

**CALIFORNIA STATE REHABILITATION COUNCIL (SRC)**

# MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

Wednesday, September 10, 2025, 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 11, 2025, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

*This meeting is being held in accordance with California Government Code section 11123. There may be members of the public body participating in the meeting who were granted a reasonable accommodation in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.*

# Public Participation Options

**In-Person**: Department of Rehabilitation, 721 Capitol Mall, Room 301, Sacramento, CA 95814

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# WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2025 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 SRC may act on any item listed in the agenda.

# Item 1: Welcome and Introductions (9:00 – 9:10 a.m.)

Ivan Guillen, SRC Chair, will welcome attendees to the meeting.

# Item 2: Public Comment (9:10 – 9:15 a.m.)

Members of the public will have the opportunity to comment on issues and concerns *not* included elsewhere on the agenda. Public comment relating to a specific agenda item will be taken at the end of the applicable agenda item or prior to a vote.

# Item 3: Approval of the June 11 *–* 12, 2025 SRC Quarterly Meeting Minutes (9:15 – 9:20 a.m.)

Kate Bjerke, SRC Executive Officer

*Attachment: Draft June 11 – 12, 2025 SRC Meeting Minutes*

# Item 4: Overview of DOR’s Ticket to Work(9:20 – 10:00 a.m.)

Representatives from DOR’s Social Security Programs Section will provide an overview of DOR’s Ticket to Work program that helps Social Security beneficiaries with a disability achieve their employment goals.

# Break (10:00 – 10:15 a.m.)

# Item 5: California Department of Education (CDE) Update

**(10:15 – 11:00 a.m.)**

Michelle Bello, CDE Education Programs Consultant and SRC Member, will provide an update on special education initiatives, program and legislation of interest.

# Item 6: Conversation with LaCandice Ochoa (11:00 – 11:30 a.m.)

SRC members will have the opportunity to meet LaCandice Ochoa, DOR’s new Deputy Director, Independent Living and Community Access Division. LaCandice will share insights into her role and discuss her vision for the division’s work and impact.

# Lunch (11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)

# Item 7: Farewell and Recognition: Theresa Comstock’s Service on the SRC (1:00 – 1:30 p.m.)

Meeting attendees will join together to recognize Theresa Comstock, Executive Director of the California Association of Local Behavioral Health Boards and Commissions, for her dedicated service on the SRC.

# Item 8: Directorate Report (1:30 – 2:30 p.m.)

Kim Rutledge, DOR Director, and Victor Duron, DOR Chief Deputy Director, will report on leadership and policy topics of interest. National, state, and departmental updates will be provided. SRC members will have the opportunity to ask questions and have an interactive discussion.

# Break (2:30 – 2:45 p.m.)

# Item 9: CalABLE Overview *(*2:45 – 3:30 p.m.)

Thomas Martin, CalABLE Executive Director, will provide an overview of the CalABLE savings and investment program that lets eligible individuals with disabilities and their families save money in tax-advantaged accounts without losing access to vital public benefits.

# Recess (3:30 p.m.)

# THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2025, AGENDA

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# Item 10: Reconvene, Welcome, and Introductions (9:00 – 9:10 a.m.)

Ivan Guillen, SRC Chair

# Item 11: Public Comment (9:10 – 9:15 a.m.)

Members of the public will have the opportunity to comment on issues and concerns *not* included elsewhere on the agenda. Public comment relating to a specific agenda item will be taken at the end of the applicable agenda item or prior to a vote.

# Item 12: Annual Election of the SRC Officers (9:15 – 9:30 a.m.)

SRC members will elect the next SRC Officers for the October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2026 term. The slate of candidates recommended by the SRC Nominating Committee on August 28, 2025 is as follows:

* Shannon Coe – Chair
* Yuki Nagasawa – Vice-Chair
* Hilary Lentini – Treasurer
* Ivan Guillen – Immediate Past Chair

# Item 13: DOR Collaboration with County Behavioral Health Agencies

**(9:30 – 10:00 a.m.)**

Sarah Candee, Chief, and Gina Rambeau, Manager, DOR Cooperative Programs Section, will share information on how DOR collaborates with local county behavioral health agencies.

# Break (10:00 – 10:15 a.m.)

# Item 14: VR Services Portion of the Unified State Plan (10:15 – 11:00 a.m.)

Peter Frangel, Manager, DOR Policy Performance Section, will provide an update on modification to the 2024-27 VR Services Portion of the Unified State Plan. Following the update, SRC members may choose to work on the SRC’s input for inclusion in the State Plan modification.

*Attachments:*

* *Policy Recommendation Template*
* *Stakeholder Feedback Summary*

# Item 15: DOR Apprenticeship Program (11:00 – 11:45 a.m.)

Victor Duron, DOR Chief Deputy Director, will provide opening remarks. Mark Erlichman, DOR Deputy Director, VR Employment Division, will share information on the Senior Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor-Qualified Rehabilitation Professional (SVRC-QRP) apprenticeship program launching this year.

# Lunch (11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.)

# Item 16: Policy Committee Report Out and Discussion

**(1:15 – 1:30 p.m.)**

Yuki Nagasawa, SRC Policy Committee Chair, will provide an update from the July and August 2025 Policy Committee meetings.

# Item 17: Adopt-a-Region Report Outs (1:30 – 2:00 p.m.)

SRC members will report out from recent discussions with their assigned DOR Regional Directors.

*Attachment: Adopt-a-Region Assignments*

# Item 18: Debrief and Recommendations Discussion (2:00 – 2:45 p.m.)

SRC members will debrief from the meeting discussions and potentially develop and/or adopt policy recommendations. Future agenda items may also be identified and prioritized.

*Attachment: List of Future SRC Agenda Items and Policy Topics*

# Break (2:45 – 3:00 p.m.)

# Item 19: SRC Officer and Member Report Outs (3:15 – 3:45 p.m.)

SRC members will share updates from their organizations, networks and constituency groups.

# Item 20: Future Agenda Items (3:45 – 4:00 p.m.)

SRC members will discuss and identify future agenda items.

# Adjourn (4:00 p.m.)

# PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comment relating to a specific agenda item will be taken at the end of the applicable agenda item or prior to a vote. Public comments on matters not on the agenda are taken at the beginning of the meeting. A speaker will have up to three minutes to make public comments and may not relinquish their time allotment to another speaker. Non-English speakers who utilize translators to make public comment will be allotted no more than six minutes unless they utilize simultaneous translation equipment. The SRC is precluded from discussing matters not on the agenda; however, SRC members may ask questions for clarification purposes.

# MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

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\*The meeting will adjourn upon completion of the agenda. Interested members of the public may join virtually or use the teleconference line to listen to the meeting and/or provide public comment. The SRC is not responsible for unforeseen technical difficulties that may occur and is not obligated to postpone or delay its meeting in the event of unforeseen technical difficulties with the teleconference line or virtual meeting room.

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