
MINUTES OF MEETING
AB 1906 WORKING GROUP

October 6, 2025

A meeting of the AB 1906 Working Group was held in Sacramento on October 6, 2025.

ATTENDANCE

Working Group Members

Present Nicole Adler
 Tony Anderson
 Regina Marie Brink
 Tony Chicotel
 Bobby Dutta
 Greg deGiere
 Adeyinka Glover
 Ruthee Goldkorn
 John Hartmire
 Jessica Kramer
 Katherine Perez
 Carmen Ruiz-Ochoa
 Nina Spiegelman
 James Treggiari
 Adam Willoughby

Commission Staff

Sharon Reilly, Executive Director
Sarah Huchel, Chief Deputy Director
Steve Cohen, Senior Staff Counsel

DISCUSSION

The working group continued its discussion of AB 1906's directive to propose substitute terms for the terms "dependent adult" and "dependent persons" in existing code sections that would describe persons with disabilities defined by those terms in a more respectful way.

The primary focus of the meeting was to identify the positive and negative aspects of substitute terms that had previously received the most support from the working group. Based on this discussion, the group identified two substitute terms as having significantly more positive aspects than any others suggested to date —"person/adult with a support need," and "person/adult with a functional limitation."

However, multiple members of the working group also identified at least one significant negative aspect of each of these two terms. The group may next consider the possibility of a third substitute term that would blend the positive aspects of the two preferred substitute terms, while minimizing their negative aspects.

The group also generally supported distinguishing the application of the substitute term for "dependent adult" in sections relating to Adult Protective Services from the application of the term in all other code sections, based on a materially different existing definition of the term applicable only to Adult Protective Services.
