



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
Board Member - Vacant
ADA Coordinator – Joe Hinojosa
DAC Secretary – Diane Longoria

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

10:30 AM

In Person and/or Electronic,
Fresno City Hall, Room
2165N

Regular Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Derrick called the meeting to order at 10:39 a.m. All five members were present.

Present 5 - Susan Coulter, Vice Chair Frances Reyes Acosta, Chair Chenier Derrick, Birdevinder Rickie Dhillon, and Reynaldo Villarreal

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Aye: 5 - Coulter, Vice Chair Reyes Acosta, Chair Derrick, Dhillon and Villarreal

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[ID 25-362](#) Approval of the Disability Advisory
Commission Minutes from January 14,
2025

On motion of Vice Chair Reyes Acosta, seconded by Dhillon, the above
Minutes were **APPROVED**. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Coulter, Vice Chair Reyes Acosta, Chair Derrick, Dhillon
and Villarreal

4. MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

*Vice Chair Reyes Acosta asked if she could get a copy of the March 13th
council meeting agenda regarding the Housing project agenda item.*

5. DAC SECRETARY AND ADA COORDINATOR REPORT

DAC Secretary Diane Longoria took a group photo of the DAC Commission.

*DAC Coordinator Joe Hinojosa gave the commission an update regarding
the newly adopted PROWAG guidelines. On January 17, 2025, the U.S.
Department of Transportation (DOT) finalized a rule adopting the Access
Board's Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG) for new
construction and alterations of transit stops in the public right-of-way, making
them enforceable ADA standards. Joe Hinojosa briefly explained to the
commission how this will impact the City of Fresno.*

6. UNSCHEDULED COMMUNICATION / PUBLIC COMMENTS

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.

Upon call no public comments were received.

7. DISCUSSION ITEM

[ID 25-363](#) Discuss and Review Mission Goals

DAC Coordinator Joe Hinojosa gave a brief overview regarding mission goals, mission statement, vision, etc. for the DAC Commission. The DAC Commission were in agreement to use Google Docs to draft and review the revised mission statement. Joe Hinojosa will set up Google Docs on behalf of the commission. There is no specific deadline to complete the mission statement.

[ID 25-364](#) DAC Awards Discussion

DAC Coordinator Joe Hinojosa began the discussion regarding DAC Awards process and timeline. Board member Villarreal volunteered to serve on the task force along with Chair Derrick and the nomination of Marla Williams to serve on the task force. The task force will review and simplify the nomination form and update the guidelines which will include reviewing and revising the supporting letters. The task force has the flexibility to meet via Zoom to conduct business. The goal is to have the nominations completed by May 2025 and ready to present at council in October.

On motion of Dhillon, seconded by Coulter, that Board Member Villarreal, Chair Derrick and Marla Williams serve on the DAC Task Force. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Coulter, Vice Chair Reyes Acosta, Chair Derrick, Dhillon and Villarreal

8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

a. TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE

Chair Derrick stated that is a class scheduled for new hires for Handy Ride employees. The training is comprehensive and covers safety to protect employees and its riders. This service is intended to provide paratransit service comparable to the FAX bus service to persons with disabilities. FAX Handy Ride is a service designed to meet the transportation needs of eligible persons with disabilities who cannot functionally use the FAX City bus system. Cash fare to ride Handy Ride is \$1.25. For details about buying Handy Ride passes, visit the FAX Fares & Passes page

At the next DAC meeting the commission will discuss Micro Transit.

Microtransit is a technology-enabled, on-demand mode of transportation that uses multi-passenger vehicles to provide flexible, point-to-point rides within designated service areas, often accessed via a smartphone app or phone call.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m.