

South Orange County Regional Consortium (SOCRC) Voting Members:

Karima Feldhus (*Sue Donelson), Saddleback College, Co-Chair
 Will Neddersen (*Christine Matos), Tustin Unified School District, Co-Chair
 Kimberly Jenkins, Capistrano Unified School District
 Chris Carter (*Dominic Vellanoweth), College and Career Advantage
 Brian Dozer (*Gina Escobar), Coastline Regional Occupation Program
 Chad Mabery, Laguna Beach Unified School District
 Rebecca Roberts (*David Kette), Irvine Unified School District
 Debbie Vanschoelandt (*Brooke Bui), Irvine Valley College
 Brandee Ramirez, Saddleback Valley Unified School District
 Maria Martinez-Poulin, Orange County Department of Education
 *Denotes District-Approved Member Proxy

Meeting Norms:

- Be Solution Oriented and take ownership of your role
- Be prepared, respectful, active and engaged participants and both mentally and physically present
- Consider all points of view and discuss concerns candidly with confidentiality
- Work to keep meetings positive, productive, and focused on the agenda

Important:

- All presentations for Quarterly Fiscal Reporting will take place prior to certification.

**South Orange County Regional Consortium (SOCRC)
Minutes - General Meeting**

September 29, 2025 | 1:00-5:00 p.m.

In-person at Saddleback@ATEP: 1634 Valencia Avenue, Tustin, CA 92782

	ITEM	PRESENTER	Approximate Start Time
1.	CALL TO ORDER & NORM REVIEW The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair, Will Neddersen at 1:03 PM. Meeting norms were reviewed.	Co-Chairs	1:00 pm
2.	INTRODUCTIONS AND NEW GUESTS Voting members and guests introduced themselves. A quorum was confirmed. Voting Members and District-Approved Proxies Present: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karima Feldhus (Saddleback College, SOCRC Co-Chair) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Sue Donelson (Saddleback College) • Will Neddersen (Tustin Unified School District, SOCRC Co-Chair) • Dominic Vellanoweth (College and Career Advantage) • Gina Escobar (Coastline Regional Occupation Program) • David Kette (Irvine Adult School) • Debbie Vanschoelandt (Irvine Valley College) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Brooke Bui (Irvine Valley College) • Maria Martinez-Poulin (Orange County Department of Education) Consortium Support and Guests: Chantelle Gil (SOCRC), Sonja Wyche (SOCRC), Kristia Lengyel-Leahu (Saddleback College), Dan Predoehl (Saddleback College), Jill Ibbotson (Saddleback College), Kimberly Negrón (Irvine Adult School), Karen Pineda (Irvine Adult School).	All	1:03 pm
3.	ADOPTION OF AGENDA BY PRIORITY Motion: Will Neddersen moved to adopt the agenda. Second: Chad Mabery. Vote: Motion carried unanimously.	Co-Chairs	1:05 pm
4.	APPROVAL OF MINUTES Correction noted: Staffing discrepancy updated from 8 to 7 (per Chad) on the LBUSD Q4	Co-Chairs	1:07 pm

	<p>Fiscal Document.</p> <p>Motion: Debbie moved to approve the August 2025 meeting minutes.</p> <p>Second: Maria.</p> <p>Vote: All voting members approved. Motion carried unanimously.</p>		
5.	PUBLIC COMMENTS	Open	1:10 pm
	<p>Anyone may address the Committee on any item NOT on the Agenda within the subject matter and jurisdiction of the Committee. Each speaker is limited to two minutes.</p> <p>No public comments received.</p>		
6.	REGULAR/ONGOING BUSINESS		
	<p>A. NOVA Updates</p> <p>Karima: Q4 CAEP and ELL HCP reports are submitted or in draft. Budget and Work Plan due September 30. Members should finalize submissions and ensure alignment with the Annual Plan.</p>	Co-Chairs	1:13 pm
	<p>B. Workforce Updates</p> <p>No new updates. SOCRC continues participation in regional efforts (Santa Ana and Anaheim are separate boards but collaborate closely).</p>	Sue/ Will	1:15 pm
	<p>C. WIOA and CASAS Updates</p> <p>No CASAS updates.</p> <p>WIOA: Still awaiting grant award notifications.</p> <p>Discussion on two funding streams: WIOA 243 (Integrated Training) and Adult Secondary Education.</p> <p>Will: Encouraged members without WIOA funding to complete the Employment and Earnings (E&E) Survey using TOPSpro Wizard.</p>	All	1:17 pm
	<p>D. Update on ELL Healthcare Pathways Grant</p> <p>Will & Karima:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RFP for ELL HCP Round 3 expected end of Fall (likely November). Only approximately 20 of 71 consortia will be selected. Awards range from \$1–5 million. 36-month funding cycle starting FY 2026–27. Special meetings may be called (24-hour notice) if planning requires Board decisions. SOCRC encouraged to “think big” and collaborate to strengthen the proposal. 	Sonja/All	1:20 pm
	<p>E. Marketing</p> <p>Chantelle: Transitions Workgroup being re-established. Representatives from each agency encouraged. Presentations to adult schools will resume. Includes transitions to ROPs and colleges.</p>	Co-Chairs/Chantelle	1:25 pm
	<p>F. Student Supports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting Immigrant Students Student Retention Student Basic Needs 	All	1:27 pm
	<p>G. Reminders and Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2025-26 Project & Work Schedule Upcoming 2025 Events & Conferences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CCCAOE Fall 2025 Conference <ul style="list-style-type: none"> October 22-24 Rancho Mirage, CA (Pre-Conference Sessions begin on Tues, Oct.21) ACCE Fall 2025 Zoom-In Conference <ul style="list-style-type: none"> November 5 Zoom <p>Mark your calendars!</p>	All	1:32 pm
7.	NEW BUSINESS		

	A. CAEP Summit 2025 Shareout		1:35 pm
	<p>B. ELL Healthcare Pathways Q4 Reporting and Shareouts</p> <p>Coastline ROP – Gina: Lower Q4 expenditures due to leveraging OCCSF funds. Highlights: High job offer rate, becoming a LifeScan site (DOJ-approved).</p> <p>Irvine Valley College (IVC) – Savy: Used remaining Round 1 funds; Round 2 focused on salaries, reassigned time, CASAS, PD. 90% licensure for PT students. Smooth registration process between IVC and Coastline.</p> <p>College and Career Advantage (CCA) – Dominic: Round 2 funds used for instructors in Pharmacy, Dental, and Medical Assisting. High completion and employment rates; strong teacher involvement in job placement. Transition from asynchronous to in-person CTE programs.</p> <p>Saddleback College (SC) – Sonja & Karima: Large expenditures on staffing, compliance systems (e.g., CastleBranch), marketing, and program materials. 37 CNA students completed; 29 licensed; 15 employed. PHLB saw strong enrollment. Reimbursements for immunizations were processed (with state approval). Round 1 funds fully expended; Round 2 over 50% spent.</p> <p>Discussion Points: Importance of accurate program-level financial reporting. Agencies may face delays or pause programming if Round 3 is not funded. Will draft letter to CAEP to request redistribution of unused funds from other consortia.</p>		1:40 pm
	<p>C. Brown Act Requirements</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Board-Approved Members Physical Agenda Posting at Each Agency – Location Survey <p>Brown Act Overview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training recommended for Board Members; attorneys may be brought in. All 10 voting members are official Board Members (publicly approved). Any meeting with >5 members requires public notice and compliance. Ad-hoc committees: Can only be appointed by one Co-Chair and cannot have a quorum of members. Standing Committees must follow full Brown Act protocol. <p>Posting Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agendas must be posted physically at accessible public locations for each agency + SOCRC website. Chantelle shared a Google Form to collect addresses for postings. <p>Zoom Attendance Board members may attend via Zoom only if the meeting location is accessible to the public and publicly noticed.</p>		2:00 pm
	<p>D. Tour of Saddleback @ ATEP</p> <p>ATEP Tour: Saddleback College Culinary and Auto programs. Flyers and photos shared by Noelle and Jeffrey.</p>		2:30 pm
	<p>E. Annual Review of SOCRC Bylaws</p> <p>Article 2 – Career Education Program Review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New language aligns with Ed Code §84906. Requires LMI studies and documentation of alignment with the Annual 		3:00 pm

	<p>and 3-Year Plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Red text = additions; Strikethrough = deletions. <p>Ad Hoc vs Standing Committees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Workgroups” are now referred to as Ad Hoc Committees. Co-Chairs may assign ad hoc committees. Executive Committee roles clarified. <p>Article 8 – Allocation of Funds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clarifies CAEP as apportionment, not a grant. Funds not to be flexed or used for non-adult education purposes. Guidance based on Ed Code §84920. <p>Timeline for Bylaws Adoption</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> First Read: October 2025 Second Read: November 2025 (possible vote) Potential Third Read (if needed) 		
	<p>F. Review of 2025-26 Annual Plan Objectives and Activities as they relate to the Member Budget & Workplan</p> <p>Karima and Nancy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agencies must align individual and consortium-wide objectives in NOVA. Major initiatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional Transition Support Plan SB 554 Adult Dual Enrollment Contextualized IET Expansion Data Collection & Analysis Plan Consortium Website Updates (for Brown Act and program transparency) Discussion of forming standing committees on Transitions and Data. 		4:00 pm
8.	<p>MEMBER Effectiveness Share Out: Members will report on the activities in relation to the annual and three-year plans and budget and expenditures to date. *Service providing members required to share out.</p> <p>Capistrano Unified School District (CUSD)</p> <p>Coastline Regional Occupation Program (Coastline ROP)</p> <p>*College and Career Advantage (CCA)</p> <p>*Irvine Valley College (IVC)</p> <p>*Irvine Unified School District (IUSD)</p> <p>*Laguna Beach Unified School District (LBUSD)</p> <p>Orange County Department of Education (OCDE)</p> <p>*Saddleback College (SC)</p> <p>Saddleback Valley Unified School District (SVUSD)</p> <p>*Tustin Unified School District (TUSD)</p>	All	4:45 pm
9.	<p>SCHEDULED MEETINGS, TRAININGS, DEADLINES</p> <p>Monthly SOCRC meetings are held in person on Mondays from 1 pm- 2:30 pm at Quail Hill Community Center: 39 Shady Canyon Dr, Irvine, CA 92603</p> <p>Below is the remaining schedule for 2025:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> October 27 November 17 December 15 		
10.	<p>ADJOURNMENT</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:30pm.</p>		2:00 pm

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Timeline/ Due Dates

* Items with an asterisk are consortium deliverables

September 2025

- **Sep 1:** 23/24 and 24/25 Member Expense Report due in NOVA (Q4)
- **Sep 1:** 25/26 Certification of Allocation Amendment due in NOVA
- **Sep 30:** 23/24 and 24/25 Member Expense Report certified by Consortia in NOVA (Q4) *
- **Sep 30:** 25/26 Member Program Year Budget and Work Plan due in NOVA
- **Sep 30:** End of Q1

October 2025

- **Oct 30:** 25/26 Member Program Year Budget and Work Plan certified by Consortia in NOVA *
- **Oct 31:** Student data due in TOPSPro (Q1)
- **Oct 31:** Employment and Earnings Follow-up Survey

November 2025

- **Nov 14:** Written Expenditure Plan (WEP)* Only for consortia who have exceeded 20% carryover.

December 2025

- **Dec 1:** 23/24, 24/25 & 25/26 Member Expense Report Due in NOVA (Q1)
- **Dec 1:** July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 Instructional Hours and Expenses by Program Area due (actuals) in NOVA and certified by Consortium *
- **Dec 31:** 23/24, 24/25 & 25/26 Member Expense Report certified by Consortia in NOVA (Q1)
- **Dec 31:** End of Q2

January 2026

- **Jan 31:** Student Data due in TOPSPro (Q2)
- **Jan 31:** Employment and Earnings Follow-up Survey

February 2026

- **Feb 28:** Preliminary allocations for 2026-27 and 2027-28 released by this date.

March 2026

- **Mar 1:** 25/26 Member expense report is due in NOVA. (Q2)
- **Mar 31:** End of Q3
- **Mar 31:** 25/26 Member Expense Report certified by Consortia in NOVA (Q2)*

April 2026

- **Apr 30:** Student Data due in TOPSPro (Q3)
- **Apr 30:** Employment and Earnings Follow-up Survey

May 2026

- **May 2:** CFAD for 2026-27 due in NOVA *

June 2026

- **Jun 1:** 25/26 Member Expense Report due in NOVA (Q3)
- **Jun 30:** 25/26 Member Expense Report certified by Consortia in NOVA (Q3) *
- **Jun 30:** End of Q4