



City of Fresno

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Meeting Minutes - Final 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, January 14, 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 10:43 a.m. Of the five members three were present.

Present 3 - Susan Coulter, Vice Chair Frances Reyes Acosta, and Chair Chenier Derrick

Excused 2 - Birdevinder Rickie Dhillon, and Reynaldo Villarreal

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Aye: 3 - Coulter, Vice Chair Reyes Acosta and Chair Derrick

Excused: 2 - Dhillon and Villarreal

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[ID 25-93](#)

Approval of the Disability Advisory Commission Minutes from November 12, 2024

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

Aye: 3 - Coulter, Vice Chair Reyes Acosta and Chair Derrick

Excused: 2 - Dhillon and Villarreal

4. MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Vice Chair Reyes Acosta stated in light of the recent fires occurring down south; are there emergency safety precautions for disabled individuals? Does the State have something in place to assist disabled individuals in case of emergency?

Chair Derrick welcomed everyone to the first DAC meeting for 2025.

Commissioner Coulter also spoke regarding safety precautions. She had attended training in the past regarding safety protocols. She has information she can email to the Commission.

5. DAC SECRETARY AND ADA COORDINATOR REPORT

DAC Secretary Diane Longoria welcomed everyone to the first DAC meeting for 2025.

ADA Coordinator Joe Hinojosa agreed with the Commission in regards to emergency preparedness. The City of Fresno and the County of Fresno may be looking at a partnership in developing an emergency plan. The City of Fresno recently hired an emergency manager. Joe Hinojosa plans to reach out to the emergency manager.

The Department of Transportation adopted the Public Right of Way

Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG). The guidelines will only apply to sidewalks located at bus stops. Joe Hinojosa will discuss this further at the next DAC Transportation Sub-committee meeting.

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. ACTION ITEM

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Group photo of DAC Commission members

ADA Coordinator Joe Hinojosa took a group photo of the DAC Commissioners who were present.

[ID 25-95](#)

Update DAC Mission and Purpose Statement

ADA Coordinator Joe Hinojosa reviewed with the Commission samples of mission statements. Below are key points to remember about mission and vision statements.

Mission: Focuses on the current purpose and activities of the organization, outlining what they do and for whom

Vision: Describes the future aspiration of the organization, where they want to be and what they hope to achieve

Also goals and values should be considered. There was much discussion among the Commission regarding what the mission and vision statement should look like.

The next meeting in February will be to discuss and review mission goals.

Joe Hinojosa will provide samples of mission statements to the Commission.

On motion of Vice Chair Reyes Acosta, seconded by Coulter, the above Action Item will be discussed further and added as an agenda item for the February 11, 2025 meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Coulter, Vice Chair Reyes Acosta and Chair Derrick

Excused: 2 - Dhillon and Villarreal

8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

a. TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE

Nothing to report from the DAC Transportation Sub-committee meeting.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

The above minutes were approved by unanimous vote of the Disability Advisory Commission during the March 11, 2025 regular meeting.