



City of Fresno

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Meeting Minutes - Final Disability Advisory Commission

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

Tuesday, July 9, 2024

10:30 AM

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

Regular Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Turpin called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m. Of the 7 members, 6 were present. Introductions were made. New member Ron Sheppard was in attendance and introduced himself to the commission.

Present 6 - Chair Nicole Turpin, Susan Coulter, Vice Chair Frances Reyes Acosta, Chair Chenier Derrick, Reynaldo Villarreal, and Ronald Sheppard

Excused 1 - Birdevinder Rickie Dhillon

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion of Board Member Reyes Acosta, seconded by Board Member Derrick, the above Agenda was **APPROVED**. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chair Turpin, Coulter, Vice Chair Reyes Acosta, Chair Derrick, Villarreal and Sheppard

Excused: 1 - Dhillon

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[ID 24-927](#) Approval of the Disability Advisory
Commission Minutes from April 9, 2024

On motion of Board Member Reyes Acosta, seconded by Board Member Derrick, the above Minutes were APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chair Turpin, Coulter, Vice Chair Reyes Acosta, Chair Derrick, Villarreal and Sheppard

Excused: 1 - Dhillon

4. MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Vice Chair Coulter announced that she attended their 40 year Anniversary Gala event which was well attended. She also stated that there are office renovations going on at her place of business. The renovations should be completed sometime the end of July.

Chair Turpin announced that this will be her last DAC meeting. She will officially resign from the DAC Commission as of today. She thanked everyone for their support and will miss everyone.

Board member Reyes Acosta shared her thoughts and ideas regarding the DAC Commission and how important it is to continue advocating for the disabled community. There is so much the Commission can do to reach out to the deaf and blind community.

5. DAC SECRETARY AND ADA COORDINATOR REPORT

DAC Secretary Diane Longoria thanked Chair Turpin for her service on the DAC Commission. She also welcomed the newly appointed DAC Commissioner Ronald Sheppard.

ADA Coordinator Joe Hinojosa also thanked Chair Turpin for her time on the DAC Commission and welcomed Ronald Sheppard to the DAC Commission. He looks forward to working with him.

6. UNSCHEDULED COMMUNICATION / PUBLIC COMMENTS

Upon call no public comments were received.

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. ACTION ITEM

[ID 24-928](#) **FY24/25 Chair/Vice Chair Selection**

The DAC Commission members shared their thoughts and comments regarding Chair and Vice Chair appointments for FY24/25. Chair Turpin nominated Board Member Derrick for the appointment of Chair. He accepted the nomination of Chair. Board Member Reyes Acosta was nominated for Vice Chair. She accepted the nomination for Vice Chair.

On motion of Chair Turpin, seconded by Board Member Sheppard, the above Action Item was APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chair Turpin, Coulter, Vice Chair Reyes Acosta, Chair Derrick, Villarreal and Sheppard

Excused: 1 - Dhillon

[ID 24-929](#) **DAC Awards Taskforce & Duties**

The DAC Commission discussed at length what the process should be regarding appointments and duties of the DAC Awards Taskforce members. Below are the names of those who will be part of the DAC Awards Taskforce:

*Vice Chair Coulter
Council member Reynaldo
Nicole Turpin
Marla Williams*

Upon call no public comments were received regarding the DAC Awards Taskforce action item.

On motion of Chair Turpin, seconded by Board Member Derrick, the above Action Item was APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chair Turpin, Coulter, Vice Chair Reyes Acosta, Chair Derrick, Villarreal and Sheppard

Excused: 1 - Dhillon

8. DISCUSSION

[ID 24-930](#) City Council Public Accessibility Act

At the last Council meeting on June 27, 2024 the City Council approved a resolution to revise the Public Accessibility Act. This revision would encourage in person public participation in Council meetings, with the intent to continue video streaming of meetings. The DAC Commission felt this decision would impact public comment for those with disabilities who could not attend in person. The DAC Commission spoke at length regarding the negative impact of no longer having public comment via Zoom. However, Public comment can be made via email, letters and in person appointments.

The DAC Commission would like to draft a letter to the City Council expressing their concerns and their disapproval of the resolution.

Upon call there was 1 public comment and 1 e-comment.

On motion of Chair Turpin, seconded by Board Member Villarreal, the above Discussion Item was APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

No: 1 - Sheppard

Excused: 1 - Dhillon

9. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

a. TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE

Nothing to report. The Transportation Sub-committee was cancelled due to lack of quorum.

b. HOUSING SUBCOMMITTEE

Nothing to report. The Housing Sub-committee was cancelled due to lack of quorum.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

The above minutes were approved by unanimous vote of the Disability Advisory Commission during the September 10, 2024 regular meeting.