**State of California**

**Health and Human Services Agency**

**Department of Rehabilitation (DOR)**

## Blind Advisory Committee (BAC)

## Meeting Notice and Agenda

## Thursday, September 22, 2022

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.\*

DOR Central Office, 721 Capitol Mall, Room 301

Sacramento, CA 95814

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# Agenda

Please note: Times are listed with the agenda items to assist attendees joining the meeting virtually and by phone. These times are estimates and subject to change. The BAC may act on any item listed in the agenda.

## Item 1: Welcome and Introductions

(9:00 – 9:10 a.m.)

Chris Fendrick, BAC Chair

The Chair will welcome attendees, conduct a roll call, establish a quorum, and introduce DOR staff and members of the public. The BAC Committee members are: Sandy Balani, Bryan Bashin, Margaret Buchmann-Garcia, Chris Fendrick, Sarah Harris, Julie Parrish, Mitch Pomerantz, Joe Smith, and Cheryl Thurston.

Public comment

## Item 2: Approval of the BAC Meeting Minutes and Review of Action Items

(9:10 – 9:15 a.m.)

Chris Fendrick, BAC Chair

The Chair will lead the Committee in the approval of the minutes from the May 12, 2022 BAC meeting and review of the action items.

Public comment

## Item 3: BAC Committee Members Network Updates

(9:15 – 9:30 a.m.)

BAC members will report on matters of interest in their networks and communities.

Public comment

## Item 4: Pathways to Success Project

(9:30 – 10:15 a.m.)

Danielle Hackworth, Staff Services Manager I, DOR Specialized Services Division

Laura Rasmussen, District Administrator, DOR Blind Field Services District

BAC members will receive an overview of the Pathways to Success Project which is a Disability Innovation grant awarded to DOR by the U.S. Department of Education, Rehabilitation Services Administration.

Public comment

## Item 5: Adult Work Experience

(10:15 – 10:45 a.m.)

Nancy Ybarra, Regional Business Specialist, DOR Blind Field Services District, will provide information on Adult Work Experience.

Public comment

## Break (10:45 – 11:00 a.m.)

## Item 6: DOR Update to BAC CAL-ATSD Task Force Recommendations

(11:00 – 11:15 a.m.)

Zachary Mundy, Staff Services Manager DOR Contracts and Procurement

BAC members will receive an update on the BAC California Assistive Technologies, Services, and Devices (CAL-ATSD) Task Force recommendations as of July 26, 2022.

Public comment

## Item 7: Finalized Title IX Documents

(11:15 – 12:00 p.m.)

Peter Dawson, Regional Director, DOR Blind Field Services

Susan Pelbath, Deputy Director, DOR Specialized Services Division

The finalized Title IX documents will be reviewed, followed by a discussion regarding the standards, quality and qualifications of staff, and provider performance.

Public comment

## Lunch (12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.)

## Item 8: Directorate Report

(1:00 – 2:00 p.m.)

Joe Xavier, DOR Director

BAC members will receive a report from the DOR Director on organizational, state, and federal issues of interest to the BAC. BAC members will have an opportunity to ask questions and have an interactive dialogue.

## Item 9: DOR Specialized Services Division (SSD) Report

(2:00 – 2:45 p.m.)

Peter Dawson, Regional Director, DOR Blind Field Services

Michael Thomas, Assistant Deputy Director, DOR Specialized Services Division

Laura Rasmussen, District Administrator, DOR Blind Field Services District

Kelly Snow, Manager, DOR Business Enterprise Program

Eric Mazariegos, Acting Administrator, DOR Orientation Center for the Blind

BAC members will receive updates on the activities of DOR’s Blind Field Services District, Business Enterprise Program, and Orientation Center for the Blind.

Public comment

## Break (2:45 – 3:00 p.m.)

## Item 10: Updates on the SB 105 Conference and Trainings

(3:00 – 3:15 p.m.)

Laura Rasmussen, District Administrator, DOR Blind Field Services District

Recent trainings attended by Blind Field Services staff will be reviewed and SB 105 conference changes will be discussed.

Public comment

## Item 11: BAC Membership

(3:15 – 3:45 p.m.)

BAC membership, recruitment efforts, the applicant notification policy, and bylaw updates will be discussed.

Public comment

## Item 12: Identification of Future Agenda Items

(3:45 – 4:00 p.m.)

## Adjourn (4:00 p.m.) \*

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