30 - 6:55 VI. Executive Director's Report Javier Zaldivar
 1. Diversity Outreach Update
 2. Employment Programs Update
 3. Performance Contract in June



6:55 - 7:15 VII. Director of Consumer Services Report Mike Keeley
 1. New and Closing Programs
 2. Self-Determination Update
 3. Social Recreation Update
 4. Mission Moment



7:15 - 7:40 VIII. Committee Reports
 1. Fiscal Gus Maldonado
 2. Program Policy Lisa Lopez
Action Item: Recommendation to Adopt the *Role of SARC in Securing Services*, and the *Internet & Social Media Privacy* policies.
 3. Board Development Pam Kerman
Action Item: Recommendation to approve the election of Ms. Christine Kiebert-Boss to her first two year term in the Board.
 4. Service Provider Advisory Erika Gonzalez
Action Item: Recommendation to approve the election of Mr. Nichols, and Ms. Yant to their first two-year term on SPAC .
 5. Quality Assurance Advisory Rajesh Patel
 6. People’s Advisory Committee Maya Bareket
 7. ARCA Lisa Lopez



7:40 - 7:45 IX. Public Comment



7:45 - 7:50 X. Board Comment



7:50 - 8:00 XI. Announcements
 *6/20/26 Crystal Ball Dance



8:00 XII. Adjournment



SAN ANDREAS REGIONAL CENTER
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Via Zoom
March 16, 2026

Presiding: Maya Bareket Board President

Board Members Present:	Viviana Barnwell	Christine Gianola
	Erika Gonzalez	Pamela Kerman
	Lisa Lopez	Gus Maldonado
	Alicia Mesa	Rajesh Patel
	Nicolas Santos	Uma Venkatesh

Board Members Absent:

Staff Present

Gabriela Alvarez	Gina Billeci
Rosalina Cone	Karla Cruz
Azelin Ellis	Mahnaz Ehsan
Lauren Gallagher	Christiana Gardner
Mia Garza	Lourdes Gonzalez
Diana Gutierrez	Lisa Hartley
John Hunt	Rae'chel Jensen
Hazel Jordan	Angel Johnson
Julie Lussier	Maria Moreto
Monica Martinez	Jamie Nguyen
Arushie Nugapitiya	Vanessa Oamelda
Alexis Plascencia	Irene de la Rosa
Francisco Valenzuela	Javier Zaldivar

Community Present:

Jenica Hadley	AJ Hamon (Windes)
Tom Huey (Windes)	Christine KB
Patricia Kamlley (DDS)	Jennifer Lucas (SCDD)
Glendora Pitre	Tracey

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Maya Bareket Board President called to order the regularly scheduled business meeting of San Andreas Regional Center at 6:01 p.m. Ms. Bareket also called attention to the note on the agenda stating that time is allowed for public input on any issue not included on the agenda (Welfare and Institutions Code Section 4660 (c)). Self-introductions were made, and Ms. Alicia Mesa read the mission statement.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/S/C Moved to approve the January meeting minutes (Lopez/Kerman) No further discussions. All in favor, Motion carries.

1. Board Meeting Minutes – 1/21/26

2. Fiscal Committee Meeting Minutes –1/21/26
3. Program Policy Committee Meeting Minutes –
4. Board Development Committee Meeting Minutes –
5. Executive Committee Meeting Minutes –
6. Service Provider Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – 2/12/26, 3/12/26
7. Quality Assurance Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – 3/10/26

Audit Report Presentation

The auditors from Windes updated the Board of Directors on the completion of the Independent Auditor's Report. They informed that the report's "Unfunded defined benefit plan liability" information has been received from the Actuarial. The CalPERS pension plan obligation information is current now. The auditors issued a clean unmodified opinion. With the Boards approval of the draft report, they can move on to the next steps. A motion was made to approve the draft report.

M/S/C Moved to approve the Independent Auditor's draft report (Lopez/Venkatesh) No further discussions. All in favor, Motion carries.

STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES CENTRAL COAST

Ms. Jennifer Lucas General Manager discussed these topics:

- As part of Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, SCDD has been doing panel presentations on "My Life in the Community" in English and Spanish.
- SCDD is sponsoring SB 1052 It helps families plan for the future with confidence. [Newsroom | SCDD](#)
- AB 2360 will focus on plain language
- Mr. Joe Macias was introduced as the new team mate to Ms. Lucas

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ms. Bareket highlighted March as Social Work Month:

- First celebrated March 1963, to honor the mission of the profession which is to enhance human well-being.
- Social Workers are:
 - The heart, soul, and backbone of SARC
 - Selflessly serving many individuals
 - Unsung heroes, honor and thank them for their work

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Zaldivar discussed these issues:

- He thanked all service coordinators for their hard work.
- He thanked those that joined SARC at Grass Roots Day to advocate for the system.
 - He emphasized how important it is to continue the education of new legislators and staffers.
 - He explained to the staffers that decisions have consequences that impact people.

Budget Update

- Our budget is intact for this Fiscal Year; however, the state is \$38B in the hole.
- The concern comes from the impact to other systems that we rely on such as cuts to:
 - Education
 - IHSS
 - Medical
 - Generic resources
- Medical eligibility changes will be a big issue; the Department is working so our individuals are nominally impacted.
- Stay engaged in your community and attend the budgetary hearings which are via zoom now.

Diversity Outreach Update

Ms. Christiana Gardner Diversity and Inclusion (DI) manager gave the report:

- All parent support groups are currently active and meeting regularly
- Continue recruitment for two open positions, Parent Educator and Grant Specialist.

SARC continues to host a variety of culturally focused events.

Completed:

- 2/26/26 Black History Month Celebration
- 3/14/26 Spanish Speaking Conference in Greenfield
 - 109 attendees
 - Topics of discussion:
 - Immigration legal rights and protections
 - Stress management strategies
 - The ABC model for addressing behavioral challenges
 - Information on limited conservatorships
 - POS Data Report

Planning:

- 3/30/26 Public POS Data Report Meetings at 11:00 AM & 5:00 PM

Active Parent Support Groups:

- Watsonville group is growing rapidly and thriving

- African American
- Filipino
- Hollister in Spanish
- Salinas in Spanish
- San Jose in Spanish
- Vietnamese

Employment Update

Ms. Rosalina Cone Employment Specialist discussed these topics:

- Coordinated Career Pathways project has exhausted its funding and can no longer enroll new participants.
- Have vendors working on their program design but not part of the program yet.
- DOR (Department of Rehabilitation) order of selection is in place now; they will serve individuals based on severity of disability. If they put our individuals on a waiting list SARC then can refer them straight to participating vendors.
- DDS Paid Internship Program (PIP) Data for SARC:
 - 2022/23 - 74
 - 2023/24 - 94
 - 2024/25 -148
 - 2025/26 -137
 - SARC above state average by 20%
 - Providers are encouraged to participate in PIP
- Continue to participate in Transitional and job fairs
- Have 2 new potential vendors
- One current vendor has expanded to Monterey County.

Mr. Zaldivar shared that Ms. Julie Lussier Health Services Coordinator will be retiring in June.

DIRECTOR OF CONSUMER SERVICES REPORT:

Mission Moment

Mr. Zaldivar shared an email that was sent by a parent to a service coordinator thanking her for all the support given to her daughter until the end of her life.

NEW AND CLOSING PROGRAMS

Ms. Mia Garza Community Resource Associate Director gave the report:

New programs: 10 total new programs vendored in the month of February

- 2 In-home Respite service
- Housing Access
- 3 Early Start Therapeutic services
- Behavioral Analyst
- Infant Development
- Interpreter
- Art Instructor

Closed program: 18 total closed vendors

- 5 courtesy vendors
- 13 vendors closed due to lack of use in over 24 months

Mr. Zaldivar gave these updates:

- The rate reform is fully in effect SARC working with the vendors to support them
- SARC's website is having technical issues, but we are working on resolving them

Self-Determination (SD) Update:

- The program continues to grow steadily
- The committee is planning monthly luncheons for the community so they can learn about SD
- SARC has launched the bi-monthly SD roundtable meetings

Social Recreation

- Remains a priority for SARC
- Continue to fund activities for individuals and their support staff if needed

POS (Purchase of Service) Highlights:

- FY 2024-25 in review
- No POS by Diagnosis shows autism as the more prevalent, however it could mean that the process is going through insurance or waiting for services still.
- The complete report will be presented at the 3/30/26 meetings, and there will be an opportunity to give feedback.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FISCAL

The Fiscal committee was notified of the following updates:

- Effective May 1st, 2026, Ms. Karla Cruz will replace Mr. John Hunt as the new Chief Financial Officer CFO upon his retirement. Ms. Lauren Gallagher was introduced as the new Controller.

Mr. Gus Maldonado Board Treasurer gave the Monthly Fiscal report.

Fiscal Packet:

1. Purchase of Services (Non-CPP only)

Purchase of Service expenses for the month of January were \$73.9M, bringing the year-to-date total expenses to \$564.7M. The current allocation is \$1.04B.

2. Individuals Served

The number of individuals served as of January 2026 was 21,670. This is an increase of 1,036 individuals since January 2025.

3. Operations (OPS)

Operation expenses for the month of February were \$5.6M, bringing the year to date total expenses to \$47.2M. The fiscal year allocation is \$73M with operations expenses projected at \$72.8M, resulting in an estimated a surplus of approximately \$191.5K.

4. Cash Position

The cash position through the end of February was \$201.3M, an increase of \$5.7M since January.

5. Donation Fund

The balance in the Donation Fund through the end of February was \$ 487,067, an increase of \$36 from the prior month. The change reflects interest income and miscellaneous donations received during the month.

Contracts approved:

The Board approved 9 contracts:

- 1. M/S/C Moved to approve the A&T Training Center (JP Pham Corporation) transportation contract; for FY 2026-2027, totaling \$1,074,523.20 (Bareket/Lopez) No further discussion. All in favor. One Abstention (Erika Gonzalez) Motion carries.**
- 2. M/S/C Moved to approve the Access Community Resources Corp. transportation contract; for FY 2026-2027, 2027-2028, 2028-2029, totaling \$2,885,662.80 (Lopez/Kerman) No further discussion. All in favor. One Abstention (Erika Gonzalez). Motion carries.**
- 3. M/S/C Moved to approve the Apollo Adult Day Program, Inc. transportation contract; for FY 2026-2027, totaling \$1,792,288.80 (Mesa/Kerman) No further discussion. All in favor. One Abstention (Erika Gonzalez). Motion carries.**
- 4. M/S/C Moved to approve the Bayside Adult Day Program (Trilogy Care Homes, Inc.) transportation contract; for FY 2026-2027 totaling \$641,495.76 (Kerman/Bareket) No further discussion. All in favor. One Abstention (Erika Gonzalez). Motion carries.**
- 5. M/S/C Moved to approve the Better Horizons Development Corporation transportation contract; for FY 2026-2027, totaling \$807,686.40 (Mesa/Venkatesh) No further discussion. All in favor. One Abstention (Erika Gonzalez). Motion carries.**
- 6. M/S/C Moved to approve the Beyond Potential Learning Center transportation contract; for FY 2026- 2027 totaling \$872,601.60 (Venkatesh/Santos) No further discussion. All in favor. One Abstention (Erika Gonzalez). Motion carries.**

7. **M/S/C Moved to approve the Brightpath Adult Behavior Management Program transportation contract; for FY 2026-2027, 2027-2028, 2028-2029, totaling \$605,764.80 (Mesa/Santos) No further discussion. All in favor. One Abstention (Erika Gonzalez). Motion carries.**
8. **M/S/C Moved to approve the Learning Center for Independence transportation contract; for FY 2026-2027, 2027-2028, 2028-2029, totaling \$972,535.68 (Kerman/Bareket) No further discussion. All in favor. One Abstention (Erika Gonzalez). Motion carries.**
9. **M/S/C Moved to approve the MMS Behavioral Day Program, Inc. transportation contract; for FY 2026- 2027 totaling \$656,245.20 (Kerman/Santos) No further discussion. All in favor. One Abstention (Erika Gonzalez). Motion carries.**

PROGRAM POLICY COMMITTEE

None

BOARD DEVELOPMENT

The committee recommended term renewal for the following members.

M/S/C Moved to re-elect Ms. Lisa Lopez to her third and final term in the Board of Directors (Bareket/Santos) No further discussion. All in favor. Motion carries.

M/S/C Moved to re-elect Ms. Maya Bareket to her third and final term on the Board of Directors (Gonzalez/Santos) No further discussion. All in favor. Motion carries.

M/S/C Moved to re-elect Ms. Pamela Kerman to her second two-year term in the Board of Directors (Gonzalez/Mesa) No further discussion. All in favor. Motion carries.

SERVICE PROVIDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SPAC)

- Ms. Gonzalez shared that she was part of the advocacy team that participated in Grass Roots Day; and recommended one person to be voted into SPAC.

M/S/C Moved to elect Ms. Jen Aruiza to her first two-year term in SPAC. (Kerman/Bareket) No further discussion. All in favor. Motion carries.

QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMITTEE

- Minutes are in the packet.

PEOPLE'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC)

Ms. Bareket gave these updates:

- She was part of the advocacy team that participated in Grass Roots Day
- The Legislative Tour is coming up 3/23/26
- Legislative Luncheon 4/24/26

ARCA

- Ms. Lopez shared that ARCA is supporting AB 1670 - Dental Desensitizing, and AB 2324 – Career pathway for siblings that are caregivers.
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PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

BOARD COMMENT

- None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Francisco Valenzuela thanked those that attended Grass Roots Day and supported SARC.

- 3/30/2026 POS Data Community Meetings
- 4/3/2026 Disability Awareness Fair San Jose Barracuda
- 4/24/26 29th Annual Legislative Luncheon
- Summer Festivals coming soon

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Recording Secretary, Ms. Lourdes Gonzalez

Submitted by,

Ms. Lisa Lopez