



# City of Fresno

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## Meeting Minutes - Draft Disability Advisory Commission

*Chair – Chenier Derrick*  
*Vice Chair – Frances Reyes Acosta*  
*Board Member – Reynaldo Villarreal*  
*Board Member – Kellie Greiner*  
*Board Member – Vacant*  
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*ADA Coordinator – Joe Hinojosa*  
*DAC Secretary – Diane Longoria*

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Tuesday, April 14, 2026

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 10:36 a.m. Of the four members, three were present.*

**Present** 3 - Chair Chenier Derrick, Board Member Reynaldo Villarreal, and Board Member Kellie Greiner

**Absent** 1 - Vice Chair Frances Reyes Acosta

## 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion of Board Member Villarreal, seconded by Board Member Greiner, the above Agenda was **APPROVED AS AMENDED** to move Item ID 26-477 first under Discussion/Action Items. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 3 - Chair Derrick, Board Member Villarreal and Board Member Greiner

**Absent:** 1 - Vice Chair Reyes Acosta

## 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[ID 26-473](#) Approval of the Disability Advisory

## Commission Minutes from March 10, 2026

On motion of Board Member Greiner, seconded by Board Member Villarreal, the above Minutes were **APPROVED**. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 3 - Chair Derrick, Board Member Villarreal and Board Member Greiner

**Absent:** 1 - Vice Chair Reyes Acosta

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

*Board Member Greiner announced that a new Assembly Bill 2821 would require disability specific training for all college staff. Under the new law, the Chancellor's Office is required to create a Disability Access and Compliance Training Program by January 2026. Beginning with the 2026–27 academic year, community college districts must incorporate this training into existing personnel training and provide it to employees during onboarding. The training developed by the Chancellor's Office will cover legal and procedural responsibilities for providing effective accommodations, consequences for noncompliance, universal design and accessibility practices, and education on anti-disability and ableist stigma, including how to mitigate and report discrimination or harassment.*

*Board Member Villarreal stated that the Valley Center for the Blind Beeper Egg Hunt was a great success. There were approximately 32 who participated in the event.*

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

*DAC Secretary Diane Longoria had nothing to report.*

*ADA Coordinator Joe Hinojosa had nothing to report.*

### **6. UNSCHEDULED COMMUNICATION / PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*Upon call, one member from the public spoke regarding the lack of accessible parking stalls in the City of Fresno. She also expressed interest in becoming a DAC Commissioner and has applied through the Clerk's Office.*

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. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

### [ID 26-474](#) DAC 2026 Awards Discussion

*ADA Coordinator Joe Hinojosa shared background information with the Commission and named those who were last nominated. The plan this year is to streamline the nomination process to make it easier for those submitting nominations. The commission offered suggestions on potential appointments to serve on the DAC Task Force.*

### [ID 26-475](#) DAC Task Force Appointments

*The DAC Commission made the following appointments to serve on the DAC Task Force. Board Member Greiner was nominated for Chair by Board Member Villarreal seconded by Chair Derrick. Shannon Mulhall, Marla Williams, Frances Acosta, Susan Coulter, Eli Andres and Joe Hinojosa were also nominated to serve on the DAC Task Force by Board Member Greiner, seconded by Board Member Villarreal.*

### [ID 26-476](#) DAC Task Force Creation

*Board Member Greiner accepted the position of Chair for the DAC Task Force. The first meeting will be conducted via Zoom sometime in May. The DAC Task Force will report back to the DAC Commission in July.*

### [ID 26-477](#) DHHSC Discussion

*Viridiana Alvarez, Executive Director from DHHSC gave a presentation on the role of the DHHSC. The organization is non-profit whose role is to support the community. Their Mission Statement is to advocate, seek equality, and promote self-determination through empowerment for those who seek our assistance; and to enhance the awareness and understanding of Deaf Culture and the unique communication needs of the Deaf and Hard*

*of Hearing individuals.*

*She reviewed seven core services:*

- 1. Advocacy Services*
- 2. Communication Services (including interpreting)*
- 3. Independent Living Skills Instruction*
- 4. Counseling*
- 5. Job Development & Placement Assistance*
- 6. Community Education*
- 7. Information & Referral*

*Goals for 2022-2027 include:*

- 1. Provide advocacy training to first respondents (law enforcement, fire personnel and county services)*
- 2. Boost awareness of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Service Center through improved PR efforts*
- 3. Provide more activity-oriented events and broad support for Deaf and Hard of Hearing special interest groups. \*Special Interest Groups: DeafBlind, Deaf Senior Citizens, LGBTQIA+, Deaf People of Color, CODAs/KODAs, Deaf and Hard of Hearing youth and their families*
- 4. Continue efforts to develop, streamline, and fine-tune our online services that are provided through video-based platforms*
- 5. Improve various fundraising venues with a planned focus on specific programs with higher need of service and agency stability.*

*The DHHSC provides different programs which include literacy, family services, community education. DHHSC provides ASL classes to those seeking to learn a new language and DMV instruction to community members wanting to learn the rules of the road. Also, they are always looking for volunteers who want to give back to the community.*

*She is looking forward to working with the DAC Commission and the community to bring about more awareness to all regarding services they provide.*

*Viridiana responded to questions from the Commission.*

## **8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT**

### **a. TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE**

*Board Member Derrick reported that new paratransit buses were ordered and are now in service. New modifications were made and it's more accessible for the disabled community.*

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

*Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.*