

Alta California Regional Center
Executive Committee Meeting
Monday, March 9, 2026
Minutes

Present:

Dan Lake, President
Kelly Pennington, Vice President &
ARCA Rep
Anwar Safvi, Finance Comm. Chair
Steven Sanchez, Secretary
Amy Lampe, ARCA-CAC Rep
Carmen Aguilar, Member-at-Large

Board Members:

Garrett Broadbent
Johnny Deng
Tom Hopkins

Facilitators:

Amy Fulk
Naomi Smith

Visitors:

Maureen Fitzgerald
Terri Scheufele

Staff:

Lori Banales, Executive Director
Iqbal Ahmad, Chief Operating
Officer
Tracy Brown, Associate Client Services
Director
John Decker, Director of Community
Services
Camelia Houston, Director of Intake
& Clinical Services
Mechelle Johnson, Director of Client
Services
Jaspreet Mann, Associate Client Services
Director
Faye McKenzie, Associate Client
Services Director
Jeff Nguyen, IT Specialist
Lisa West, Executive Secretary

The Executive Committee met on Monday, March 9, 2026, at 5:24 p.m. to discuss:
1) Review/Approve Revised Resource Development Policy; 2) President's Report; and
3) Executive Director's Report.

Without objection, Dan Lake made the motion to adopt the Executive Committee meeting minutes of February 9, 2026, as submitted.

1. Review/Approve Revised Resource Development Policy

- Mr. Decker noted that the section related to the utilization of Artificial Intelligence has been deleted from this revision. Regional centers are speaking amongst themselves to determine the way to move forward to implement the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) Directive.

Without objection, Amy Lampe made the motion to recommend to the full Board the approval of the revised Resource Development Policy as presented.

2. President's Report

- Mr. Lake expressed appreciation to those in attendance today.

- He also thanked Mr. Safvi and Mr. Broadbent for participating in the Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) Grassroots Day.

3. ***Executive Director's Report***

- Ms. Banales shared that there was a tremendous turnout by regional centers at the State Capitol on March 3rd for ARCA's Grassroots Day – 118 meetings were held with over 200 delegates in attendance. In addition to Mr. Safvi and Mr. Broadbent, ten staff from ACRC participated in our ten meetings with our catchment's legislators and their staff.
 - Ms. Banales also expressed appreciation to Ms. Pennington and her son, Bradley, who presented Assemblymember Nguyen with an award the night before.
- ACRC's Annual Purchase of Service (POS) Data Meeting will be held on Friday, March 13th, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. On March 18th, from 2 to 4 p.m., we will be reviewing the data and gathering feedback from our community. We want to be informed and influenced by the community that we serve. Both meetings are virtual.

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for **Monday, May 11, 2026**. The meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

Lisa West
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors
Lori Banales