**State of California**

**Health and Human Services Agency**

**Department of Rehabilitation (DOR)**

**Blind Advisory Committee (BAC)**

**Meeting Notice and Agenda**

**Thursday, August 14, 2025**

**9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.\***

**DOR Central Office, 721 Capitol Mall, Room 301**

**Sacramento, CA 95814**

## **Public Participation Options**

In-person at 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 Call to Order**

## (9:00 a.m. – 9:05 a.m.)

Guillermo Robles, BAC Chair

The Chair will welcome attendees, call the meeting to order, conduct a roll call of BAC members, and establish a quorum.

The BAC Committee members are:

Guillermo Robles, CCB representative

Sandy Balani, BEP representative

Francis Brown, consumer

Margaret Buchmann-Garcia, CRP representative

Dan Kysor, member at large

Joe O’toole, member at large

Vanna Rapeti, FBC representative

Cheryl Thurston, NFBC representative

Robert Wendt, CCB Representative

**Item 2: Introductions of DOR staff and members of the public**

(9:05 a.m. - 9:10 a.m.)

Public comment

## **Item 3: Approval of the BAC Meeting Minutes and Review of Action Items**

## (9:10 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.)

## Guillermo Robles, BAC Chair

## The Chair will lead the Committee with the approval of the minutes from the May 2025 meeting and review the action items.

Public comment

## **Item 4:** **Introduction of new BAC Appointees**

(9:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.)

## **Item 5: BAC Committee Members Network Updates**

(9:30 a.m. - 9:45a.m.)

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

Public comment

**Item 6: BAC Roster**

(9:45 a.m. – 9:55 a.m.)

The Committee will put in place procedures to put together a more current roster.

**Item 7: AB 3193 Working Group**

(9:55 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.)

The BAC Committee will receive updates on the implementation of AB 3193 and discuss the next steps for a working group.

Public Comment

**Break (10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.)**

**Item 8:** **BFS Open Position Updates**(10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.)Sue Pelbath, Deputy Director, DOR Specialized Services Division

The BAC and the public will receive an update about open positions in BFS.

Public Comment

**Item 9: Cancellation Policy**(11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.)
The BAC and the public will continue the previous discussion from the May 2025 meeting regarding the need for cancellation policies to protect service providers. The goal will be to come up with a recommendation that can be made to DOR.

Public Comment

## **Item 10: BFS Success Stories**

(11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)

BFS QRP, Moses Babafemi, DOR BFS District

DOR BFS District Team Members

BAC members will receive information on a consumer success story.

Public comment

## **Lunch (12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.)**

## **Item 11: Directorate Report**

(1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.)

DOR Director update

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 12: DOR Specialized Services Division Report (Highlights only, full report provided in written narrative)**

## (2:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.)

Sue Pelbath, Deputy Director, DOR Specialized Services Division

Maria Turrubiartes, Regional Director, GLAD

Deyanire Villachica, District Administrator, DOR BFS

Luis Rodriguez, Central Operations Manager, DOR Business Enterprise Program

Eric Mazariegos, Administrator, DOR Orientation Center for the Blind

Jay Harris, Manager, DOR Older Individuals who are Blind Program

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

Public comment

## **Break (2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.)**

**Item 13**: **SB 105 Analysis**

(3:00 p.m. – 3:40 p.m.)

Public Comment

## **Item 14: Identify Future Agenda Items**

## (3:40 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.)

Guillermo Robles, BAC Chair

Guillermo will lead a discussion with committee members to identify future meeting agenda items.

Public comment

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

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