

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE
HEARINGS (OAH) ADVISORY
COMMITTEE

February 12, 2026

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

MEETING LOCATION

This meeting will be held by teleconference. There also will be a primary physical meeting location available for those who wish to attend the teleconference meeting, observe and hear the meeting, and participate from the primary physical location, as set forth under Government Code section 11123.5. Notice will be provided at least 24 hours before the meeting of all OAH Advisory Committee members who have notified OAH they will be participating in the meeting from a remote location. All OAH Advisory Committee members attending remotely

will be sent an email with a link to attend the meeting.

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Those members of the public and Advisory Committee members who wish to participate in person may do so at the primary physical location for the meeting at:

Office of Administrative Hearings

320 West Fourth Street

6th Floor, Suite 630, Courtroom 1A

Los Angeles, CA 90013

Located in: Junipero Serra State Office Building

Those attending in person will need to go through security screening and follow the posted signs on the 6th

floor to Courtroom 1A. You do not need to show identification during the security screening. You may be asked where you are going in case you need directions.

Public comment can be provided verbally or in writing during the Advisory Committee Meeting. Please review the information below on how to participate in a Zoom Webinar, including how to provide verbal comment. To provide public comment in writing, please type your comments or questions during the meeting by sending an email to OAHACcomments@dgs.ca.gov. This email box will not be monitored until the Advisory Committee meeting begins. Any written comments should be submitted during the Advisory Committee meeting.

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The meeting will be recorded. Zoom's auto-captioning, ASL, and Spanish language interpretation will be provided. If an interpreter in another language is needed, please email OAH, no later than close of business on February 5, 2026, at OAHACops@dgs.ca.gov. We will do our best to meet all timely requests, though contractors may not always be available.

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION
FOR ANY INDIVIDUAL WITH A
DISABILITY

Pursuant to the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, any individual with a disability who requires a reasonable accommodation to attend or participate in this meeting may request assistance by contacting OAH at

OAHACops@dgs.ca.gov.

To provide sufficient time for an accommodation to be arranged, please make any request for the February 12, 2026, meeting by close of business on February 5, 2026. Please note that there will be time designated during the Advisory Committee public comment period(s) for those needing to use the chat function as an accommodation to provide public comment.

ABOUT THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The OAH Advisory Committee was created by Welfare and Institutions Code section 4717. The mission of the OAH Advisory Committee is to assist the hearing office by providing nonbinding recommendations for improvements to hearing and mediation operations. The Committee is required to meet at least two times a year.

AGENDA

1. Call to order and instructions
2. Establish quorum
3. Introductions and announcements
 - a. Introduction of new Advisory Committee member
 - b. DDS and OAH personnel attending/assisting
4. Update by the subcommittee (comprised of Advisory Committee members Fernando Gomez and Jesse Weller), which is charged with providing to the Advisory Committee a summary of the roles of the regional centers in the hearing process, as set forth in statute, regulations, or any other authority, and which was established by vote of the Advisory Committee on October 8, 2024
5. Based on the subcommittee's update on the roles of

regional centers in the hearing process, whether the Advisory Committee has proposed recommendations for improvements to hearing and mediation operations.

6. Discussion of how to address improper/unethical conduct committed by non-attorney Regional Center appeals specialists
7. Overview of the newly created DDS-SDP Ombudsperson office and newly appointed Ombudsperson Eden Rosalas. Understanding of goals and objectives as how they intersect with the appeals process
8. Overview of the DDS Community Appeals & Resolutions branch and introduction of Michael McNulty, newly appointed Branch Chief. Understanding of goals and objectives as how they intersect with the appeals process
9. Update and overview by DDS on their implemented

OAH surveys

10. Overview by DDS Deputy Director Hornberger on the implementation of the Grievance process (Dispute Resolution) that is set to replace 4731 complaints and how these changes impact the appeals process
11. Discussion of recent DDS Reconsideration Decisions
12. Notice of Action quality and Missing Notice of Action's
 - a. A minimum standard checklist for Notice of Action
 - b. Consequences/remedies when Notice of Action's are not issued properly
13. Natural supports misuse
 - a. Clarify what evidence Regional Centers must show when they claim "natural supports" can('t) meet need(s)

b. Whether OAH is seeing trends in these arguments at hearing

14. Training guidance for Administrative Law Judge and parties to keep the analysis need based and record based

15. SDP delays

a. Track common delay points: RC review, DDS approvals, FMS processing

b. Whether IAH is seeing appeals when delays functions like de facto denials

16. Standard timeline and accountability measures

17. Public Comment: Time is set aside for individuals desiring to speak on any topic not otherwise on the agenda. In all cases, the presiding officer reserves the right to impose time limits

18. Adjournment

NOTE: The order of business is approximate and subject to change. If you have any questions about the meeting, please contact OAHACops@dgs.ca.gov. You may also call Tzer Lor-Snyder at (916) 263-0550 or Maryjosephine Norrington at (213) 576-7200.