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## Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) on Early Intervention

Improving State Systems Committee Minutes

February 5, 2026

[Meeting Recording](#) Starts at 2:49:13



# MEETING MINUTES

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## OPENING

- [Committee Agenda](#)
- Welcome: The meeting was called to order at 2:05 PM. Fran Chasen welcomed newcomers to the committee.
  - Yvette Baptiste asked to introduce the folks attending from Eastern Los Angeles Family Resource Center (ELAFRC); Fran suggested that these introductions take place during the public input period.
- Introductions/Roll Call: The roll was called by Ross Adams. Results are below.
- Housekeeping Items were outlined by Ryan Digman.
- Review Agenda was conducted by Co-Chair Fran Chasen.

## EARLY START PERSONNEL MANUAL PROJECT UPDATE

- Angela McGuire (WestEd) provided this update.
- Fran Chasen asked for an overview of the history of the Early Start Personnel Manual (ESPM) for newcomers.
- Angela McGuire shared a PowerPoint slideshow to accompany her update.
- The update began with an overview of the plan that has been undertaken.
- Angela McGuire described the activities that have taken place thus far. The next meeting of the input group will be on February 26, 2026, with solicitation of input on proposed changes over the following two weeks.
- The revised ESPM will be sent to the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) for final review by the end of June.
- Patricia Moore asked what will happen in July at the summer Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) meeting; Angela did not have an answer but described what has happened in the past.
- Yvette Baptiste asked who from the Association of Regional Center Administrators (ARCA) and/or the regional centers is involved. Angela McGuire reported that Diane Williams (Alta California Regional Center) and Edyth Gallardo (Inland Regional Center) are part of the advisory group. Yvette Baptiste believes it is important that the regional center system be encouraged to be supportive of the finished product.

- [Early Start Personnel Manual \(current version\)](#)

## EARLY START SURVEY UPDATE AND DISCUSSION

- Fran Chasen introduced the survey and asked for input about where things stand at this time.
- Angela McGuire attempted to share the [Voices from the Field](#) survey on screen.
- Ryan Digman was able to share the survey on screen. He slowly scrolled through the survey items.
- There was some discussion about the instructions the survey participants will receive.
- Angela McGuire explained the skip logic that is built into the survey.
- Fran Chasen cautioned that public input will begin in four minutes.
- Fran Chasen called for a motion to get the survey out in time to report on the results at the August ICC meeting. Yvette Baptiste so moved, and Patricia Moore seconded. The committee voted unanimously to move the survey forward.
- Fran Chasen thanked the folks from ELAFRC for attending today's meeting.
- Karen Chang from the Department of Social Services asked for clarification about the specific target audience for the survey.
- Fran Chasen responded that representatives of the various state departments that attend ICC will be asked to reach out to their constituencies and that the intent is to survey individuals at the parent-provider level.
- Lisa Schoyer asked if there could be more than one answer for question 3 in the survey. Yvette Baptiste confirmed one choice should be added for best results.

## PUBLIC INPUT | DDS

- Alexis Deavenport-Saman, Children's Hospital Los Angeles, introduced herself as a new Community Representative and member of the Improving State Systems committee; she is also a parent. She asked if the survey could be distributed to the group she represents, looking at improving the hearing screening system for children throughout early childhood. She also has a similar survey currently undergoing Institutional Review Board review and wondered if the ICC could be a source for disseminating that survey. Ryan Digman asked her to drop her email in the chat for follow-up.

## NEXT STEPS | COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS

- Fran Chasen suggested that we select dates (e.g., “pre-schedule”) for potential interim meetings in 2026.
  - Ryan Digman suggested the following tentative dates:
    - March 27, 2026, from 10:00-11:30 AM
    - June 16, 2026, from 10:00-11:30 AM
    - September 15, 2026, from 10:00-11:30 AM
    - December 15, 2026, from 10:00-11:30 AM
  - Fran Chasen suggested that the December interim meeting be a bit earlier in the month due to the upcoming holidays.
  - Patricia Moore reported that she is never available to attend at 10:00 AM on Friday mornings.
  - Ryan Digman stated that the dates will be confirmed at the next meeting.
- Yvette Baptiste asked about when the Early Start Partners Symposium might happen next.
- Anne DeMedeiros stated it won't be until Fiscal Year 2026-2027.
- Fran Chasen adjourned the meeting at 3:09 PM.

# MEETING ATTENDEES

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## APPOINTED MEMBERS PRESENT

Maricris Acon

Susan Ducore (Co-Chair):  
Excused per F. Chasen

Suzanne Sherinian

Marie Poulsen

## COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Alexis Deavenport-Saman

Elena Bramble

Lisa Schoyer

Apple Sepulveda

Fran Chasen (Co-Chair)

Marty Omoto

Christina Nigrelli

Jadolphus Fraser

Patricia Moore

Diane Williams

Julie Rems-Smario

Robin Millar

Edyth Gallardo

Laurie Jordan

Yvette Baptiste

## INTERPRETERS PRESENT

Elizabeth Vega, American  
Sign Language (ASL)

Rick Haffner, ASL

Marco Gutierrez, Spanish

## OTHERS PRESENT

Amy Kaiser

Gigi Ostrowsky

Lupe Rojas-Sanchez

Ana Barranco	Gwendy Rodriquez	Marie Wecker
Angela McGuire, WestEd	Hannah Rapp	Marisol Segura, DDS
Anna Schichtel	Heidi Brahms	Martha Ornelas-Cruz
Anne De Medeiros, DDS	Janelle Fong, DDS	Mei Ye
Breanna Gatti	Jenifer Pearsall	Mini Nandakimar, DDS
Brigida Salinas	Juliana Baez	Nancy Mendoza
Carol Johnson, DDS	Julie Maier	Nicole Bui
Cathy Schulze, DDS	June Ursini	Penelope Knapp
Christine Sedlack Rottger	Karen Chang, DSS	Randy Olson
Courtney Chandler	Kausha King	Reyna Ambriz, DDS
Debbie Sarmento	Latonya Harris, DDS	Ross Adams, WestEd
Dulce Flores	LaWanna Blair	Ryan Digman, DDS
Elizabeth Jimenez- Winslow	Lisa Culley	Veronica Valenzuela
	Lisa Gonzales, DDS	Yvette Renteria

## Questions?

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