



PASC Board Meeting Monday, June 3, 2025

1. Call to order: The Personal Assistance Services Council (PASC) Board Meeting was called to order at 1:04pm.

Dulce called the roll: Janet Burt, JoAnn Cannon, Jorge Chuc, Steven Echor (phone), Dulce Garcia, Janet Heinritz-Canterbury, Kim Hudson, Richard Hernandez, Kevin MacDonald, Kristy Madden Cynde Soto (phone) and Jennifer Stark were present. There was a quorum.

Board members absent: Rina Cruz (excused absent), Lyn Goldfarb (excused absent).

2. Debi confirmed that no board member was participating remotely due to an emergency circumstance (AB 2449) but for reasonable accommodations under the ADA.

No public comment.

3. Reading of the Mission Statement and Moment of Silence – Attachment B

Steven read the mission statement. **The Personal Assistance Services Council (PASC) strives to improve In Home Supportive Services (IHSS) support independence and enhance the quality of life for all who receive and provide In Home Supportive Services.**

Moment of Silence – Moment of Silence was observed for all requested intentions.

4. Public Comment – **PC is used throughout these minutes to denote – Public Comment**

PC – Cynde asked the members of the public introduce themselves and they did.

5. Consent Agenda

- a) Minutes – Approval of the May 5, 2025 – *Attachment – C*
- b) Financial Report – Approval of April 2025 – *Attachment – D*
- c) PASC Activities and Outreach – *Attachment – E (June 2025)*
- d) PASC Performance Measures and Reviews – *Attachment F (April 2025)*
- e) Tele Forum – *Attachment G1/G2*
- f) Public Comment

Kristy made a reference to the PASC calendar, Attachment E, in regards to the PASC Board meetings being closed to the public, it was corrected and that PASC Board meetings are always open to the public.

Motion to approve the consent agenda, moved by Jennifer, seconded by Janet HC, motion passes with consensus with the corrections mentioned above.

No public comment.

6. Board Chair's Report – Cynde Soto

a) Center for Caregiver Advancement

Cynde stated that they have been meeting and at the last meeting, they talked about conflict resolution and she elaborated.

Dulce added and talked about the recap of the meeting. She stated that in the meeting, it was stated that a resource sheet would be sent out.

Steven asked if there was any discussion pertaining to any needs on the part of a consumer that is not mentioned in writing. Steven clarified and talked about consumers who are visually impaired that may need assistance in other areas that may be on the notice of action form. Cynde explained the NOA and she stated that they did not get into those types of details. Dulce added that Cynde is referring to the CCA and not the IHSS program and Janet HC also added and explained CCA. She referred Steven to the Wednesday session that Julie conducts and suggest that he gives his opinion on that platform. Luis talked about the CCA and the trainings and he asked that the board tell him the kind of trainings they would want. Steven also talked about other services that consumers are asking about. Janet HC asked about the different training efforts at PASC and asked if Luis can bring back a report explaining how the PASC departments coordinate these trainings. Luis indicated he would do so at a future board meeting. Luis talked about the different outreach efforts and added that Liliana will report on what she is doing with her outreach in the community. He also mentioned the two outreach positions that PASC would like to fill.

b) Executive Director's Performance Review AdHoc Committee Update

Cynde stated that she will be sending out a doodle poll to the committee to discuss meeting dates and this should be wrapped up very soon.

c) CICA Update – Cynde Soto and Kristy Madden

Kristy reported on CICA and that they have been working on their By-Laws and their various updates. She also talked about the Governor's May Revise and what CICA has been doing to get the word out as well she talked about their legislative visits. She also shared good news about LTSS for All and talked about Nadine Branch from the Public Authority of San Diego, who agreed to meet with various state senators. Cynde added and talked about the leadership of CICA and their legislative visits. Luis also talked about the budget cuts.

Kim suggested and asked if there was a way that PASC could send out a mass mailing about calling your representatives. Kristy stated that she has sent out letters and offered her letter as an example. Luis informed Kim that she will be added to the PASC E-blasts, and talked about the May revise and the potential cuts. He stated that PASC can do additional trainings and he will contact Hagar Dickman from Justice in Aging.

JoAnn asked if the E-blasts are going to the providers and Luis stated yes, it goes out to consumers and providers.

d) Public Comment – None.

7. Executive Director's Report – Luis Bravo

- a) Governor's May Revise – Attachment H
 - 1) Public Authority Budget
 - 2) In-Home Supportive Services

Luis brought to the Board's attention Attachment H and he expounded on it.

Board members added their comments on the possible budget cuts. Cynde commented on Disability Rights California and she has an appointment with their attorneys regarding budget cuts and the harm it can cause.

- b) Collective Bargaining AB283 – Janet Heinritz-Canterbury and Cynde Soto – Attachment I

Luis brought to the Board's attention Attachment I and he expounded on it.

Janet HC commented on the meeting that she and Luis had with the staff person for Assemblymember Bryan to speak about AB 283. Luis also gave details on the various amendments. Cynde shared her thoughts and concerns to the staff person she met with as well.

- c) Consumer Training Proposal Quotes – Attachment J-1 thru J-6

Luis brought to the Board's attention Attachment J-1 thru J-6 and he expounded on it.

Janet HC asked about the funding and Luis talked about the process of the expenditures and turning in the submissions by the end of the fiscal year and he talked about the next year's budget.

Jennifer asked where this money comes out of the budget and it would be good to understand. Luis talked about the additional funds that PASC received and how funds are allocated. He also stated that PASC's accounting staff will present next month and will be able to answer more questions.

- e) Consumer Training Proposal Motion – Attachment K

Motion to approve the Training Proposal, moved by Jennifer, seconded by Kevin, motion passes with consensus with the corrections mentioned above.

- e) Public Comment – None.

8. PASC Staff Presentations

- a) Liliana Aguilera – Attachment L-1 and L2

Liliana brought to the Board's attention Attachment L-1 and L-2 and she expounded on it.

JoAnn asked what areas Liliana is doing her presentations. Liliana stated that her target is all over LA County, where she is requested and invited. Luis added that Liliana will create a schedule and send it to the Board.

Jorge shared his experience and commented on how important these consumer trainings are and he talked about the meeting he had with a staff person from Supervisor Hilda Solis' district, Mr. Rosales. Luis also stated that PASC is looking to hire part time outreach support.

Dulce asked about the part time outreach support positions and if it will be in the PASC office and include travel reimbursements for outreach. Liliana stated that the two part time positions are in the office and in the field and they will be reimbursed for their travels. Liliana also thanked the PASC Board for all of their help and support and appreciates any future help. Cynde asked if any of the outreach events are in Spanish and Liliana stated yes.

b) Klaris Shahbazian – *Attachment M*

Klaris brought to the Board’s attention Attachment M and he expounded on it.

Luis added that he and Liliana came from Kelly’s Temp Services and PASC contracts with them for its hiring purposes and he explained the purpose and process.

Klaris added that this October 2025 will be her 20th year anniversary.

c) Public Comment – None

9. Legislative Report – Debi Hight

a) Legislative Update – *Attachment N*

Debi brought the Board’s attention Attachment N and she expounded on it. She also gave a brief report on SB 707 by Senator Durazo and stated that it had originally just applied to a city council or board of supervisors. It allows for some flexibilities with the Brown Act with an emphasis on encouraging public participation. She will continue to monitor any amendments and give an updated report.

b) Public Comment - None

10. DPSS’ Report – Petra Gonzalez

TOPIC	UPDATE
IHSS Helpline Data	For May 2025, the IHSS Helpline: Number of calls received: 112,383 Average Wait Time: 0:53:37
IHSS Stats	IHSS Caseload as of May 2025: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recipients: 290,154 • Providers: 244,549
IHSS Report	Governor’s May Revise was released with potential impact to IHSS recipients/providers in the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal to Cap Provider Overtime Hours: Aims to cap provider work hours at 50 hours per week (10 of which would be overtime). The recipients authorized hours will not change but fewer of those hours will be worked as overtime. • Proposal to Conform IHSS Residual Program with the timing of Medi-Cal coverage:

Currently, if IHSS recipients lose their Medi-Cal eligibility they default into the IHSS-Residual Program which is not eligible for Federal Funding Participation. The cost is then completely covered by the State. This proposal would terminate IHSS cases if Medi-Cal terminates.

- **Proposal to make counties cover Late Penalties for cases with funding source Community First Choice Option (CFCO):**
Aims to defer the State covered 6% late penalties to the counties for non-compliance with timely reassessment processing. LA County averages above 90% compliance, impact to is not known.
- **Proposal to eliminate IHSS Benefits for Undocumented Adults aged 19 and older:**
This is part of a larger reduction in Medi-Cal to freeze enrollments for all undocumented adults aged 19, beginning January 2026.
- **Proposal to Reinstate Medi-Cal Asset Limit:**
Aims to reinstate the asset limit of \$2,000 for individuals and \$3,000 for couples to be eligible for Medi-Cal. Because IHSS is a Medi-Cal benefit, this would have impacts in IHSS continued eligibility and enrollment.

Anyone interested in viewing State data can access it by using the following link:

[IHSS Program Data-Mar2025.xlsx](#)

Janet HC shared her concerns about the wait time. Petra states that the help line also does the applications and they are trying to see if they can put it on line. They have a meeting set up with the state to try to put it on line or some type of referral system to provide relief to the help line. The chat feature is being expanded as well. Petra also stated that she will look into the wait time.

Dulce asked what was the reason for the wait time increase and Petra was not sure and would have to take it back.

Janet HC asked where these new budget cut proposals are coming from. Petra stated that she was at the last month's adults meeting and the state's director for IHSS was there and talked about the proposals to streamline IHSS and save money but none of these specific proposals or cuts were even mentioned.

a) Public Comment – None

11. Unfinished/Old Business – None

Steven asked about the event on Thursday, June 5th from the PASC Activity Calendar: PASC Training Series: Food For Thought – Change Your Diet to Manage Your Health Conditions. He stated that Hunger Action LA would like to participate and Julie stated that she will have Yael contact Frank Tamborello.


12. Closed Session (Labor negotiations government code section 54954.5: 54957.6)

Open Session: Cynde reported out that they discussed the negotiations with SEIU 2015.

13. New Business – Future Agenda Items: None

14. PASC Board Advocacy Report: None

15. Adjournment – Cynde adjourned the Board meeting at 3:40pm.



Approved by:
Dula Garcia

July 7, 2025
Date: 

Action Items: