



City of Fresno

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Meeting Minutes - Draft Disability Advisory Commission

Chair – Chenier Derrick
Vice Chair – Frances Reyes Acosta
Board Member – Susan Coulter
Board Member – Birdevinder Rickie Dhillon
Board Member – Reynaldo Villarreal
Board Member – Vacant
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ADA Coordinator – Joe Hinojosa
DAC Secretary – Diane Longoria

Tuesday, April 8, 2025

10:30 AM

In Person and/or Electronic,
Fresno City Hall, Room 4017

Regular Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Derrick called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m. Of the five members three were present. Vice Chair Reyes Acosta arrived at 10:46 a.m.

Present 4 - Susan Coulter, Vice Chair Frances Reyes Acosta, Chair Chenier Derrick, and Reynaldo Villarreal

Excused 1 - Birdevinder Rickie Dhillon

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion of Villarreal, seconded by Coulter, the above Agenda was **APPROVED**. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Coulter, Vice Chair Reyes Acosta, Chair Derrick and Villarreal

Excused: 1 - Dhillon

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[ID 25-501](#) Approval of the Disability Advisory
Commission Minutes from March 11, 2025

On motion of Villarreal, seconded by Coulter, the above Minutes were **APPROVED**. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Coulter, Vice Chair Reyes Acosta, Chair Derrick and Villarreal

Excused: 1 - Dhillon

4. MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Board Member Coulter announced that she will be resigning from the DAC Commission. Her last meeting will be May 13, 2025. She served on the commission for a total of eight years. At the end of June, her boss, Michelle Bronson, will be leaving DHHSC after 16 years as the executive director. It will definitely be a time of transition at DHHSC. As manager, she feels she needs to be available to provide guidance for the new person. She has a person in mind that would be great to serve on the DAC Commission as her replacement.

Board Member Villarreal thanked Board Member Coulter for her service and support she brought to the commission. He also stated that his organization "Valley Center for the Blind" has been impacted by the recent Federal government budget cuts. A total of 12 employees have been affected.

Vice Chair Reyes Acosta stated that she has someone in mind that could apply for the executive director position for DHHSC. She also stated there have been updates to technology for the disabled community. For example internet access, tablets, etc.

5. DAC SECRETARY AND ADA COORDINATOR REPORT

DAC Secretary Diane Longoria thanked Board Member Coulter for her years of service with the DAC Commission. "It's been a pleasure working with her." She will be missed!

ADA Coordinator Joe Hinojosa also expressed his gratitude and her giving spirit to her cause in supporting her community. He thanked her for her dedication and support on the commission.

6. UNSCHEDULED COMMUNICATION / PUBLIC COMMENTS

ADA Coordinator Joe Hinojosa read comments in the Zoom chat from Yonas Paulos, Homeless Veterans Advocate.

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons desiring to address the subcommittee on matters not on this agenda. Your presentations are limited to three minutes per person. Please be aware that the subcommittee is generally legally prohibited from taking any action on information presented in unscheduled communication until subsequent meetings.

7. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM

[ID 25-502](#) **Update on DAC Mission Statement/Goals**

ADA Coordinator Joe Hinojosa will resend the link to the group so they can add/edit the document. Track changes will be enabled. Board member Villareal will review and make some edits to the document using track changes so the commission can see what edits were made.

[ID 25-503](#) **Update on DAC Awards**

ADA Coordinator Joe Hinojosa will work with the DAC Awards Taskforce this week to come up with a timeline and ideas. He will email a summary to the DAC commission for review and comment.

[ID 25-504](#) **Appointing Sean Zweifler to the DAC Transportation Subcommittee**

ADA Coordinator Joe Hinojosa stated that Sean Zweifler attended a couple of the DAC Transportation Sub-committee meetings in the past. He currently serves on the Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC).

The purpose of ATAC is to advise and recommend policies for the planning, development and maintenance of active transportation systems for safe and enjoyable circulation for both utilitarian commuting travel and recreations within the City.

Sean Zweifler has shown interest in joining the DAC Transportation Sub-committee. The DAC Commission made a motion to appoint him to the DAC Transportation Sub-committee.

Upon call no public comments were received.

On motion of Chair Derrick, seconded by Vice Chair Reyes Acosta, the above Action Item was **APPROVED**. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Coulter, Vice Chair Reyes Acosta, Chair Derrick and Villarreal

Excused: 1 - Dhillon

8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

a. TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE

Nothing to report out.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.