



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY
PREVENTION AND PROMOTION
SYSTEMS GOVERNING COMMITTEE**

**500 WEST TEMPLE STREET
LOS ANGELES, CA. 90012**

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

10:00 AM

RECORDING LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (25-3025)

Attachments: [VIDEO LINK](#)

Present: Chair Dr. Jackie Contreras, Member Dr. Barbara Ferrer, Member Peter Loo, Member Karla Pleitéz Howell, Member Dr. D'Artagnan Scorza, and Member Cheri Todoroff

Absent: Vice Chair Brandon T. Nichols, Member Fesia Davenport and Member Dr. Lisa H. Wong

1. Call to Order, and Los Angeles County Land Acknowledgement. (25-2840)

Chair Dr. Jackie Contreras called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m. She then acknowledged that Dr. D'Artagnan Scorza is joining the meeting virtually exercising AB 2449. At the time of roll call a vote was taken approving Member Dr. D'Artagnan Scorza emergency just cause appearance. There was no in person, written, or virtual public comment. The reading of the LA County Land Acknowledgement followed.

Ayes: 5 - Chair Dr. Jackie Contreras, Member Dr. Barbara Ferrer, Member Peter Loo, Member Karla Pleitéz Howell, and Member Cheri Todoroff

Absent: 3 - Vice Chair Brandon T. Nichols, Member Fesia Davenport, and Member Dr. Lisa H. Wong

Recuse: 1 - Member Dr. D'Artagnan Scorza

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

2. Approval of the minutes from the April 16, 2025 meeting. (25-2842)

On motion of member Dr. Barbara Ferrer, seconded by member Cheri Todoroff this item was approved with the following roll call vote:

There were no in person, written or virtual public comments.

Ayes: 5 - Chair Dr. Jackie Contreras, Member Dr. Barbara Ferrer, Member Peter Loo, Member Dr. D'Artagnan Scorza, and Member Cheri Todoroff

Abstentions: 1 - Member Karla Pleitéz Howell

Absent: 3 - Vice Chair Brandon T. Nichols, Member Fesia Davenport, and Member Dr. Lisa H. Wong

Attachments: [041625 PPSGC DRAFT Minutes](#)
[PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE](#)

3. Receive nominations for the Los Angeles County Prevention and Promotion Systems Governing Committee (PPSGC) Chair, to serve a one-year term beginning July 1, 2025 and expiring June 30, 2026. (25-2874)

Member Dr. Barbara Ferrer nominated Chair Dr. Contreras to continue as Chair, seconded by Member Dr. D' Artagnan Scorza. Chair Dr. Jackie Contreras deferred her response until the June 2025 meeting and nominated Vice Chair Brandon T. Nichols as Chair.

There was no in person, virtual, or written public comment.

On motion of member Cheri Todoroff to receive the slate of nominees, seconded by Member Peter Loo the PPSGC received the slate of nominees for Chair with the following roll call vote:

Ayes: 6 - Chair Dr. Jackie Contreras, Member Dr. Barbara Ferrer, Member Peter Loo, Member Karla Pleitéz Howell, Member Dr. D'Artagnan Scorza, and Member Cheri Todoroff

Absent: 3 - Vice Chair Brandon T. Nichols, Member Fesia Davenport, and Member Dr. Lisa H. Wong

Attachments: [PPSGC Adopted Bylaws](#)
[PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE](#)

4. Receive nominations for the Los Angeles County Prevention and Promotion Systems Governing Committee (PPSGC) Vice Chair, to serve a one-year term beginning July 1, 2025 and expiring June 30, 2026. (25-2894)

Member Peter Loo nominated member Dr. D' Artagnan Scorza to serve as Vice Chair of the PPSGC, and Dr. D' Artagnan Scorza nominated member Dr. Barbara Ferrer to serve as Vice Chair of the PPSGC.

There was no in person, virtual, or written public comment.

On Motion of Member Cheri Todoroff to receive the slate of nominees, seconded by Member Karla Pleitéz Howell, the PPSGC received the slate of nominees for Vice Chair with the following roll call vote:

Ayes: 6 - Chair Dr. Jackie Contreras, Member Dr. Barbara Ferrer, Member Peter Loo, Member Karla Pleitéz Howell, Member Dr. D'Artagnan Scorza, and Member Cheri Todoroff

Absent: 3 - Vice Chair Brandon T. Nichols, Member Fesia Davenport, and Member Dr. Lisa H. Wong

Attachments: [PPSGC Bylaws](#)
[PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE](#)

5. Discuss and vote on whether to approve Proposed Amendment to Section 4 of Chapter 4 (Rotation of Officers) of the Committee's Bylaws. (25-2905)

Chair Dr. Jackie Contreras read the proposed Committee amendments to the PPSGC bylaws. Member Pleitéz Howell asked Chair Dr. Contreras to clarify if the limitation of five is to make sure there is consistency? In which Chair Dr. Contreras confirmed it was.

There was no in person, virtual, or written public comment.

On Motion of Member Dr. D' Artagnan Scorza, seconded by Member Cheri Todoroff, the amendments to Section 4 of Chapter 4 (Rotation of Officers) of the PPSGC bylaws was approved with the following roll call vote:

Ayes: 6 - Chair Dr. Jackie Contreras, Member Dr. Barbara Ferrer, Member Peter Loo, Member Karla Pleitéz Howell, Member Dr. D'Artagnan Scorza, and Member Cheri Todoroff

Absent: 3 - Vice Chair Brandon T. Nichols, Member Fesia Davenport, and Member Dr. Lisa H. Wong

Attachments: [Item 5_PPSGC Bylaws Amend 052125 w link](#)
[Item 5_Final PPSGC Bylaws Amended 5-21-25](#)
[PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE](#)

6. Discussion of Committee Membership for the new term beginning July 1, 2025.
(25-2906)

Chair Dr. Contreras stated that this agenda item relates to the composition of the PPSGC for the new term beginning July 1, 2025. As the PPSGC is setting a new direction in the upcoming year, moving from planning to action. At the April 2, 2025 Special meeting we discussed and approved the submission of our semi-annual report to the Board which outlined the PPSGC/PPCIT infrastructure. We described how the proposed strategies were developed via Coordination Bodies. We heard a presentation of how User Journey Maps of clients' experiences navigating County services will be developed by a PPCIT Ernst & Young team that will help inform the Plans already mentioned. At the April 16, 2025 meeting we heard from the Redstone Team, who is conducting a funding stream analysis of a prevention and promotion program and funding inventory, and how the data submitted by 22 County departments can also help inform the Spending Plans described earlier. We also discussed progress made toward developing our plans. Next steps. Securing remaining inputs for plan development. Identifying implementation resources. Securing policy changes/establishing a policy agenda. Developing an operational management plan. And establishing a program delivery plan.

Given all of these efforts focused on addressing three Board-identified domains and the focus populations adopted by this body: Families with Young Children, Ages 0-5, Youth/Young Adults, Ages 11-26, Systems-Impacted Transitional Aged Youth (TAY), Ages 18-26, and Older Adults, Ages 60+.

As such it is important for this body to align with and reflect the priority areas for the work for the coming fiscal year and serve to guide implementation efforts. For example, given that a primary area of focus this upcoming year will be on older adults age 60 and over, we should consider Department Head level representation from the Aging and Disabilities Department (AD) to help guide the work of this body. And because the PPSGC is comprised on nine (9) members, including one County partnering organization or regional entity, and that the focus for the coming year will focus on specific populations, it makes sense to rotate members so that the PPSGC's roster is in alignment with the desired outcome.

A discussion ensued in which Member Dr. Ferrer noted that one issue raised was having the option of more than nine members. She indicated that having a one-year rotation makes it inconsistent and will hurt the committee with plan implementation. She further indicated that she would like to introduce a motion to expand the PPSGC Committee to 12 Members, and Chair Dr. Contreras informed to do that the Committee would need to return to the Board to request an increase in Members. Additionally, County Counsel noted that this item is a discussion item which makes it open for recommendations and suggestions, but it is not an opportunity to vote or make a motion given how it is agendized. Chair Dr. Contreras indicated they will bring this back to the June 18, 2025 meeting for discussion. Member Pleitéz Howell indicated it would be helpful for the committee to have a matrix of options that lists the PPSGC priorities. Chair Dr. Contreras stated that this can be agendized at the June 18, 2025 PPSGC.

Chair Dr. Jackie Contreras indicated that she mentioned AD as an example. Dr. Ferrer up lifted the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) and Department of Youth Development (DYD). And Member Pleitéz Howell uplifted the Women and Girls Initiative (WGI), and the Poverty Alleviation Initiative. Chair Dr. Contreras indicated a vote would not be taken at this time.

There was no in person, virtual, or written public comment.

Attachments: [PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE](#)

II. DISCUSSIONS

7. Discuss and take appropriate action on the updated food security landscape analysis pertaining to the December 3, 2024 Board Motion “Enhancing Linkages for the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) Impacted Families”.
 - Anna Potere, Project Director, Child and Family Well-Being (25-2901)

Ms. Anna Potere reviewed content changes made since the April meeting, which are highlighted in yellow in the version of the report linked in the agenda and included in your meeting packets. In response to additional feedback received since the April meeting, the following changes were made:

- a. Page 9: Added data on the geographic differences in utilization of food-related resources on page 9.

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- a. Page 9: Modified the language under recommendation 1 b to reflect suggested edits.
 - b. Page 9: Added those living in geographies with greater underutilization as a specific population of focus to recommendation 1 e.
 - c. Page 10: Added two recommendations under 1 e: one to address DCFS-involved families' fear of having their child removed from their care if they report being food insecure, and another to further explore the apparent geographic disparities in food resource utilization.
 - d. Page 10: added infant formula to the finding.
 - e. Page 11: added recommendation 2 c, which focuses on identifying strategies for increasing the available supply of infant formula.
 - f. Pages 11 and 12: modified language in response to suggested edits.

To reflect the dynamic landscape evolving in real time, the following language was added in a couple of places recognizing that this information is “as of this writing.” For example, on May 20, 2025 it was announced that the LA Food Equity Fund made \$10 million dollars of community grants to 31 nonprofits in LA County working to transform the region’s disconnected food system and improve resident food access. While this is not reflected in the draft report, we will continue to monitor opportunities such as this and will strive to coordinate efforts as part of implementation.

She then reminded the PPSGC that the deadline for submitting the report to the Board of Supervisors is June 2, 2025. The proposed plan is to take a vote today to approve the report and any additional edits received between today and next Wednesday, May 28, 2025 then finalize and submit before the deadline.

Member Dr. Ferrer recommended to Ms. Potere that language be added to include supporting families with strategies on breastfeeding which she indicated often sees neglected. Member Pleitéz Howell asked that a note be added to include coordination and collaboration within the County, particularly as new opportunities come up for food security and adding funding to the Federal funding snapshot.

There was no in person, virtual, or written public comment.

On Motion of Member Karla Pleitéz Howell to approve the report with the addition of breastfeeding where infant formula is discussed in the report and adding a statement that addresses potential cuts, seconded by Member Dr. Barbara Ferrer, this motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

Ayes: 6 - Chair Dr. Jackie Contreras, Member Dr. Barbara Ferrer, Member Peter Loo, Member Karla Pleitéz Howell, Member Dr. D'Artagnan Scorza and Member Cheri Todoroff

Absent: 3 - Vice Chair Brandon T. Nichols, Member Fesia Davenport and Member Dr. Lisa H. Wong

Attachments: [DRAFT - Report Back-Linkages for DCFS Impacted Families_BOS](#)
[Enhancing Linkages for DCFS Impacted Families](#)
[PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE](#)

8. Presentation by Ernst & Young, LLP regarding their initial findings on the User Journey Mapping (UJM) Scoping Process. (25-2902)
- Dr. D'Artagnan Scorza, PPSGC Member and Executive Director of Racial Equity, County of Los Angeles
 - Carlos Pineda, PPCIT Manager, Los Angeles County Anti-Racism, Diversity, and Inclusion (ARDI) Initiative
 - Dominique A. Homer, Senior Manager/Engagement Manager, Ernst & Young, LLP
 - Hope Hahn, Lead Researcher, Ernst & Young, LLP
 - Erica Marquis, Senior Consultant/Researcher, Ernst & Young, LLP

Ms. Dominique Homer indicated they have been meeting with various departments to identify scopes and get consensus to conduct their research. Ms. Erica Marquis went over the Discovery Sessions and indicated that they met with the following coordinating bodies: Community Pathways, One Roof, Older Adults, the Transitional Age Youth (TAY) table as well as the PPSGC department heads to identify opportunities that exist for user journey mapping (UJM).

Ms. Hope Hahn discussed the Scopes in the UJM and indicated the following have been identified as a starting point:

1. Behavioral Health – Disconnected Youth
2. Homelessness and Housing – Transition Age Youth (TAY) and Older Adults (60+)
3. Child Welfare & Family Wellbeing (Families with Young Children aged 0-5)

Member Dr. Ferrer expressed she feels the Scope for Disconnected Youth was changed and looking at the definition for disconnected youth and the Journey Map for youth not looking for a job or connected to school is important, and Ms. Hahn indicated they are looking at whether youth entering the workforce is creating a disconnection.

Ms. Hahn stated that the Scope is meant to identify barriers or challenges that youth are experiencing when entering the workforce, and how to remove those barriers and challenges to prevent disconnection. Furthermore, that the scope is intended to help disconnected youth not looking for a job, or in school. And that the Scope is intended to figure out how to improve the services and programs to enter the workforce. Chair Contreras indicated they need to broaden the avenues so that this particular disconnected youth are part of the population. Member Dr. Ferrer asked that the Journey Mapping include those that are disengaged from work and school. Member Dr. Scorza indicated they will review and revisit this.

Member Pleitéz Howell expressed concern with the Scope that identifies abuse as the first journey scope under Child Welfare & Family Wellbeing and indicated that this group likely is already part of the system engagement. She further indicated that other areas of focus need to be looked at such as families experiencing poverty. Member Dr. Scorza indicated they will work on data that shows families with young children experiencing poverty.

Member Pleitéz Howell indicated they should review the indicators that were selected such as pre-term, domestic violence, maltreatment, and adding basic needs to the list.

Ms. Hahn touched on the proposed Scope for TAY and indicated it is to understand the experience of a foster care and juvenile detention-involved TAY who is exiting the system and the resources available to help them find stable housing and prevent homelessness.

Chair Dr. Contreras stated she will follow up with Member Dr. Scorza and Mr. Pineda to obtain the timeline for the items discussed. Member Todoroff commented that looking at TAY youth who have exited the system whose home placements have failed needs to be accounted for in the Scope.

Chair Dr. Contreras indicated they will continue the dialogue with the coordinating bodies, involved departments, and other Stakeholders. Public comment for items 8 and item 9 (general public comment) were taken together.

The following members of the public provided virtual public comment: Dr. Esroruleh Mohammad, and Ms. Fran Sererses. In person public comment was provided by: Ms. Minsun Meeker, and Ms. Tracy Tolunca. And written public comment was submitted by Dr. Esroruleh Mohammad.

Attachments: [Ernst & Young Presentation](#)
[PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE](#)

III. MISCELLANEOUS

Public Comment

9. Opportunity for members of the public to address the PPSGC on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the PPSGC. (25-2907)

Public comment for items 8 and item 9 (general public comment) were taken together.

The following members of the public provided virtual public comment: Dr. Esroruleh Mohammad, and Ms. Fran Sererses. In person public comment was provided by: Ms. Minsun Meeker, and Ms. Tracy Tolunca. And written public comment was submitted by Dr. Esroruleh Mohammad.

Attachments: [PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE](#)

Adjournment

10. Closing Remarks and Adjournment. (25-2908)

Chair Dr. Jackie Contreras indicated the next PPSGC meeting is on June 18, 2025, from 10 AM to 12 PM. And then stated that members of the public who wish to be added to the PPSGC mailing list for future agendas and materials can do so by emailing contact@ppsgc.lacounty.gov. She then adjourned the meeting of Wednesday, May 21, 2025, at 11:46 A.M.