AGENDA
IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES (IHSS) ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE KERN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Public Authority Office
5357 Truxtun Ave.
Bakersfield, CA 93309

Regular Meeting
Thursday, January 15, 2026, at 1:30 p.m.

Aging and Adult Services Department
Golden Generation Conference Room
5357 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93309

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OPENING

- Call to Order
- Flag Salute and Moment of Silence
- Roll Call of Committee Members

MEMBERS: (*Chairperson, **Vice Chairperson [vacant], ***Secretary [non-voting])
Sonia Dhillon; Anabel Griffin; *Gail Lancaster; NickoleRenee Mensch, Eric Nisbett, and ***Jeremy Oliver

Vacancies: Supervisorial District 1; Supervisorial District 4, Supervisorial District 5; At-Large Member, and 2 At-Large Care Providers

INTRODUCTION OF PUBLIC AND NEW MEMBERS:

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Approval of November 20, 2025, IHSS Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons to address the Committee on any matter not on the agenda but under the jurisdiction of the Committee. Committee members may respond briefly to the statements made or the questions posed. They may ask questions for clarification; make a referral to staff for information, or request staff to report to the Committee at a later meeting. In addition, the Committee may take action to direct staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda. SPEAKERS ARE LIMITED TO TWO MINUTES. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME BEFORE MAKING YOUR PRESENTATION. THANK YOU.

COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS OR REPORTS:

On their own initiative, Committee members may make an announcement or a report on their own activities. They may ask a question for clarification, make a referral to staff, or take action to have staff place a matter of business on a future agenda (Gov. Code Sec. 54954.2 (a)).

1. Appointment Report

STAFF REPORTS:

1. IHSS Report – Michele Gomez
2. Director's Report – Jeremy Oliver

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Slate for Vice Chair Position

OLD BUSINESS: None.

OPERATIONAL ISSUES:

On their own initiative, Committee members may discuss questions or information regarding the operations of current In-Home Supportive Services issues not on the agenda. PLEASE LIMIT COMMENTS TO TWO MINUTES.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

March 4, 2026, at 1:30 p.m., Aging and Adult Services, Golden Generation Conference Room, 5357 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93309

ADJOURNMENT

The mission of the Committee is to advise the Board of Supervisors, Aging and Adult Services Department and the Public Authority on issues concerning the In-Home Supportive Services program.

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