



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

**Thursday, April 16, 2026
4:00PM – 6:00PM
Jesse Owens Park - Gymnasium
9651 S Western Ave,
Los Angeles, CA 90047**

Below is the link to this meeting's transcript:

[CART Transcript](#)

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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 4:09p.m. and Dalar Zahrabi (JCOD-CFCI) called the roll.

Present:

Adam Bettino (as an alternate to Judge Songhai Armstead, delayed arrival), Rafael Carbajal (delayed arrival), Megan Castillo, Jackie Contreras, Wesley Crunk, Victor Cyrus-Franklin, Auleria Eakins, Michelle Gibson, Kelly Fischer (as an alternate to David Carroll), Clemens Hong, Veronica Lewis, Hina Sheikh (as an alternate to Kelly LoBianco), Mercedes Jackson (delayed arrival), Wendy Knight, Derek Steele (delayed arrival), Joey Williams, Norma Cecilia Clarke, Kyla Coates (as an alternate to Lisa Wong)

Appeared Remotely: Tolu Wuraola (as an alternate to D'Artagnan Scorza),

Absent: Michelle Fuentes-Miranda, Rosa Soto, Shalonda Battee

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.
Attachment: [Labor Acknowledgement](#)
6. Review of the CFCI Advisory Committee Community Agreement read by various members
Attachment: [Community Agreement](#)
7. Administrative Reminders by Chair Lewis.
Attachment: [Administrative Updates](#)

8. Review and take appropriate action on the minutes of the CFCI Advisory Committee Regular Meetings on March 19, 2026. Quorum met, action taken.
Motion made by Member Carbajal for the CFCI Advisory Committee to adopt the minutes from March 19, 2026. Member Hong seconded the motion. Vote taken. Motion passed.

Attachment: [3.19.26 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 March 19, 2026 regular meeting **was approved** by the following vote:

YES	Rafael Carbajal, Megan Castillo, Jackie Contreras, Wesley Crunk, Auleria Eakins, Clemens Hong, Kelly Fischer, Veronica Lewis, Hina Sheik, Wendy Knight, Tolu Wuraola (on behalf of D'Artagnan Scorza), Joey Williams, Norma Cecilia Clarke, Kyla Coates (as an alternate to Lisa Wong)	TOTAL: 14
ABSTAIN	Victor Cyrus-Franklin, Michelle Gibson	TOTAL: 2
NO	N/A	TOTAL: 0
ABSENT	Michelle Fuentes-Miranda, Rosa Soto, Shalonda Battee, Mercedes Jackson (absent during this agenda item)	TOTAL: 3

II. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION

9. Discussion: Update from Ad Hoc Budget Subcommittee

Members of the public were invited to provide public comments.

Public comments made by:

In person: Jim Zenner, Stephanie Taylor

Online: Byron Jose

10. Presentation: Summary of JCOD March 9 Quarterly Report to the Board and Committee (REPORT BACK ON ENSURING TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY OF CARE FIRST FUNDING (ITEM NO. 21, AGENDA OF MAY 6, 2025))

Attachment I: [Quarterly Report Back Presentation](#)

Attachment II: [Quarterly Report](#)

III. ACTION ITEMS

Discuss and take appropriate action on CFCI Committee Member Stipend Increase and Expansion Attachment: [Stipend Presentation](#)

Member Steele motioned to propose JCOD submit to the Board a recommendation for a stipend for \$150 for meetings up to two hours in length for regular meetings, special meetings, ad hoc subcommittee meetings, standing committee meetings, public engagement activities, and official CFCI leadership meetings. The motion also proposed an additional \$75 per hour for meetings greater than 2 hours, not to exceed \$300 total per meeting. Additionally, the motion proposed establishing reimbursement for parking and transportation costs and to remove the current annual maximum of \$5,000. Member Crunk seconded the motion. Motion passed with votes indicated below.

YES	Rafael Carbajal, Jackie Contreras, Wesley Crunk, Michelle Gibson, Kelly Fischer, Clemens Hong, Hina Sheikh, Norma Cecilia Clarke, Kyla Coates (as an alternate to Lisa Wong)	TOTAL: 9
ABSTAIN	Megan Castillo, Victor Cyrus-Franklin, Auleria Eakins, Veronica Lewis, Mercedes Jackson, Wendy Knight, Tolu Wuraola (as an alternate to D'Artagnan Scorza) Derek Steele, Joey Williams	TOTAL: 9
NO	N/A	TOTAL: 0
ABSENT	Michelle Fuentes-Miranda, Rosa Soto, Shalonda Battee	TOTAL: 3

Members of the public were invited to provide public comments.

Public comments made by: N/A

Online: N/A

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

11. 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, April 15, 26, by 5:00 p.m.

V. ADJOURNMENT

- 12.** Adjournment for the CFCI Advisory Committee Meeting of Thursday, April 16, 2026. The meeting adjourned 6:10p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 21, 2026.