



## Credential Counselors and Analysts of California

### MINUTES

February 11, 2026

Location: Sacramento, CA

#### **CALL TO ORDER:**

After a quorum was determined, the February 11, 2026, meeting of the CCAC Board of Directors, Advisory Committee, and Conference Attendees was called to order by President Katie Tucciarone at 9:02 a.m.

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRESENT:**

President: Katie Tucciarone

Treasurer: Casey Choate

VP Programs/Conference Chair: Maricela Ibarra

Secretary: Andi Thomas

VP Membership: Hunter Ferrara

Immediate Past President: Denise Payne

Special Projects: Paul Deal

#### **PRESIDENTIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Sr. County Representative: Yesenia Rivas-Suarez Jr. County Representative: Kristina McCormick

Sr. District Representative: Heather Rendleman Jr. District Representative: Melissa Cook-Rodriguez

Sr. IHE Representative: Christie Pearson-Wohlwend Jr. IHE Representative: Janelle Barnes

#### **EXCUSED ABSENCES:**

#### **Approval of Agenda**

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Andi Thomas, seconded by Maricela Ibarra, to approve the February 11, 2026, agenda. None opposed, no abstentions, and the motion carried, the vote to approve was unanimous. A copy of the agenda is attached to the minutes.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Casey Choate, seconded by Maricela Ibarra, to approve the February 11, 2026, meeting minutes. None, no abstentions, and the motion carried, the vote to approve was unanimous. A copy of the agenda is attached to the minutes.

**Guests**

Stephanie Paz, Jennifer Elemrani

**Announcements**

No Agenda Items

**Reports of Officers and Committees**

**President’s Report** \_\_\_\_\_Katie Tucciarone

2026 Budget Discussion

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Casey Choate, seconded by Maricela Ibarra, to approve \$360,000 Budget. None opposed, no abstentions, and the motion carried, the vote to approve was unanimous. A copy of the email is attached to the minutes.

Lifetime Membership Nominations for Tom Heiduk and Estella Chacon

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Hunter Ferrara, seconded by Casey Choate, to approve Lifetime membership for Tom Heiduk and Estella Chacon. None opposed, no abstentions, and the motion carried, the vote to approve was unanimous. A copy of the email is attached to the minutes.

Continuation of CCAC Bios – Bios will continue  
Redesign of Methods Survey – Katie will update survey and bring back to March meeting  
CCAC Email

**Immediate Past President** \_\_\_\_\_Denise Payne

Website – Will be doing some updates to the pages  
Goal Setting Discussion  
Bylaws & Policies Review – Discussion about updates  
Election Timelines – Discussion about outreach will bring more at April meeting

**Vice President for Programs / Conference Chair Report** \_\_\_\_\_Maricela Ibarra

Conference Committee Composition – Discussion about creating a policy for 2027, exploring the timeframe of Board Positions, and adding other members.  
Hotel Contract for 2027 – Start the process for the 2027 contract. Need to have two years of contracts in place for November conference

**Vice President for Membership** \_\_\_\_\_Hunter Ferrara

Overall Numbers: 798  
Total includes  
Charter: 57  
County Office of Education (COE): 168  
Institute of Higher Education (IHE): 96  
District: 474

Other: 3

**Treasurer** \_\_\_\_\_ Casey Choate

DOJ Letter – Resolved issue with DOJ  
New Bookkeeper and 1099s – Merit Bookkeeping is going well, 1099s sent to board members  
CPA for Taxes – Research CPA and bring back the cost  
QuickBooks Update – Move to the online version; the desktop version is too old to update  
Budget/bookkeeping Updates – Updates given  
Board Stipends – Sent W9s for stipends given to the board

**Secretary** \_\_\_\_\_ Andi Thomas

No Reports

**Special Projects** \_\_\_\_\_ Paul Deal

CCAC Mentorship Program – New program for new CCAC members, create new sub committee to plan out details, bring back more information at April meeting

**President’s Advisory Committee Reports** \_\_\_\_\_ Member Representatives

Reports were given by committee members

**Topics / Proposals for future consideration**

None

**Adjournment**

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Andi Thomas, seconded by Denise Payne, to adjourn at 12:00 p.m. None opposed, no abstentions, and the motion carried. The vote to approve was unanimous.