POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, September 10, 2026 | 4:00 p.m.

Via Zoom

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Nilo Choudry, Terry Magady, Yeray Taína, Jennifer E. Cohen

GUESTS/STAFF: Jane Borochoff (Staff), Allyson Hemar (Staff)

At 4:10 p.m., Terry Magady noted that a quorum was not established; therefore, the committee held off on the formal call to order and the approval of previous meeting minutes until there was a quorum. A quorum was officially established later in the meeting at 5:20pm upon the arrival of an additional member.

Public Comment

Yeray Taína introduced herself as the mother of a WRC client who has received services through the regional center for the past four years. She expressed gratitude to WRC for the comprehensive support provided to her family and communicated her desire to observe committee proceedings and support the agency's ongoing governance work.

The Committee discussed approval of the July 16, 2026 meeting minutes and a vote was taken.

RECOMMENDATION OF APPROVAL OF THE JULY 16, 2026 MEETING MINUTES. (ACTION*)

Terry Magady (Motion) and Nilo Choudry (Second) the approval.

- 3 AYES
- 0 NO
- 0 ABSTENTION

The motion passed.

RESOLUTION: RECOMMENDATION OF THE JULY 16, 2026 MEETING MINUTES.

The Committee discussed upcoming legislative changes, including an increase in the contract approval threshold. Policy and bylaw revisions will await further DDS guidance and upcoming Board governance training.

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The committee then reviewed five ARCA standards:

- **Remote and In-Person Planning Team Meetings:** Discussed virtual meeting options and required in-person contact for individuals served.
- **Regional Center Leadership:** Reviewed Board responsibilities, governance practices, and training needs.
- **Notice of Action (NOA):** Discussed service denial notifications, appeals procedures, and Good Faith Belief Letters.
- **Legislative Activity:** Reviewed alignment with ARCA's legislative positions while respecting individual Board members' personal opinions.
- **Regional Center Strategic Thinking:** Supported continued strategic planning and proactive organizational improvement.

The committee agreed to invite Client Services Committee Chair, Wakelin McNeel and WRC staff leader Pablo Ibanez to join the next Policy Committee meeting to participate in a joint review of the Remote and In-Person Planning Team Meetings, NOA, and Regional Center Leadership standards prior to finalizing formal policy adoption recommendations for the full board.

The meeting was adjourned by Committee Chair, Terry Magady, at 5:35 p.m.

The next Policy Committee meeting will be held via Zoom on Thursday, October 8th, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

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