

# City of Fresno

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## Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, August 13, 2019

10:00 AM

Regular Meeting

Meeting Room A 2165

## Disability Advisory Commission

*Chairperson Mary Beth Randall*

*Vice Chairperson Frances Reyes Acosta*

*Board Member Ken Elvington*

*Board Member Heather Flores*

*Board Member Dr. Jenelle Pitt*

*Board Member Susan Coulter*

*Board Member -Vacant*

*Board Member Ex-Officio Dawn Lang*

*DAC Secretary Shannon M. Mulhall*

## 1. Call To Order

*Chair Randall called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m.*

**Present** 3 - Chairperson Mary Beth Randall, Vice Chair Frances Reyes Acosta, and Board Member Susan Coulter

**Excused** 4 - Board Member Ken Elvington, Board Member Heather Flores, Board Member Jenelle Pitt, and Board Member (ex officio) Dawn Lang

## 2. Approval of Agenda

**On motion of Reyes Acosta, seconded by Board Member Coulter, the above item was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 3 - Chairperson Randall, Reyes Acosta and Board Member Coulter

**Excused:** 4 - Board Member Elvington, Board Member Flores, Board Member Pitt and Board Member (ex officio) Lang

## 3. Approval of Minutes

[ID19-1997](#) Approval of the Disability Advisory  
Commission Minutes from June 11, 2019

**On motion of Reyes Acosta, seconded by Board Member Coulter, that the above Action Item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 3 - Chairperson Randall, Reyes Acosta and Board Member Coulter

**Excused:** 4 - Board Member Elvington, Board Member Flores, Board Member Pitt and Board Member (ex officio) Lang

[ID19-11118](#) Approval of the Disability Advisory  
Commission Minutes from May 14, 2019

**On motion of Board Member Coulter, seconded by Reyes Acosta, that the above Action Item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 3 - Chairperson Randall, Reyes Acosta and Board Member Coulter

**Excused:** 4 - Board Member Elvington, Board Member Flores, Board Member Pitt and Board Member (ex officio) Lang

## 4. Member Reports and Comments

*Vice Chair Reyes Acosta stated that RICV will be moving into their new location on September 1, on First street, north of Shields.*

*Member Coulter shared that DHHSC is getting more involved with committees. Yesterday attended the Infectious disease committee, discussion TB and mosquito issues, if others are interested in this committee she can connect. Has also been on the Voters committee to learn more about Voters Choice Act that will be implemented next year. Also on the Census committee, educating about ways to be inclusive of people with disabilities, in particular for the blind and Deaf Blind. Tomorrow will be the Deaf Blind Support Group and will show the Braille trash can lids tomorrow at the meeting.*

## 5. Secretary's Report

*Secretary Mulhall shared that DAC was invited to have a booth at the Fresno City College Disability Awareness Day in October. Commissioners expressed interest in attending, and inviting FAX to share the booth*

*FAX is currently undergoing their Title VI update; members of the public are invited to attend the public meeting and provide feedback.*

## 6. Unscheduled Communication / Public Comments

*Rain Chamberlain addressed the commission. Requested a future agenda item to address City of Fresno Employment requirements and applications. Many positions that could benefit from having a person with disability may have requirements that are not essential to the job.*

**This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons desiring to address the DAC on any matter not on this agenda (presentation are limited to 3 minutes per person). The DAC is generally legally prohibited from taking any action on information presented in unscheduled communication until subsequent meetings.**

## **8. Presentations**

[ID19-11121](#) Housing Division

Attachments: [Housing Presentation DAC 08-19.pdf](#)

*Tom Morgan from Housing Division presented on the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing (AI) and Con Plan. Requested participation from the disabled community. Can add people with disabilities to the list for emails about the updates.*

*Chair Randall Developed a Housing Task Force. Members Flores (Vice Chair Reyes Acosta alternate) and Member Coulter were appointed. Community members Vidal Medina, Yonas Paulos, and Rain Chamberlain were appointed. If Member Flores is unavailable, she will be asked to have CVRC representation on the task force.*

*The floor was opened for Public Comment.*

*Yonas Paulos homeless Veterans advocate is interested in getting involved with this efforts.*

*Veronica Hernandez addressed the commission. She stated that she applied about three years ago and had issues with accessing the Housing Authority and HUD website. Has asked for accommodations in Braille or digital formats, but still received paper notifications, missing opportunities for housing. In the past has denied service animal in housing options.*

*Morgan will bring this up in the next meeting with them.*

*Vidal Medina, RICV Systems Change Advocate addressed the commission. He looks forward to involvement with the Task Force. He was involved in both speaking with Fiona Ma about this issue and that more money is needed in accessible housing. Affordable housing is not always accessible, integrated housing. The availability of accessible housing is not here in Fresno and connected to transportation. Tax credits are available for builders of affordable housing, but they are not building units that are affordable to the population served, particularly people on SSI.*

## 7. Action Items

[ID19-11119](#) Selection of DAC Chair for Fiscal Year 2020

**On motion of Chairperson Randall, seconded by Board Member Coulter, that Frances Reyes Acosta serve as Chair for FY2020. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 3 - Chairperson Randall, Reyes Acosta and Board Member Coulter

**Excused:** 4 - Board Member Elvington, Board Member Flores, Board Member Pitt and Board Member (ex officio) Lang

[ID19-11120](#) Selection of DAC Vice Chair for Fiscal Year 2020

**On motion of Reyes Acosta, seconded by Board Member Coulter, that Mary Beth Randall serve as Vice Chair for Fiscal Year 2020. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 3 - Chairperson Randall, Reyes Acosta and Board Member Coulter

**Excused:** 4 - Board Member Elvington, Board Member Flores, Board Member Pitt and Board Member (ex officio) Lang

## 9. Subcommittee Reports

### 9-A. Outreach Subcommittee

*No report. Meeting will be scheduled in the next month or two.*

## 9-B. Transportation Subcommittee

*Vice Chair Acosta Reported. Discussion focused on Paratransit RFP for new provider. Survey on paratransit is currently available. Also will be updating their Title VI plan. Future meetings will discuss Paratransit application and the paratransit scheduling system.*

*Veronica Hernandez, CCB, Addressed the commission asking if there will be public meetings. Vice chair Reyes-Acosta stated that they will be doing an RFP with involvement of people this disabilities.*

## 10. Task Forces

[ID19-11122](#) DAC Annual Achievement Awards Task Force

Attachments: [Awards Nomination Form 2019.pdf](#)

*Members Lang and Coulter are scheduled to meet to decide on the top candidates.*

## Adjournment

**On motion of Reyes Acosta, seconded by Board Member Coulter, the meeting adjourned at 11:32a.m. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 3 - Chairperson Randall, Reyes Acosta and Board Member Coulter

**Excused:** 4 - Board Member Elvington, Board Member Flores, Board Member Pitt and Board Member (ex officio) Lang

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