



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

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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

The above minutes were approved by unanimous vote of the Disability Advisory Commission during the April 8, 2025 regular meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

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