



# 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 – Ronald Sheppard*  
*Board Member - Vacant*  
*ADA Coordinator – Joe Hinojosa*  
*DAC Secretary – Diane Longoria*

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Tuesday, November 12, 2024

10:30 AM

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

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### Regular Meeting

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

*Chair Derrick called the meeting to order at 10:39 a.m. Of the 6 members 5 were present.*

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

**Excused** 1 - Ronald Sheppard

## 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

**Excused:** 1 - Sheppard

### **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

[ID 24-1562](#) Approval of the Disability Advisory  
Commission Minutes from October 8,  
2024

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

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

**Excused:** 1 - Sheppard

### **4. MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

*Member Coulter reported that on Saturday, 11/16 is Valley Deaf Festival at  
the Fresno Fairgrounds from 10am-4pm. Member Reyes Acosta stated that  
there is a joint meeting on Friday, 11/15 at 10am in Long Beach City Hall  
regarding Public Utilities Commission.*

### **5. DAC SECRETARY AND ADA COORDINATOR REPORT**

*Nothing to report.*

### **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**

[ID 24-1563](#) DAC Awards Final Update

*ADA Coordinator Joe Hinojosa announced that the DAC Awards were  
presented at the City of Fresno City Council meeting to those who were*

*nominated. It was a privilege to present these awards to such dedicated and committed individuals.*

*ADA Coordinator asked the Commission for their input/thoughts regarding streamlining the DAC Awards process. The Commission was in agreement to streamline the process so that it's less cumbersome. Creating a task force to come up with ideas is a great start.*

*There was much discussion along with great ideas among the Commissioners. The Commission agreed to bring the topic back in February 2025 to discuss further.*

*Upon call no public comments were received.*

**On motion of Villarreal, seconded by Chair Derrick, the above Action Item be CONTINUED for discussion at the February 2025 meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Excused:** 1 - Sheppard

### [ID 24-1564](#) Evaluate DAC Mission and Purpose

*ADA Coordinator Joe Hinojosa reviewed with the Commission the following documents:*

- 1. Vision and Mission Statement*
- 2. DAC Bylaws*
- 3. Goals & Objectives*

*The Commission came up with some great ideas regarding the DAC Vision and Mission statement in addition to goals and objectives. The DAC Commission is not well attended as in previous years. The Commission suggested reaching out to the public, organizations and previous DAC members to get ideas in increasing more participation.*

*Joe Hinojosa will email the documents out to the Commission for review and comments. This topic will be added to the January 2025 meeting for further discussion. The Commission would like Joe Hinojosa to reach out to the Mayor's Office to get input on specific goals they want the Commission to work towards in terms of ensuring citizens with disabilities continue to have equal access to resources and services.*

*Upon call one public comment was received.*

**On motion of Villarreal, seconded by Chair Derrick, the above Action Item be CONTINUED for further discussion at the January 2025 DAC Meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Excused:** 1 - Sheppard

## **8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **a. TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE**

*Nothing to report.*

### **b. HOUSING SUBCOMMITTEE**

*Nothing to report.*

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

*Meeting adjourned at 11:56 a.m.*