

AGENDA

PUBLIC AGENCY COALITION ENTERPRISE (PACE)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

August 26, 2026

2:00 pm

TEAMS MEETING:

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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL (10 minutes)

BOARD MEMBERS:

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CARMEL AREA WASTEWATER DISTRICT
CLAREMONT, CITY OF
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COMPASS CHARTER SCHOOLS
CORCORAN, CITY OF
DANVILLE, TOWN OF
DESERT HOT SPRINGS, CITY OF
DOS PALOS, CITY OF
FORESTHILL PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT
FOWLER, CITY OF
GUSTINE, CITY OF
HOUSING AUTHORITY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
HUMBOLDT BAY FIRE DISTRICT
HURON, CITY OF
LINDSAY, CITY OF
LIVINGSTON, CITY OF
MODOC COUNTY
NEWMAN, CITY OF
REDWOOD COAST ENERGY AUTHORITY
REGIONAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES
RIO DELL, CITY OF

Antony López
TBD
Barbara Buikema
Christi Giannone
Lisa McGranahan
Sophia Trivino
Marlene Spain
Mirissa Wolfson
Brent Jones, **Member**
Manuela Sousa
Henry White
Angela Vasquez
Melanie Correa
Ken Litzinger
Scott Bauer
Balvina Caldera
Miranda Cordova
Arcelia Cruz
Chester Robertson
Mike Maier
Eileen Verbeck
Molly Bolar
Joanne Farley

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SANGER, CITY OF
SONORA, CITY OF
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SUTTER CREEK
TRUCKEE-DONNER RECREATION & PARK DISTRICT
UPLAND, CITY OF

Stacey Barnier, **Member**
Elizabeth Cabrera
Amanda Champion
Chris Gorsky
Heather Nelson
Nocona Soboleski
Kim Turner, **Vice President**
Joe Azevedo
TBD
David Faris, **President**
Cecelia Todd

ALTERNATES:

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Griselda Price
Kristin Mandolini
James Grover
Heidi Tanner
Lisa McGranahan
Jesse Zamora
TBD
Lani Ha
Geoffrey Buchheim
Dewayne Jones
TBD
TBD/Michael Reid
Desirae Porras
Jenna Franz
Robert Murias
TBD
Vanessa Duran
Harpreet Bains
Pam Randall, **Member**
Michael Holland
Kristy Siino
Maddy Wasserman
Karen Dunham
Iliana Carreon
Eddy Otanez Maria
Brionne Jackson
TBD
Shelby Wineigner
Mona Melchor/Lacy Meneses
April Allen
Debbie Baggett
Tom DuBois
Sven Leff
Rocio Preciado

MANAGERS:

KEENAN & ASSOCIATES

E. Peter McNamara
Teri Graf
Marie Edmondson
Sam Mel-Chan
Kevin Davis
Laurie LoFranco
Alex Van Brunt
Barb Melnick
Jill Dorris

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Comments from the general public will be received and limited to five minutes per person.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – August 26, 2026

Presented by David Faris

**Action
2026-014**

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 25, 2026

Presented by David Faris

**Action
2026-015**

The Authority will review the minutes of the last Board Meeting for any adjustments and adoption.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

Presented by E. Peter McNamara

**Information
2026-016**

Correspondence will be presented and reviewed by the Board. No action may be taken in response; only referred for action on a subsequent agenda.

- Anthem– Zepbound Change
- Anthem – Scripps Member Letter
- City of Sutter Creek – PACE Board Member Change
- Samaritan Fund – Member Approval Notice

VII. FINANCIAL

FINANCIAL REVIEW (10 minutes)

Presented by Sam Mel-Chan

**Information
2026-017**

The Board will hear a report on the Financials as of June 30, 2026 and the 2026 Final Budget.

ANTHEM UPDATE (10 minutes)

Presented by E. Peter McNamara

**Information
2026-018**

The Board will hear a report on Anthem claim utilization.

EMPIRX UPDATE (10 minutes)

Presented by Teri Graf

**Information
2026-019**

The Board will hear a report on EmpiRx utilization.

WELLNESS UPDATE (20 minutes)

Presented by Jill Dorris, Stacey Barnier, and Alex Davies (Claremont Intern)

**Information
2026-020**

The Board will hear a report on the PACE Wellness program. The Board will also hear a report from Executive Committee member, Stacey Barnier, and Alex Davies, City of Claremont intern, on wellness best practices.

2027 RENEWAL ACTION (30 minutes)

Presented by Kevin Davis

**Action
2026-021**

The Board will review and consider the Executive Committee's recommended renewal action for the self-funded employee benefit plans effective January 1, 2027. The discussion will include an overview of the proposed changes to the **Pharmacy Benefit Manager (PBM) and stop loss programs**, including the rationale for the recommendations and expected impacts to participating agencies. As a reminder, all PACE agencies renew on a calendar-year basis.

Vote to approve Executive Committee recommendation for Plan Year 2027 Renewal.

VIII. ADMINISTRATION

AMERITAS DENTAL UPDATE (10 minutes)

Presented by E. Peter McNamara

**Information
2026-022**

The Board will hear a report on the new self-funded dental program offering under PACE.

HANDL HEALTH OVERVIEW (10 minutes)

Presented by E. Peter McNamara

**Information
2026-023**

The Board will hear an overview of Handl Health's program and implementation.

DEPENDENT VERIFICATION AUDIT (10 minutes)

Information/Action if Needed

Presented by Teri Graf

2026-024

The Board will hear an update on the status of the dependent eligibility verification audit being performed by PDA and next steps in the process.

SAMARITAN FUND COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN (10 minutes)

Information

Presented by Teri Graf

2026-025

The Board will hear an update on Samaritan Fund and the communications campaign for 2027.

IX. INFORMATION

MEMBER COMMENTS

Information

Each member may report about various matters involving the Authority. There will be no Authority discussion except to ask questions, and no action will be taken unless listed on a subsequent agenda.

MANAGER COMMENTS

Information

PACE Management will report to the Authority about various matters involving the Authority. There will be no Authority discussion except to ask questions, and no action will be taken unless listed on a subsequent agenda.

- Employee Navigator Updated Premium Billing Guidelines – sent to all client teams for distribution
- COBRA Administrator Marketing Update

X. AGENDA ITEMS NEXT MEETING

Information

Members and others may suggest items for consideration at the next meeting which will be held December 9, 2026.

XI. ADJOURNMENT