



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

Thursday, September 17, 2026

4:00PM – 6:00PM

Earvin Magic Johnson Park

12645 Wadsworth Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90059

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 4:13pm; Dalar Zahrabi from (JCOD-CFCI) called the roll and read the disclosures.

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Present:

1. Adam Bettino (as an alternate to Judge Songhai Armstead)
2. Cheryl Blachette (as an alternate to Jackie Contreras)
3. Bamby Salcedo (as an alternate to Megan Castillo)
4. Carlos Pineda (as an alternate to Carrie Miller)
5. Christopher Hendrix
6. Kelly Fischer (as an alternate to David Carroll)
7. Wendy Knight
8. Rafael Carbajal (delayed arrival)
9. Veronica Lewis
10. Michelle Fuentes-Miranda
11. Joseph Williams
12. Michelle Gibson (delayed arrival)
13. Patricia Lara (as an alternate to Norma Cecilia-Clarke)
14. Hina Sheikh (as an alternate to Kelly LoBianco)
15. Auleria Eakins
16. Shalonda Battee

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17. Corey Crockerham (as an alternate to Wesley Crunk)
18. Nicolle Blackwood
19. Clemens Hong (delayed arrival)
20. Rosa Soto (delayed arrival)

Appeared Remotely: 1. Kyla Coates (as an alternate to Lisa Wong)

Absent:

1. Victor Cyrus-Franklin
2. Derek Steele (absent at time of roll call)
3. Norma Garcia
4. Mercedes Jackson

Special Notes: The following members/alternates of the CFCI Advisory Committee appeared remotely for the following “just cause” justifications.

Kyla Coates (as an alternate to Lisa Wong): Just Cause – A need related to a physical or mental condition that is not subject to the reasonable accommodation.

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](#)

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.

8. Review and take appropriate action on the minutes of the CFCI Advisory Committee regular meeting on August 20, 2026 and the August 6, 2026 special meeting.

Motion made by Member Carbajal for the CFCI Advisory Committee to adopt the minutes from the August 20, 2026 regular meeting and the August 6, 2026 special meeting. Vote seconded by Member Fuentes-Miranda. Motion passed.

ITEM 8 VOTES

YES	1.	Adam Bettino (as an alternate to Judge Songhai Armstead)	TOTAL: 18
	2.	Cheryl Blachette (as an alternate to Jackie Contreras)	
	3.	Christopher Hendrix	
	4.	Kelly Fischer (as an alternate to David Carroll)	
	5.	Wendy Knight	
	6.	Rafael Carbajal (delayed arrival)	
	7.	Veronica Lewis	
	8.	Michelle Fuentes-Miranda	
	9.	Joseph Williams	
	10.	Michelle Gibson (delayed arrival)	
	11.	Patricia Lara (as an alternate to Norma Cecilia-Clarke)	
	12.	Hina Sheikh (as an alternate to Kelly LoBianco)	
	13.	Auleria Eakins	
	14.	Shalonda Battee	
	15.	Corey Crockerham (as an alternate to Wesley Crunk)	
	16.	Nicolle Blackwood	
	17.	Clemens Hong	
	18.	Kyla Coates (as an alternate to Lisa Wong)	
ABSTAIN	1.	Bamby Salcedo (as an alternate to Megan Castillo)	TOTAL: 2
	2.	Carlos Pineda (as an alternate to Carrie Miller)	
NO	N/A		TOTAL: 0
ABSENT	1.	Victor Cyrus-Franklin	TOTAL: 5
	2.	Derek Steele (absent at the time vote was taken)	
	3.	Norma Garcia	
	4.	Mercedes Jackson	
	5.	Rosa Soto (absent at the time vote was taken)	

Members of the public were invited to provide public comment: No public comments made.

PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION

9. **Presentation:** Evaluation Sub-Committee Presentation

Attachment: [CFCI Evaluation Subcommittee](#)

Members of the public were invited to provide public comment on agenda item 9. No public comments were made.

10. **Presentation:** Task Force Community Outreach Plan

Attachment: [Community Outreach Plan Presentation](#)

Members of the public are invited to provide public comment on agenda item 10 and

general public comment. Public comments were made by the following individuals:
Byron Jose, Mya Coleman, Tamekia Strayhorn, Shareen Senegal.

ACTION ITEMS

11. Discuss and take appropriate action on the election of CFCI Advisory Committee Officers.

The CFCI Advisory Committee deliberated on the elections and nominations were made. Motion made by Member Steele to continue with Chair Lewis, Co-Vice Chair Carbajal and Co-Vice Chair Castillo. All nominated committee members accepted the nomination. Vote seconded by Member Fuentes-Miranda. Motion passed.

ITEM 11 VOTES

YES	1. Shalonda Battee 2. Nicolle Blackwood 3. Rafael Carbajal 4. Kelly Fischer (as an alternate to David Carroll) 5. Bamby Salcedo (as an alternate to Megan Castillo) 6. Patricia Lara (as an alternate to Norma Cecilia Clarke) 7. Cheryl Blanchette (as an alternate to Jackie Contreras) 8. Kyle Patterson (as an alternate to Wesley Crunk) 9. Auleria Eakins 10. Michelle Fuentes-Miranda 11. Norma Garcia - absent 12. Michelle Gibson 13. Christopher Hendrix 14. Clemens Hong 15. Wendy Knight 16. Hina Sheikh (as an alternate to Kelly LoBianco) 17. Rosa Soto 18. Derek Steele 19. Joey Williams 20. Kyla Coates (as an alternate to Lisa Wong)	TOTAL: 20
ABSTAIN	N/A	TOTAL: 0
NO	N/A	TOTAL: 0
ABSENT	1. Victor Cyrus-Franklin 2. Norma Garcia 3. Mercedes Jackson	TOTAL: 3

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 for submitting written public comments will be September 16, 2026, by 5:00 p.m. No written public comments were submitted.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:07p.m. The next CFCI Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 15, 2026.