

AGENDA

PUBLIC AGENCY COALITION ENTERPRISE (PACE)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

October 29, 2025

2:00 PM

TEAMS MEETING: [JOIN THE MEETING](#)

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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

TRUCKEE DONNER RECREATION & PARK DISTRICT
SUPERIOR COURT OF CA, MENDOCINO COUNTY
GUSTINE, CITY OF
DESERT HOT SPRINGS, CITY OF
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY
EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

David Faris, **President**
Kim Turner, **Vice President**
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Stacey Barnier, **Member**

MANAGERS:

KEENAN & ASSOCIATES

E. Peter McNamara
Christine Hough
Teri Graf
Marie Edmondson

OTHERS:

KEENAN & ASSOCIATES

Laurie LoFranco
Eugene Yu
Alex Van Brunt
Jill Dorris
Sam Mel-Chan
Ju Anderson

CWDL

Ben Leavitt
John Dominquez

ANTHEM:

Darren Reddick
Karisa Kirkman

EMPIRX:

Holly Romero
Greg Lewis
Sandra Modglin

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS (*5 minutes*)

Comments from the public will be received and limited to five minutes per person regarding items not on the agenda.

IV.	APPROVAL OF AGENDA – October 29, 2025	Action
	Presented by E. Peter McNamara	2025-054

V.	APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 21, 2025	Action
	Presented by E. Peter McNamara	2025-055

The Executive Committee will review the minutes of the previous Executive Committee Meeting for any adjustments and adoption.

VI.	CORRESPONDENCE (<i>5 minutes</i>)	Information and Action, if needed
	Presented by E. Peter McNamara	2025-056

Correspondence will be presented and reviewed by the Executive Committee.

- Anthem Email – Optum Provider Network Contract Pending Termination 1/1/2026
- EmpiRx Email & Attachment – Pharmacy & Therapeutics Changes Effective 10/1/2025
- Lemoore – Notice of PACE Membership Termination Effective 1/1/2026
- Modoc County Email & Attachment – Addition of Nine Safety Class Employees Effective 1/1/2026
- Sutter Creek Email – Notice of Primary Board Member Vacancy
- Kaiser – Andrea Maciel is transitioning to a new position within Kaiser; Chris Brown will be taking over as interim Senior Account Manager for PACE; Deloris Palmer will continue to be the Senior Associate Account Manager (verbal update, no attachment)

VII. FINANCIAL

	FINANCIAL AUDIT (<i>10 minutes</i>)	Action
	Presented by Ben Leavitt and John Dominquez	2025-057

The Board will hear a report on the 2024 Audit.

	FINANCIAL REVIEW (<i>5 minutes</i>)	Information
	Presented by Sam Mel-Chan	2025-058

The Board will hear a report on the Financials as of August 31, 2025.

PRELIMINARY BUDGET 2026 (5 minutes)

Presented by Sam Mel-Chan

Action
2025-059

The Board will hear a report on the preliminary 2026 budget.

ANTHEM UPDATE (15 minutes)

Presented by Darren Reddick and Karisa Kirkman

Information
2025-060

The Executive Committee will hear a report on Anthem claims experience and update on large claimant. Additional handouts, if any, will be made available after the meeting.

EMPIRX UPDATE (15 minutes)

Presented by Holly Romero, Greg Lewis and Sandra Modglin

Information
2025-061

The Executive Committee will hear a report on EmpiRx pharmacy claims utilization and estimated savings from clinical programs. Additional handouts, if any, will be made available after the meeting.

WELLNESS – Review & Discussion (30 minutes)

Presented by Jill Dorris

Information, Action, if necessary
2025-062

The Executive Committee will hear a report on the 2025 Wellness Program performance and Wellness initiatives for 2026.

VIII. ADMINISTRATION

LATE FEE POLICY (5 minutes)

Presented by E. Peter McNamara

Information, or Action, if Necessary
2025-063

The Executive Committee will determine if an update to the late fee policy should be recommended to the Board.

2026 PACE BOARD MEETING CALENDAR (5 minutes)

Presented by E. Peter McNamara

Action
2025-064

The Executive Committee will review the proposed 2026 PACE Board meeting calendar, make changes, if required, and vote to present to the Board at the December 10, 2025 Board meeting.

DEPENDENT ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION AUDIT (15 mins) Information, or Action, if Necessary

Presented by E. Peter McNamara

2025-065

The Executive Committee will review the proposal for performing a Dependent Eligibility Verification Audit during Plan Year 2026.

NEW MEMBER REQUESTS (10 minutes)

Presented by Christine Hough

Information, or Action, if Necessary
2025-066

The Executive Committee will hear a report on new member agency activity.

ANTHEM – HINGE HEALTH MANGEMENT PROGRAM (10 minutes)

Action
2025-067

Presented by E. Peter McNamara

The Executive Committee will review and vote to include the Hinge Health, a digital (virtual) physical therapy program designed to treat and prevent musculoskeletal pain (e.g., back, joint, neck, and knee issues), in the suite of offerings for the Anthem plans for Plan Year 2026.

SAMARITAN FUND (10 minutes)

Action
2025-068

Presented by E. Peter McNamara

Consideration of Samaritan Fund Program adoption for Plan Year 2026. The Executive Committee will evaluate whether to recommend the adoption of the Samaritan Fund Program to the full Board for Plan Year 2026.

RETIREE FIRST (5 minutes)

Information
2025-069

Presented by E. Peter McNamara

Update on Retiree First

BENEFIT BRIDGE UPDATE (2 minutes)

Information
2025-070

Presented by E. Peter McNamara

PACE will be moving from the BenefitBridge platform to Employee Navigator in March 2026.

IX. INFORMATION (5 minutes)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Information

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

- Clear Point Captive conversation at January Meeting

X. AGENDA ITEMS NEXT MEETING

Information

Executive Committee Members and others may suggest items for consideration at the next meeting scheduled for December 10, 2025, via Teams.

XI. ADJOURNMENT