



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
CARE FIRST, COMMUNITY INVESTMENT (CFCI) ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, March 19, 2026
4:00PM – 6:30PM
A C Bilbrew Library – Meeting Room
(Compton)
150 E El Segundo Blvd,
Los Angeles, CA 90061**

Below is the link to this meeting's transcript:

[CART Transcript](#)

Below is the link to the full meeting
recording:

[Meeting Recording](#)

Dalar Zahrabi of the Justice, Care and Opportunities Department-Care First, Community Investment (JCOD-CFCI) read the meeting disclosures.

Welcome and Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order by Veronica Lewis (Chair, CFCI Advisory Committee) at 4:08p.m. and Dalar Zahrabi (JCOD-CFCI) called the roll.

Present: Adam Bettino (as an alternate to Judge Songhai Armstead), Cheryl Blanchette (as an alternate to Jackie Contreras), Rafael Carbajal, Megan Castillo, Wesley Crunk, Auleria Eakins, Anna Gorman (as an alternate to Clemens Hong), Veronica Lewis, Reba Stevens, Kyla Coates (as an alternate to Lisa Wong), Mercedes Jackson, Wendy Knight, Yanira Lima (as an alternate to Gary Tsai), Kelly Fischer (as an alternate to David Carroll), Norma Cecilia-Clarke,

Appeared Remotely: Joey Williams, Michelle Fuentes-Miranda, Rosa Soto

Absent: Derek Steele, D'Artagnan Scorza, Victor Cyrus-Franklin, Norma Garcia

Special Notes: N/A

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Welcome and Call to Order by Veronica Lewis, Chair, CFCI Advisory Committee
2. Review Meeting Disclosures
3. Roll Call
4. CFCI Advisory Committee Land Acknowledgement. Recording played.

Attachment: [Land Acknowledgement](#)

Land Acknowledgment for the meeting, recognizing the ancestral land and people of Los Angeles. Recording played.

5. CFCI Advisory Committee Labor Acknowledgement. Recording played.
6. Review of the CFCI Advisory Committee Community Agreement read by various members

Attachment: [Labor Acknowledgement](#)

Attachment: [Community Agreement](#)

7. Administrative Reminders by Chair Lewis.
8. Review and take appropriate action on the minutes of the CFCI Advisory Committee Regular Meetings on February 19, 2026. Quorum met, action taken.

Motion made by Member Carbajal for the CFCI Advisory Committee to adopt the minutes from February 19, 2026. Member Stevens seconded the motion. Vote taken. Motion passed with friendly amendments for just cause appearance reasoning. Vice Chair Megan Castillo announced that members of the committee must disclose the reason behind their just cause appearance.

Attachment: [2.19.26 Minutes](#)

Members of the public were invited to give public comment on Item 8.

Public Comment: **No public comment**

The motion for the CFCI Advisory Committee to adopt the minutes from February 19, 2026 regular meeting **was approved** by the following vote:

YES	Cheryl Blanchette (as an alternate to Jackie Contreras), Wesley Crunk, Auleria Eakins, Michelle Fuentes-Miranda, Veronica Lewis, Mercedes Jackson, Wendy Knight, Rosa Soto, Reba Steven’s, Joey Williams, Rafael Carbajal, Megan Castillo, Kelly Fischer (as an alternate to David Carroll), Anna Gorman (as an alternate to Clemens Hong)	TOTAL: 14
ABSTAIN	Yanira Lima (as an alternate to Gary Tsai), Norma Cecilia Clarke, Kyla Coates (as an alternate to Lisa Wong)	TOTAL: 3
NO	N/A	TOTAL: 0
ABSENT	Derek Steele, D’Artagnan Scorza, Victor Cyrus-Franklin, Norma Garcia	TOTAL: 4

II. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION

- 9. Discussion: Updates to CFCI Budget Policy
Attachment: [Budget Policy Update Presentation](#)
Attachment: [Budget Policy Crosswalk](#)

Members of the public were invited to provide public comments.

Public comments made by:

In person: Rhonda Dixon

Online: Byron Jose

- 10. Presentation: Community engagement survey by Ad Hoc Evaluation Subcommittee
Attachment: [Initial Draft of Community Engagement Survey](#)
Attachment: [Initial Draft of CBO Engagement Survey](#)
Attachment: [Draft Survey Presentation](#)

III. ACTION ITEMS

- 11. Discuss and take appropriate action on CFCI Spending Terms for County Programs
Attachment: [CFCI County Program Spending Terms](#)

Member Crunk motioned to extend all Year 1, 2, and 3 County contracts through June 30, 2027. Member Jackson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following vote:

YES	Cheryl Blanchette (as an alternate to Jackie Contreras), Wesley Crunk, Auleria Eakins, Michelle Fuentes-Miranda, Veronica Lewis, Mercedes Jackson, Wendy Knight, Rosa Soto, Reba Steven’s, Joey Williams, Norma Cecilia Clarke	TOTAL: 11
ABSTAIN	Rafael Carbajal, Megan Castillo, Yanira Lima (as an alternate to Gary Tsai), Kelly Fischer (as an alternate to David Carroll), Anna Gorman (as an alternate to Clemens Hong), Kyla Coates (as an alternate to Lisa Wong)	TOTAL: 6
NO	N/A	TOTAL: 0
ABSENT	Derek Steele, D’Artagnan Scorza, Victor Cyrus-Franklin, Norma Garcia	TOTAL: 4

Members of the public were invited to provide public comments.

Public comments made by:

Online: Byron Jose

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

12. Public Comment

- A) Opportunity for members of the public to address the CFCI Advisory Committee.
- B) Public comment should not exceed one minute per participant.
- C) Please Note: General public comment is limited to the matters within the subject matter jurisdiction of the CFCI Advisory Committee.
- D) Public comment can also be provided via email at JCOD@lacounty.gov. Deadline to submit written public comments will be Wednesday, March 18, 26, by 5:00 p.m.

[Written Public Comment](#)

Public Comment: N/A

V. ADJOURNMENT

- 13.** Adjournment for the CFCI Advisory Committee Meeting of Thursday, March 19, 2026. The meeting adjourned 6:30p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 16, 2026.