



Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, February 24, 2026

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Kern Regional Center, 3200 N. Sillect Ave., Bakersfield CA 93308 -- Malibu Room

Closed Session prior to public Board meeting 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Welfare & Institutions Code section 4663(a)(2) and 4663(a)(5)

General Business		
1. Call to Order and Introductions		Tracey Miller, Board President
2. Review and Approve Agenda of February 24, 2026	Action	Tracey Miller, Board President
3. Review and Approve Board Meeting Minutes of January 27, 2026 (Attachment 1)	Action	Tracey Miller, Board President
4. State budget process and Legislative Advocacy	Info.	Tony Anderson, Associate Director ARCA
5. Public Comments		
REPORTS		
6. Board President's Report	Info	Tracey Miller, Board President
7. Consumer Advisory Committee (CAC) Report	Info	Tracey Miller, Board President
8. Executive Director's Report	Info	Enrique Roman, Executive Director
9. Financial Reports a. POS Report through December 2025 (Attachment 2) b. Operations Report through December 2025 (Attachment 3)	Info	Tom Wolfgram, CFO
10. Vendor Advisory Committee Report	Info	Tamerla Prince, VAC Representative

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**The next KRC Board of Directors meeting is
March 24, 2026, 6:00 – 7:30 PM**



Attachment 1



Kern Regional Center Board of Directors Meeting Minutes January 27, 2026 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

This was a hybrid meeting conducted in-person at Kern Regional Center, 3200 N. Sillect Ave., Bakersfield, CA 93308, in the Malibu Conference Room and online via Zoom. Spanish interpretation was provided by Orchid Interpretation and ASL interpretation was provided by Rachel Groner and Angel Thomas of LifeSigns, Inc.

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Tracey Miller, President, called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.
Roll-call of board members was done, and a quorum was established.

Board Members Present:

Socorro Carrillo, Board Member
Fernando Fermin, Treasurer
Carlos Isidoro, Board Member
Kevin Johnson, Board Member
Tracey Miller, Board President
Donald Tobias, Board Member
Martin Vasquez, Secretary

Board Members Absent:

Ana Alonso, Vice-President
Tamerla Prince, VAC Representative
Ruth Watterson, Board Member

KRC Staff Present

Tomàs Cubias, Chief Equity Officer
Jonathan Gomez,
- Deaf & Hard-of Hearing Specialist
Kristine Khuu
- Asst. Director of Client Services, Intake
Yesenia Mackie,
- Asst. Director Client Services – Adult

KRC Staff Present (continued)

Cindy Martinez, Service Coordinator
Darlene Pankey, Executive Assistant
Enrique Roman, KRC Executive Director
Ky Tran, IT Technician
Tom Wolfgram, Chief Financial Officer

Guest Attendees:

Mario Alvarez
Cindy Cox
Debbie Escobar
Misty Garcia
Shannon Gratt
Angel Hobbs
Eloisa Loya
Gilbert Loya
Edwin Pineda, DDS
Enisa Salkic
J.O. Shuolaub
April (*last name not legible*)

2. Closed Session Report

- Pursuant to **Welfare and Institutions Code Section 4663**, the Board met in closed session at 5:00 PM to discuss:
 - Executive Director evaluation and performance.
 - Pending litigation.



3. Review and Approval of Agenda -- Presenter: Tracey Miller, President

Action: Approval of the agenda for January 27, 2026. Ms. Miller asked for a motion.

Motion made by: Socorro Carrillo **Second by:** Martin Vasquez

In Favor: 7 **Nays:** 0 **Abstentions:** 0

4. Review and Approval of Board Minutes of November 18, 2026 and December 9, 2025 (Attachments 1 and 2) Presenter: Tracey Miller, Board President

Action: Approval of the board minutes from the meetings held on November 18, 2025 and December 9, 2025. The minutes were provided to board members one week before this meeting for review. Ms. Miller asked for a motion.

Motion made by: Socorro Carrillo **Second by:** Martin Vasquez

In Favor: 7 **Nays:** 0 **Abstentions:** 0

5. Board Member Nominations -- Presenter: Tracey Miller, President

There were three individuals interviewed and recommended by the Nominating Committee for KRC Board Members: Gayla Gibson, Deborah Rico, and Tajia Rodriguez.

Action: Ms. Miller asked for a motion to accept Gayla Gibson as a member of the KRC Board of Directors.

Motion made by: Socorro Carrillo **Second by:** Donald Tobias

In Favor: 7 **Nays:** 0 **Abstentions:** 0

Action: Ms. Miller asked for a motion to accept Deborah Rico as a member of the KRC Board of Directors.

Motion made by: Socorro Carrillo **Second by:** Martin Vasquez

In Favor: 7 **Nays:** 0 **Abstentions:** 0

Action: Ms. Miller asked for a motion to accept Tajia Rodriguez as a member of the KRC Board of Directors.

Motion made by: Socorro Carrillo **Second by:** Donald Tobias

In Favor: 7 **Nays:** 0 **Abstentions:** 0

After the new board members were installed, each new member greeted their fellow board members and audience, giving a brief synopsis of their background and why they wanted to become members of the Board of Directors.



6. Standards & Practices for Board Composition – Presenter: Tony Anderson, ARCA Associate Director

Tony Anderson delivered Board Composition Standards & Practices training covering:

- Lanterman Act requirements for board composition (parents, individuals with disabilities, geographic/ethnic representation).
- Mandatory training plans, term limits, and transparency expectations.
- Importance of self-assessments, performance evaluations, and establishing a governance committee.
- Best practices for a board prospectus, recruitment pipeline, and maintaining diversity.
- Consequences of non-compliance, including DDS monitoring and required corrective action.

KRC recently received a DDS notice about improving board composition; this has driven recruitment efforts. Tony emphasized team synergy, “right people in the right seats,” and building a skill-balanced board.

Mr. Anderson’s presentation is attached to these minutes.

7. Draft Purchase of Service Standard: ASL Language Training and Support Service (Attachment 3) – Enrique Roman, Executive Director and Jonathan Gomez, KRC Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Specialist

Mr. Roman and Mr. Gomez presented and explained the draft Purchase of Service Standard for ASL Training and Support Service.

KRC is:

- One of few regional centers that is developing Deaf-plus group homes this year.
- Leading in ASL-based person-centered training delivery.
- Conducting RFI/RFP processes to identify qualified ASL training vendors.
- Launching service by June/July 2026, pending proposal submissions.

Service Purpose:

- Improve communication access, ASL fluency, and cultural competency.
- Support families, DSPs, and service coordinators.
- Provide consultations, coaching, and documentation support.
- Individuals who aren’t Deaf/HH, but require ASL for communication, may receive the service if justified through IPP/IFSP.

Action: Ms. Miller asked for a motion to approve the ASL Language Training and Support Service Purchase of Service standard.

Motion made by: Martin Vasquez **Second by:** Socorro Carrillo

In Favor: 7 **Nays:** 0 **Abstentions:** 0



8. NCI and Upcoming Survey – *Esteban Ortiz, SCDD (State Council on Developmental Disabilities)*

- The NCI Survey is an annual, statewide, federally recognized quality-measurement tool.
- The NCI Survey measures satisfaction, outcomes, and service effectiveness for individuals served by regional centers.
- DDS randomly selects participants; surveys are mailed in preferred language.
- Three survey types: Adult In-Person; Child and Family; Adult Family; and Family/Guardian (for individuals in group homes).
- Identifying information is not included; surveys use coded numbers only.
- Online completion available for English versions via QR code.
- Importance: NCI data influences policy changes, funding decisions, and resource allocation statewide.
- SCDD is actively increasing outreach; on-site training, flyers, and community presentations.

9. Addendum to Agenda – Public Comment

At this point in the program, it was noted that Public Comment had been inadvertently omitted from the agenda.

Action: Tracey Miller asked for a motion to add “Public Comment” as an agenda item for January 27, 2026.

Motion made by: Deborah Rico **Second by:** Socorro Carrillo

In Favor: 7 **Nays:** 0 **Abstentions:** 0

Ms. Miller proceeded to ask any public commenters to come forward. There were no public comments made in this meeting.

10. President’s Report - *Presenter: Tracey Miller, Board President*

- **Key Topics:**
 - ARCA CAC activities; upcoming strategic planning in March.
 - Key statewide focus areas: Housing, Employment, and Social Security topics.
 - Ms. Miller encouraged participation in Grassroots Day 2026 and any opportunities for local community engagement.
 - Updates from local KRC CAC, including housing presentations and ongoing advocacy priorities.

11. Executive Director’s Report – *Enrique Roman, Executive Director*

- **Highlights:**
 - KRC has transitioned out of special contract status and is rebuilding to become a *gold-standard* regional center.



- Board recruitment improvements stemmed from DDS compliance notifications.
- Statewide initiative activities report included Standardized IPP implementation, Rate Reform nearing completion, and the Public Records Act which went into effect on January 1, 2026.

- **Budget Summary**

- Governor's proposed FY budget includes \$2.4 Billion increase to account for system growth (~37,600 new consumers).
- Potential risks: pending Medicaid cuts, differences between LAO (Legislative Analyst's Office) and the Governor's deficit estimates.

- **Upcoming**

- Community meeting will be held in March to present Purchase of Service Expenditure Data (formerly Disparity Meetings).
- KRC will host multiple meetings across its 3-county catchment area.

12. **Financial Reports - Presenter: Tom Wolfgram (CFO)**

Purchase of Service and Operations Reports for November 30, 2025

- **POS Report (Attachment 3)**

- **October 2025 Spending:** \$33,411,736
- **November 2025 Spending:** \$24,696,248
- **YTD Spending:** \$156,084,925
 - There is an estimated \$8 Million still not billed for November.
 - YTD spending ending November is \$156,084,925 compared to \$122 Million this time last year – a \$33 Million increase.

- **Operations Report (Attachment 4)**

- **October 2025 Expenses:** \$3,481,402
- **November 2025 Expenses:** \$4,031,920
- **YTD Expenses:** \$19,580,258
 - \$15 Million in wages; \$4.3 Million in operating expenses.
 - Staffing increased from 335 to 443 employees, raising costs ~50%.
 - Facilities, rent, utilities, and data processing costs are all up due to expansion.

13. **Vendor Advisory Committee Update - Presenter: Enrique Roman for Tamerla Prince**

- Review of HCBS compliance efforts.
- Recap of Vendor Luncheon successes/challenges.
- Updates from client Services and Community Services on staffing and rate reform.



- Mario Alvarez volunteered to serve as the new VAC Representative pending formal committee vote and Board approval.

**14. Next public Board of Directors Meeting: February 24, 2026. 6:00 – 7:30 PM
Kern Regional Center, Malibu Room or Zoom Hybrid**

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM.

Attachment 2

KERN REGIONAL CENTER
PURCHASE OF SERVICE
FY 2025-2026
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2025

PURCHASE OF SERVICES	07/31/25	08/31/25	09/30/25	10/31/25	11/30/25	12/31/25	2025-2026 Total
OUT-OF-HOME							
Community Care Facility	7,747,591	7,739,472	7,843,505	7,947,033	7,593,475	7,546,861	46,417,937
ICF/SNF Facility	262,617	312,627	271,064	259,430	245,611	243,370	1,594,719
TOTAL OUT OF HOME	8,010,208	8,052,099	8,114,569	8,206,463	7,839,086	7,790,231	48,012,656
DAY PROGRAMS							
Day Care	109,891	114,398	111,530	112,768	56,692	52,594	557,873
Day Training	6,270,073	6,132,367	5,980,819	6,468,991	5,448,680	6,059,135	36,360,065
Supported Employment	527,557	527,958	394,740	581,338	508,965	427,920	2,968,478
Work Activity Program							-
SUBTOTAL DAY PROGRAMS	6,907,521	6,774,723	6,487,089	7,163,097	6,014,337	6,539,649	39,886,416
OTHER SERVICES							
Non Medical Services Prof	1,964,407	1,905,292	1,870,849	2,043,389	1,687,881	1,751,634	11,223,452
Non Medical Services Prog	2,084,601	2,097,733	2,560,196	2,703,344	2,124,134	2,224,464	13,794,472
Home Care Services Prog	16,415	16,415	815	298	13,269		47,212
Transportation	667,507	660,588	630,508	653,230	418,755	449,138	3,479,726
Transportation Contracts	776,017	901,558	839,700	938,905	717,063	388,869	4,562,112
Prevention Services	819,432	750,480	745,241	781,672	563,395	557,783	4,218,003
Other Authorized Services	5,685,873	5,762,363	5,620,730	5,576,482	4,999,687	4,757,419	32,402,554
P & I Expense	11,376	11,197	11,018	11,555	11,415	11,197	67,758
Hospital Care							-
Medical Equipment	22,796	11,748	16,781	7,569	8,660	14,659	82,213
Medical Services Prof	293,792	309,473	319,092	359,419	302,142	331,631	1,915,549
Medical Services Prog	30,124	23,639	26,436	26,248	25,072	24,916	156,435
Respite Care - In Home	5,539,392	5,768,981	5,921,629	6,225,903	6,090,038	2,659,318	32,205,261
Respite Care - Out of Home	58,344	50,184	9,728	10,836	37,238	30,741	197,071
Camps	19,933	5,125	10,415	11,825	11,730	11,195	70,223
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TOTAL OTHER SERVICES	17,990,009	18,274,776	18,583,138	19,350,675	17,010,479	13,212,964	104,422,041
TOTAL PURCHASE OF SERVICES	32,907,738	33,101,598	33,184,796	34,720,235	30,863,902	27,542,844	192,321,113
COMMUNITY PLACEMENT PLAN							
Community Care Facility	-				68,151	68,151	136,302
ICF/SNF Facility							-
Day Training							-
Non-Medical Services							-
Non-Medical Services-Programs						1,000	1,000
Transportation							-
Other Authorized Services							-
Other Services							-
Medical Care - Prof							-
TOTAL COMMUNITY PLACEMENT P	-	-	-	-	68,151	69,151	137,302
TOTAL PURCHASE OF SERVICE	32,907,738	33,101,598	33,184,796	34,720,235	30,932,053	27,611,995	192,458,415
Clients	15,039	15,445	15,626	15,691	15,189	13,055	90,045

Attachment 3

KERN REGIONAL CENTER
 OPERATIONS
 FY 2025/2026
 AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2025

	PROPOSED EXPENDITURE S	YEAR TO DATE BUDGET	07/31/25	08/31/25	09/30/25	10/31/25	11/30/25	12/31/25	TOTAL	(OVER)/UNDER
OPERATIONS										
Salaries & Benefits	39,077,434	21,041,695	3,878,247	2,862,628	2,871,570	2,642,074	2,863,965	4,007,282	19,125,766	1,915,929
Operating Expenses	10,178,000	5,089,000	1,382,040	763,064	769,731	390,643	1,064,323	836,134	5,205,935	(116,935)
SUBTOTAL OPS	49,255,434	26,130,695	5,260,287	3,625,693	3,641,302	3,032,717	3,928,287	4,843,416	24,331,701	1,798,994
COMMUNITY PLACEMENT PLAN										
Salaries & Benefits	1,462,321	787,404				305,197	69,479	106,396	481,073	306,331
Operating Expenses		-				114,320	2,950	2,950	120,220	(120,220)
SUBTOTAL CPP	1,462,321	787,404	-	-	-	419,517	72,429	109,346	601,293	186,111
FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM										
Salaries & Benefits	108,582	58,467	497	(497)	27	5,113	7,615	10,709	23,463	35,004
Operating Expenses	183,018	91,509	45	(45)	16	14,129	13,923	14,236	42,304	49,205
SUBTOTAL FGP	291,600	149,976	541	(541)	43	19,241	21,538	24,945	65,767	84,209
SENIOR COMPANION PROGRAM										
Salaries & Benefits	72,389	38,979	4,803	4,516	4,614	2,284	5,076	7,139	28,433	10,546
Operating Expenses	122,012	61,006	4,973	4,523	8,129	7,643	4,589	8,190	38,046	22,960
SUBTOTAL SCP	194,401	99,985	9,776	9,039	12,743	9,927	9,665	15,329	66,479	33,505
TOTAL OPERATIONS	51,203,756	27,168,060	5,270,604	3,634,190	3,654,088	3,481,402	4,031,920	4,993,036	25,065,240	2,102,819