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MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, June 18, 2026

Location #1: Exposition Park District

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Location #2: ElHessen Home/Office

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Location #5: Andrade-Stadler Home/Office

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Please note this is a summary of the meeting, not a "verbatim" transcription.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/ ESTABLISH A QUORUM/COUNTYWIDE LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Summer McBride, Chairperson

The meeting was called to order at 11:04 a.m. A quorum was established. The Chair read the countywide land acknowledgement.

Roll Call/Commissioners Present:

Summer McBride (Chair)

Sue ElHessen, Ed.D. (Vice Chair)

Adele Andrade-Stadler

Booker Pearson

Christine Salazar

Genevieve Riutort*

Mihran Kalaydjian

Pollyanna Lee

Sam Joo

Yvonne Chan, Ed. D.

*Attended via teleconference pursuant to Government Code Section 54953.8.3(c)(4)

Commissioners Absent:

Andrew Yam
Joni Byun
Juan Leaños
Veronica Lewis

Commission Staff:

Miguel Barrios
Michelle Ung

Introduction of Guests

Jackie Contreras, Ph. D., Director, Department of Public Social Services (DPSS)

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT (Non-Agenda Items) / (Agenda Items)

Summer McBride, Chairperson

Miguel Barrios, Interim Executive Director, acknowledged that there was no one present in the room to make a public comment on a non-agenda or agendized item. He asked if anyone attending the meeting virtually had any public comment to make on non-agendized items or agendized items. There was none.

3.0 REVIEW AND APPROVE MAY 21, 2026, MEETING MINUTES

Summer McBride, Chairperson

Chairperson McBride opened the floor for comments on the minutes, and there were no corrections. Commissioner Lewis moved to approved and Commissioner Pearson seconded the motion. The Chair called for the roll call. The May 2026 minutes were approved by majority vote (8 -Ayes) with 1 abstention as follows:

Summer McBride (Chair) – Aye
Sue ElHessen, Ed.D. (Vice Chair) – Aye
Adele Andrade-Stadler – Aye
Booker Pearson – Aye
Yvonne Chan, Ed. D. – Aye
Genevieve Riutort – Aye
Mihran Kalaydjian – Aye
Pollyanna Lee - Abstain
Sam Joo – Aye

4.0 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Nick Ippolito, Chief of Staff, DPSS

Mr. Ippolito provided the following federal and state legislative updates:

At the state level, some important decisions will be made between now and the end of the month, by which the legislature and the governor have to agree on a budget, and it has to be approved by that time per statute. The May Revise that the governor issued back in May was not great for us, and it wasn't great for our customers. It included severe cuts to Adult Protective Services (APS). It upheld the many concerning changes and cuts to our In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Program, and it also included a lot of proposals that would have reduced or complicated eligibility for many of our customers, particularly in Medi-Cal (MC). It was concerning on the administrative side because it included very little or no administrative support to help us implement House of Representatives (H.R.) 1 and to assist our customers. Dr. Contreras sent two advocacy letters that were shared with the commissioners. One expressed concern with the May Revise overall, and the other a letter co-signed with Maral Karaccusian, Director of the Department of Aging and Disabilities, about the IHSS and the APS cuts. The next step in this legislative process is that the legislature reviews and discusses the May Revise and submits what they call a two-party agreement, which is sort of a response to the May Revise. We are happy to say that what the legislature proposed is much better for us and much better for our customers because it reversed a lot of the concerning things that the May Revise proposed. It delayed action on some things, and it also really reaffirmed and included a lot of support for our administration for both CalFresh (CF) and MC. It was basically things that DPSS had asked for, and we got even a little additional funding proposed for that. So those were all significant things. But negotiations are occurring as we speak. The state will have to make some decisions. It's really in the governor's court as to what he decides to accept, and then we'll have a budget, and we'll see where things stand.

Some of the highlights are that through advocacy from our state organization, the County Welfare Directors Association (CWDA), and through Los Angeles (L.A.) County and DPSS directly, we were able to have the legislature support a total of \$458 million for both CF and MC administrative funding, which is above what we had requested. What's great about that is, as you've heard in our dialogues over the past almost a year now, the H.R. 1 rules and regulations and all of the other changes to the state programs are making our programs even more complicated to administer and more complicated for our customers to comply with. We have to do everything we can to make sure people can keep and stay on their benefits, but we will need those resources to be able to do that. The CF funds are significant because they proposed multi-year funding over three years, which is very important.

The MC funding right now is for one year, but we're going to continue to advocate for either having those funds be able to stretch out over three years or asking for additional support around the MC funding.

Usually, what happens after a budget is signed is that trailer bills are introduced, and they're called that because they literally trail the budget. We will continue to push and advocate for additional resources there. The good news for our programs is that the legislature has asked to provide funding for one more year for dental coverage. As you may know, there was a proposal that the governor made to eliminate dental coverage for those who are undocumented and still eligible for full-scope medical. In January, anybody who had what the State calls an unsatisfactory immigration status was eligible for full-scope medical. And then the proposal was that dental coverage would drop off on July 1 for that specific population. If we are granted the additional year, it would be good because that would give us more of an opportunity to continue to explain why dental coverage is so important, along with everything else. So that change is going to be pushed out a year. Also pushed out a year was the very concerning MC asset test. Where it stands right now, asset tests for MC are \$130,000 per person and \$195,000 for a couple. The governor proposed that those asset limits be scaled back to \$2,000 for a single person and \$3,000 for a couple. Basically, it would have resulted in literally thousands of people losing their MC coverage. I think the state estimated something like 20,000, but the numbers are far more than that. The legislature sustained the current asset limit test at \$130,000 and \$195,000, which was extended for a year, which was a great victory. Also, both the cuts and revisions to the IHSS and APS adult protective services program were both rejected in total by the legislature. That basically restored funding and restored the changes to what they are now, which is significant.

It's also significant for you to understand part of the rationale for the governor in the May Revise to scale back CF administrative funding. The state legislative analyst's office estimated that due to H.R. 1, CF caseloads were going to decline. They figured, in basic terms, that as caseloads go down, you don't need as much. As a result of our state organization advocating for what they call a hold harmless, if the caseloads go down, our funding for admin will not. I think there's a rational argument for that because we're going to have many more rules and regulations that we're going to have to help our customers comply with. That's going to take a great deal more work, and there's going to be a lot more casework entailed and everything else, so it's not just a matter of caseload goes down means less money. It's the cases that remain as complicated as they are, and we need the support for that, so that was a significant victory. We are now waiting for these negotiations to conclude, and we'll see what the state budget comes up with.

In addition, Congress is considering a farm bill. The farm bill is what is our instrument for any changes, funding, et cetera, to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), which is what CF is known at the federal level and in most of the rest of the country. The House of Representatives passed a version of the Farm Bill that sort of put in place all the changes to CF that were introduced in H.R. 1, and it includes that effective October 1st of this year, scaling back federal contributions to our administration. It would reduce it to 25% of their contribution to administering our programs. This didn't just affect L.A. County or California. It affected states and counties, and jurisdictions across the country, so the National Association of Counties, in consultation with all of the partners across the nation, started a legislative advocacy effort to request to push out the cost-sharing reduction until 2028. The House rejected that outright, but there appears to be an opportunity for the Senate to perhaps make that change and push that out a bit. Again, Dr. Contreras sent letters to our two senators, Shiff and Padilla. We joined advocacy efforts nationally to push on that and see it through. Our lobbyists in Washington, D.C., think there is a reasonable chance of getting that changed in the Senate. There are a lot of senators who represent states that have those concerns as well.

Director Contreras asked Mr. Ippolito if there were any updates on the local election. He explained that June was a significant election day. There will be a new supervisor elected for the first district. She is the current state senator, Maria Elena Durazo. Outgoing Supervisor Hilda Solis is now going to Congress starting next year. Also, Measure ER passed and approved the half-cent tax to preserve health care. As a result, there will be the formation of a group that will decide and make sure that the revenue is utilized in accordance with what the voters agreed to.

Director Contreras stated that she wanted to highlight the housing programs. The recommendation was for a one-time \$25 million in general fund for housing programs. Home Safe program recommended \$50 million in general funds, and Home Safe is the Aging and Disabilities and bringing families home, for which the DCFS population approves \$25 million. CW Housing Support Program (HSP), the funding source that we have for families, unfortunately, did not get any augmentation, but we are not giving up on that. DPSS is continuing to work with CWDA to identify local champions that can really help with that because it has a dedicated fund, like an ongoing fund. We think that's why it didn't get as much attention as some of the other programs.

Chair McBride thanked both Director Contreras and Mr. Ippolito for their advocacy efforts. She asked if any of the commissioners had any clarification questions.

Vice Chair ElHessen clarified whether the MC limit is \$130,000 for a single adult and \$195,000 for married couples for the next year. Nick Ippolito replied that she would be correct if Governor Newsom agrees to it and it passes. Director Contreras

added that there was an alternative recommendation of \$21,000 for a single adult and \$31,000 for couples, so it could be slightly higher than the proposed limits of \$2,000 for singles and \$3,000 for couples. Vice Chair ElHessen asked if there is anything else she can do at this point to advocate for changes. Mr. Ippolito explained that everything is with the Governor now, but as individual citizens, in their capacity, they could make their views known to the Governor directly.

Commissioner Joo asked about the projected revenue that would come from Measure ER and whether that would be used to backfill potential cuts or operational needs. Director Contreras explained that 3% is going to be designated to DPSS. The two areas that we emphasized we needed support for were outreach, so being able to reach out to all the communities that are being impacted, and the other was help with meeting the community engagement requirements or the work requirements. The eligibility work right now is structured to be done outside of our department. But we are definitely in talks and thinking about what makes the most sense for us to be able to streamline and coordinate that process.

Commissioner Chan asked if DPSS or L.A. County had proactively reduced its workforce in the event Measure ER did not pass, so would it now need to increase its workforce. Mr. Ippolito explained that the Board of Supervisors (BOS) actually did the opposite. They introduced a motion to prepare for ER and are not aware of a reduction in force. Director Contreras added that individual departments are constantly reevaluating that landscape based on the current economic budgetary situation.

Follow-up Item: Commissioner Chan asked if DPSS had any information on the billionaire's tax. Mr. Ippolito explained that his knowledge of the billionaire's tax is that it's going to be a one-time tax and it will go before the votes in November 2026. He also explained that there is a counter ballot measure requesting not to tax billionaires as well. She followed up by asking if the tax is something she should be advocating for, and Mr. Ippolito explained he can do a bit more research on it and get back to her on that.

5.0 DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Jackie Contreras, Ph. D, Director

Director Contreras provided the following State of California updates:

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) announced the return of the SUN Bucks food program this summer, which provides families \$40 per month for food in June, July, and August (\$120 total) when children have limited access to school meals. SUN Bucks cards, which work just like CF benefits, began arriving in late May and will continue to be delivered through this fall. In 2026, more than 3.5 million eligible children in California were automatically enrolled. Most eligible families do not need to take any action, as children who qualify for free or

reduced-price school meals or receive California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program benefits, CF, and/or MC are automatically enrolled. Children will also be automatically enrolled if their school identifies them as being in foster care, experiencing homelessness, or part of a migrant family. Families of children who are not automatically enrolled may apply by submitting a school meal application or Universal Benefits Application to their child's school by August 31, 2026, to receive SUN Bucks benefits for summer 2026. To learn more, visit the SUN Bucks webpage.

Director Contreras provided the following L.A. County updates:

In an effort to put more food on families' tables, more money in their pockets, and connect residents to health care and other essential benefits, L.A. County is launching the Pledge for Shared Prosperity. This is an initiative to partner with all 88 cities and reduce poverty countywide. The anti-poverty pledge commits cities to working with the County to connect residents and communities with key benefit programs. The pledge sets key goals to reduce poverty in communities, including increasing enrollment in CWs by 10,000 families, boosting the cash back families receive by filing for the Child Tax Credit and Earned Income Tax Credit by 10%, and helping residents maintain enrollment in programs such as CF and MC. To learn more about the pledge, visit ceo.lacounty.gov/poverty-pledge.

The L.A. County Department of Consumer & Business Affairs/Office of Immigrant Affairs is offering supportive services for immigrants and their families. Counselors and referrals are available at 320 W. Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012. To learn more, visit the Know Your Rights Resources for Immigrants in L.A. County webpage, or make an appointment at 1-800-593-8222.

The Antelope Valley African American Infant and Maternal Mortality Prevention Initiative (AAIMM) is hosting an Infant Safety Awareness and Community Networking Event to bring together families, community members, and service providers around the shared goal of improving Black infant and maternal health outcomes. The event will be hosted on Thursday, June 25, 2026, from 4:00 to 5:30 pm at 548 West Lancaster Blvd., Lancaster, CA 93534. To register or learn more, visit the Antelope Valley AAIMM Eventbrite webpage.

Director Contreras provided the following Board of Supervisors updates:

Dr. Carrie Miller will lead Anti-Racism, Diversity, and Inclusion (ARDI) on an interim basis while the Chief Executive Office launches an executive search for the initiative's next director. Dr. Miller's experience, operational leadership, and deep understanding of County systems will help ensure continuity across ARDI's critical work during this period. ARDI's leadership team and staff will continue to advance the initiative's work in coordination with the CEO's leadership.

The BOS made the following Proclamations for the month of June 2026:

Pride Month, National Aphasia Awareness Month, Refugee Awareness and Immigrant Heritage Month, Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month, and Family Reunification Month, June 3 through 8, as Zoot Suit Riots Remembrance Days, June 5 through 13, as L.A. County Arts and Health Week, June 11, as International Day of Play, June 15, as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, June 19, as Juneteenth, June 20, as World Refugee Day, and June 26, as Dance and Community Connection Day.

Director Contreras provided the following DPSS updates:

The CF Work Requirements Are Here. As of June 1, 2026, CF work requirements may apply when you apply for or renew your benefits. Some adults aged 18-64 who get CF may need to meet work requirements to keep their benefits for more than 3 months in a 36-month period, unless they are exempt. For more information, visit our [DPSS CalFresh Work Rules](#) webpage. Director Contreras emphasized that while the change occurred as of June 1st, any customers that this is going to affect will get a notice in advance from DPSS. This applies as of June 1st for new applicants and for people who are submitting their renewal; it applies in the month that their renewal is due. Customers will get more information to learn how to address this.

This is a reminder that starting July 1, 2026, MC households will have changes to their dental coverage plans. Some customers aged 19 and older will lose dental coverage due to changes in eligibility based on immigration status. Visit the [Smile California Medi-Cal Dental Program](#) webpage to find a MC dentist near you. DPSS also posted on social media, reminding people to please seek out this care before the deadline.

The General Relief (GR) Redesign Workgroups are here, and workgroups have launched. The goal is to improve service delivery and modernize the GR Program to more effectively meet the specific needs of today's L.A. County residents. Learn more at the [General Relief Redesign Project](#) webpage.

Expectant mothers or families with children under 5 years old (ages 0-4) can apply for Women, Infants, & Children (WIC) benefits at the DPSS El Monte, Florence, Lancaster, Rancho Park, South Family, and Belvedere district offices every second Thursday of the month. Applications for WIC are also accepted online at the [WIC Program](#) webpage or by calling 1-800-852-5770.

We're very proud that our DPSS employees were front and center in the June 8 edition of the L.A. Times California section, featuring our enthusiastic team members proudly participating in the West Hollywood (WeHo) Pride Parade on Sunday, June 7. This year marked DPSS's second consecutive year participating in the WeHo Pride Parade, marching to celebrate diversity, resilience, and belonging

while showing solidarity with the LGBTQ+ community. DPSS also celebrated Pride Month with the fourth annual flag-raising ceremony at our headquarters in the City of Industry. We gathered with staff and partners from LA County, including local community-based organizations, to listen to a lineup of DPSS employees from our district offices and give their own testimonies. Their story struck a unified note, reinforcing our commitment to an inclusive and equitable environment for LGBTQ+ staff and customers.

Commissioner Chan asked if the GAIN Program was going to lose resources due to the state budget. Director Contreras replied that we do have some changes that are happening with GAIN. Two GAIN regions were being contracted out, and now they're bringing those resources in-house, so we're revamping and making sure that we're aligning our resources across the county as a whole. DPSS is working hard to make sure that we align the work of CWs and the work of GAIN so that we're really maximizing opportunities for our participants. She added that the State of California is very invested in reimagining CWs overall and really making it an inclusive program that elevates the aspirations of the folks it is serving.

Commissioner Joo inquired about the structure of the goals behind the Pledge for Shared Prosperity. Specifically, if it would be increasing enrollment into DPSS Programs within two or three years. Director Contreras explained that she is not aware of a specific timeframe being laid out, but DPSS is already looking at who we are serving right now. DPSS continues its work based on take-up rates. By trying to look at data populations either by geography, race, ethnicity, gender, etc., seeing where there are gaps in the numbers of potentially eligible people, and the numbers of people actually being served. We recently did a presentation here at the PSS Commission meeting to discuss take-up rates, and for the CWs Program specifically, there were significant disparities. For the Latino population, fewer than 50% of the people who we believe are eligible are taking advantage of the programs available to them. Now, there may be reasons for that, but that gives you a rough estimate. For the Asian American Pacific Islander population, approximately 9% who are eligible that were actually receiving the benefits. Another significant gap in that population as well. That is one of the approaches that we're definitely going to take in working with cities and communities. Now, 88 cities are a lot of cities, but the Poverty Alleviation Initiative has been taking the lead on this work. We will continue to partner with them to see what the best way is to sort all of this out.

Follow-up Item: Chair McBride stated that she went on to the Pledge for Shared Prosperity website, and it has a lot of great information, but she wanted to learn more about what a partnership would look like and who can register a city to formalize that partnership. Specifically, Chair McBride wants to learn how she can get her own city involved and whom she would advocate to within her city.

Mr. Barrios agreed to gather more information on the matter for the commissioners.

6.0 COMMISSION BUSINESS

Sue ElHessen, Ed. D. Vice Chair

As a continuation from May's PSS Meeting, Vice Chair ElHessen provided the final update from the Work Plan Ad-Hoc Committee. She explained that she received feedback from Commissioner Veronica Lewis, who stated she reviewed the Work Plan and thanked the Ad-Hoc Committee for their hard work. She had one recommendation, and that she would like to see the language under goal number two, "Explore how consumers can maintain their stability as a means of measuring sustainability, support over the long term," also appear under goal number one. Vice Chair ElHessen asked the rest of the commissioners if they had any additional feedback on the Work Plan.

Commissioner Chan stated that being a member of the Ad-Hoc Committee that created the Work Plan, she wanted to thank her colleagues for their hard work. She especially agrees with the tone and the way of writing the concept page so that this process is inclusive, and stated that the document is very purposeful.

Commissioner Riutort thanks the Ad-Hoc Committee for their hard work on this Work Plan. She explained that reading through it helped her learn more about her role as a commissioner. Vice Chair ElHessen explained she was grateful for the feedback and reiterated that the Work Plan is a living document, and as things come up in the future, we can inquire about those topics, too. The Work Plan is meant to provide guiding points as we move forward. The goal is to work together collaboratively along with DPSS and its strategic goals. In this way, we can support our constituents who are served across L.A. County.

Mr. Barrios explained he would be incorporating the revisions suggested by Commissioner Lewis in the final draft. He would also be discussing with Chair McBride how those quarterly updates could be provided to the commission on the progress being made on the Work Plan. He added that it's a great suggestion to make sure to have accountability to ensure the topics being discussed in this commission are lining up with the goals that are being set forth for our constituents. Once the Work Plan is finalized, it can be put to a vote as early as next month, so we can formally finalize the Work Plan.

Follow-Up Item: Commissioner Joo thanked Vice Chair ElHessen for her leadership and everyone who participated in creating the Work Plan. He added that he would suggest having quarterly updates on the progress of the Work Plan and potentially putting the Work Plan on the DPSS website for the public to easily access. Mr. Barrios agreed to research how the document could be placed on the webpage.

7.0 CHAIR'S REPORT

Summer McBride, Chairperson

Chair McBride explained that her report has two parts. First, she offered a special acknowledgment to former Commissioner Dynasty Taylor, who has not been here because she welcomed a new baby. She is concluding her service on the Public Social Services Commission. It was a decision that was not made lightly, but she's caring for her family and also running an amazing organization. Former Commissioner Taylor's contributions to this body have been truly invaluable. Those of you who have the privilege of serving on this commission with her know that she consistently brought thoughtfulness, insight, and a willingness to engage in really robust discussions about the topics of the work of this commission. What made her contributions especially impactful was the way she generously shared not only her professional expertise but also her lived experiences. She continually reminded us that the work of the Commission is deeply human and must remain rooted in the realities and the dignity of the people that we serve. On a personal note, I'm especially grateful to her because we joined the commission at the same time in October 2021, and we were still meeting remotely. It is very hard to do onboarding and get to know people when you're joining, and people kind of know each other, and you're the newcomer, and it's through Zoom. Dynasty and I sort of bonded over that immediately. The first chance we got, we met for lunch so we could figure this out together, and so I consider her a friend, so it feels particularly meaningful that our journeys on this commission began together. Beyond her service here, many of you may know that Dynasty has dedicated herself to community empowerment through DUYA, which is Dynasty's United Youth Association, an organization that recently celebrated an incredible 12 years of service and in what may be one of life's most beautiful transitions. She also recently welcomed her first child, a beautiful baby boy, and as she shifts her focus towards her growing family and the continued work of her organization, we want to celebrate this new chapter with her. Commissioner Taylor, if you're able to listen, I did tell her that we would be thanking her, so I hope maybe she was able to join the meeting or it will be on the minutes, but we want to thank you for your wisdom, your authenticity, your advocacy, and your unwavering commitment to community. Your voice has helped shape our work in meaningful ways, and your presence will be deeply missed. On behalf of the commission, we wish you and your family continued joy, fulfillment, and abundant success and all that lies ahead.

Former Commissioner Taylor did share a message, and this is specifically from her. "Since joining the commission in 2021, I've had the privilege of serving alongside an incredible group of leaders who are deeply committed to improving the lives of LA County residents. I'm grateful for the relationships I've built, the knowledge I've gained, and the opportunity to contribute in meaningful conversations and recommendations that support our community." She would love for you all to keep

in touch with her. She is on LinkedIn. She is requesting that you all keep in touch because all of the work that we do overlaps.

Second, the other part of my report is that I would love to hear more from the commissioners. I have the privilege of having a chair's report that is the privilege of being Chair, that you get a chance to have the mic and share updates and do things like honor former commissioners and the work that we do, but I also know that there is so much going on in your individual worlds and the work that you do that supports the work of the Commission. So, I would love to add just this one point under the Chair's report, as you can see on the agenda, for commissioner updates. We have to be careful about it because this is a non-agendized item. Updates can be part of that umbrella, but this item is intended for informational purposes only. Commissioners may briefly share announcements, events, resources, or activities related to the work of the Commission; specifically, this is important, specifically initiatives with which you are personally involved or connected. And I included that only because if you share something that you heard about in your community, it might be useful, but if we don't have all the facts, and it somehow contradicts the work that we're doing, none of us in this room should be responsible. So only sharing those events and activities that are directly related to the work that you're doing, with which you're personally involved. Commissioners may also use this time to request consideration of a future agenda item. No discussion, deliberation, or action will occur on matters raised during this item unless they're properly noticed on a future agenda in accordance with the Brown Act. I, as Chair, may acknowledge the request and ask whether commissioners are interested in considering that topic for a future agenda item. I really do value the commissioner feedback, and we use that to inform future agenda items. So, with that, I'm going to open it up, and this is not meant to be a round robin. I'm not going to call it individual commissioners. If you have nothing to share, that is perfectly fine. But I do want to open up the floor for commissioners who have something that you would like to share or a request that you would like to make, and we won't engage in a discussion, but I absolutely will take notes, and they'll be reflected in the minutes.

Vice Chair ElHessen shared that she was wishing former Commissioner Taylor the best in the future with her new extended family. She also wanted to thank Chair McBride for her great idea. She wanted to share that she received notification from Supervisor Hahn's office that she will be recognized at the July 28th BOS meeting. She is not sure what she is being recognized for yet, but she feels that Supervisor Hahn does a great job of supporting the 4th district in all the work done. She also shared that she was asked to be the keynote speaker on July 1st at a Flag Raising Ceremony for Disability at the City of Long Beach. This is the second flag-raising, and July marks the 36th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. She asks that all commissioners acknowledge this law to help support our

stakeholders and the constituents we serve. This is the 36th anniversary, and that's also the 250th anniversary of our nation, and I think that kind of coincides with the celebration of inclusion and equity. That's all I'd like to say at this point.

Commissioner Chan congratulated former Commissioner Taylor and will continue to work with her in the tutoring program she offers to the LACOE family. They both had a shared goal of increasing literacy in areas such as Watts and Compton. She is also really glad that former Commissioner Taylor is still hanging in there, 12 years in growing her organization, and providing high-quality work and great services in early literacy. She also shared that last Tuesday she was reappointed to the LACOE Board for the next four years. She added that this is important because LACOE is under some reorganization, and they are putting more effort into what is called the bookend population. LACOE schools and community colleges, including school districts with pre-K through 12, the head start, the preschool, including the babies. They want to do more in terms of the developmental needs and the family, and help the developmental and language growth, especially kids with dyslexia. On the other end are the juvenile hall and court school kids. The entire domain of alternative education is not just the halls and the camps, but also independent studies. We have to absolutely work alongside them. That's where we must continue on behalf of LACOE as a pillar to look at the DPSS strategic plan because we are serving the same population that is low-income and in highly challenging circumstances.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

Summer McBride, Chairperson

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairperson at 12:05 p.m.