



**MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 21, 2025 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE HARBOR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES FOUNDATION**

BOARD PRESENT:

Mr. Gordon Cardona, Board Member
Mr. Fu-Tien Chiou, *Treasurer*
Mr. Joe Czarske, Board Advisor
Dr. James Flores, *Secretary*
Mr. Ramon Gonzalez, Board Member
Ms. Ann Lee, Ph.D, Board Member
Mr. Chris Patay, Board Advisor
Ms. Angela Rodriguez, Board Member

BOARD ABSENT:

Mr. Eber Bayona, Board Member
Mr. Ron Bergmann, Board Member
Mr. LaVelle Gates, *Vice-President*
Mr. Jeffrey Herrera, Board Member
Ms. Patricia Jordan, Board Member
Mr. Ramon Gonzalez, Board Member
Ms. Jacquelyn Solorio, Board Member
Ms. Laurie Zaleski, Board Member

INTERPRETER:

Mr. Fernando Nunez, LRA Spanish Interpreter

STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Patrick Ruppe, Executive Director
Ms. Elizabeth Garcia-Moya, Director of Community Services
Ms. Eun Kim, Director of Intake & Clinical Services
Ms. Thao Mailloux, Director of Information & Development
Ms. Judy Samana Taimi, Director of Adult Services
Ms. LaWanna Blair, Director of Early Childhood Services
Ms. Mary Hernandez, Director of Case Management Support Services
Ms. Antoinette Perez, Director of Children's Services
Ms. Judy Wada, Chief Financial Officer
Ms. Jennifer Lauro, Executive Assistant
Mr. Jesus Jimenez, Executive Office Department Assistant

GUESTS:

Mr. Tom Huey, Windes, Inc.
Ms. Monserrat Palacios, DDS
Mr. Paul Quiroz, Service Provider
Mr. Brian Carrillo, HRC Staff
Ms. Sofia Garcia, HRC Staff
Ms. Cherrly Julian, HRC Staff
Ms. Desiree Lookadoo, Gordon Cardona's Aide

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Patay called the Board to order at 6:10 p.m.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Patay welcomed Board members, guests and staff, then led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Patay took roll call of Board Members and a quorum was established with Dr. Flores attending via teleconference.

Mr. Patay introduced Board Member Angela Rodriguez who read Harbor Regional Center's Mission and Vision Statements.

Mr. Patay reminded the Board that our next meeting will be a training, closed to the public, on February 18, 2025. Our next regular business meeting will be on March 18, 2025 at the Torrance location in conference rooms A1&2.

Mr. Patay announced that tonight we have our independent auditors from Windes, Inc. here, Mr. Tom Huey to present their audit report prior to our regular business meeting. At this time we will move the Audit Committee Report forward on our agenda for the convenience of our independent auditor.

AUDIT REPORT

In Ms. Laurie Zaleski's, Chair of the Audit Committee, absence, Ms. Wada advised that the Audit Committee met with the independent auditors to review the draft report and then introduced Mr. Tom Huey to the Board. Mr. Huey of Windes, Inc. presented to the Board the results of their audit of the Harbor

Developmental Disabilities Foundation for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. The Board took the following action:

Dr. Lee moved to approve the Auditor's Report for Harbor Developmental Disabilities Foundation and Mr. Chiou seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Patay advised that public input was next on the agenda. Mr. Patay stated that he will call upon each person who submitted a Public Comment Request form to address the Board and requested that he or she limit their comments to two minutes in order to accommodate everyone.

Mr. Patay indicated that we had received zero (0) Public Comment Request forms.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

Mr. Ruppe presented the draft minutes of the November 19, 2024 meeting of our Board which were included in the board packet and posted for the general public on the HRC website. **The MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 19, 2024 BOARD MEETING were received and filed.**

PRESENTATION OF FINANCIALS

Mr. Chiou reviewed the following financial statements, which were received and filed:

- Harbor Regional Center Monthly Financial Report Fiscal Year 2024-25, dated Oct 2024
- Harbor Regional Center Functional Expense Summary, dated Oct 2024
- Harbor Regional Center POS Contract Summary, dated Oct 2024
- Harbor Regional Center Line Item Report, dated Oct 2024
- Harbor Regional Center Monthly Financial Report Fiscal Year 2024-25, dated Nov 2024
- Harbor Regional Center Functional Expense Summary, dated Nov 2024
- Harbor Regional Center POS Contract Summary, dated Nov 2024
- Harbor Regional Center Line Item Report, dated Nov 2024

EXECUTIVE REPORT

1. STATE BUDGET UPDATES:

Mr. Ruppe announced that the Department of Developmental Services has a new Executive Director, Peter Cervinka. Mr. Ruppe then summarized the key highlights of the Governor's proposed 2025-26 budget.

2. RATE REFORM:

Mr. Ruppe called upon Elizabeth Garcia-Moya, Director of Community Services, who provided an update on the rate reform.

3. HARBOR REGIONAL CENTER STRATEGIC PLAN – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT UPDATE:

Mr. Ruppe informed the Board on the status of Harbor's strategic plan progress for Community Engagement by advising of the completion of service descriptions and one page fact sheets. Mr. Ruppe referred the Board to our website and reviewed with them the location of this new information and how it will assist our community in learning about Harbor's services.

4. HARBOR OPERATIONS CONTACT FOR BOARD APPROVAL | revised FURNITURE PURCHASE & INSTALLATION | WESTERN OFFICES LOS ANGELES:

Mr. Ruppe advised that the Lanterman Act requires any regional center contract which exceeds \$250,000 be approved by the regional center Board. Mr. Ruppe provided a description of the project and purchases needed to renovate facilities located at 21309 Hawthorne Boulevard, Torrance, CA 90503 with a revised contract amount not to exceed \$400,000.00.

Dr. Flores moved to approve the revised Operations Contact for the purchase of furniture and installation and Ms. Rodriguez seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board with no opposition or abstention.

5. HARBOR EVENTS RECAP:

Mr. Ruppe called upon Thao Mailloux, Director of Information and Development, to present a recap of the various events that occurred at Harbor during the Holidays, which included the 'Rock for Tots XIX' event, the Winter Wonderland event, Operation Gobble and Harbor's Holiday Baskets Program. Ms. Mailloux also shared Harbor's 2025 Holiday Card and photos of these events. Mr. Ruppe and Ms. Mailloux each thanked the Board, Staff and Guests for participation in these Holiday events.

6. ENHANCED BEHAVIORAL SUPPORT HOME (EBSH):

Mr. Ruppe called upon Elizabeth Garcia-Moya, Director of Community Services, to share photos and information on Harbor's 1st Enhanced Behavioral Support Home's grand opening of its Mountain Top Silva Home in Long Beach.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. ARCA

Mr. Ruppe summarized the key highlights of the January meetings.

B. CLIENT ADVISORY

In Ms. Jordan, Chair of the Committee, absence, Ms. Taimi reported that the Committee met on November 13, 2024 and were presented with information on Harbor's newest Clinical Department. Next meeting is scheduled for February 12, 2025.

C. CLIENT SERVICES

In Ms. Jordan, Chair of the Committee, absence, Ms. Taimi reported that the Committee met on November 26, 2024 where the Committee reviewed Harbor's current service policy for Parent Training in Behavior Management Services focusing on efforts to update the policy to be person-centered. Next meeting is scheduled for January 28, 2025.

D. SELF-DETERMINATION ADVISORY

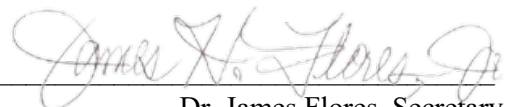
Ms. Perez advised the Board that the Self-Determination Advisory Committee continues to meet monthly and provided an update on the January meeting.

E. SERVICE PROVIDER ADVISORY

Ms. Rodriguez, Chair of the Committee, informed that the Committee met on December 3, 2024 and focused primarily on rate reform. Next meeting is scheduled for February 4, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT 7:27 p.m.

Mr. Patay thanked all those who participated in our Board meeting tonight.

Submitted by: 
Dr. James Flores, Secretary
Board of Trustees
Harbor Developmental Disabilities Foundation