



# 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, September 10, 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 10:35 a.m. Of the 6 members all 6 were present. Board Member Dhillon arrived at 10:58 a.m.*

**Present** 6 - Susan Coulter, Vice Chair Frances Reyes Acosta, Chair Chenier Derrick, Birdevinder Rickie Dhillon, Reynaldo Villarreal, and Ronald Sheppard

## 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*Note: Board Member Dhillon was not present when the Agenda was approved.*

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

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

**Excused:** 1 - Dhillon

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

[ID 24-1241](#) Approval of the Disability Advisory  
Commission Minutes from July 9, 2024

*Note: Board Member Dhillon was not present for the approval of the minutes.*

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

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

**Excused:** 1 - Dhillon

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

*Vice Chair Reyes Acosta announced that the Public Utilities Commission will be having a public meeting on Wednesday, 9/11 at 2pm at City of Clovis Chambers. The purpose of the meeting is for the public to identify, express pros and cons about a program aimed to assist those with disabilities. Vice Chair Reyes Acosta has been on the Public Utilities Commission and is an advocate for those with disabilities. Having the right equipment can make life easier for all.*

*Board Member Coulter announced that the DHHSC will be having a rummage sale on September 14, 2024 from 6am to 1pm. Also DHHSC will be celebrating Deaf Awareness Week. They will be hosting an art event on September 19, 2024 from 5pm to 8pm. Location: 5340 N. Fresno St. Fresno, Ca 93710. This will be in support of local deaf artists. For more information contact Susan Coulter at 559-421-9792 or email [susanc@dhhsc.org](mailto:susanc@dhhsc.org).*

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

*DAC Secretary Diane Longoria had nothing to report.*

*ADA Coordinator Joe Hinojosa announced that there are some changes coming down the pike in regards to Public Right-of-Way Guidelines*

*(PROWAG). This will include new language in regards to bike lanes. He briefly explained that the Department of Transportation will be involved with bike lane regulations. Joe Hinojosa responded to questions from the Commission. He will update the Commission as to the progress of these changes.*

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

*Upon call 1 public comment was received regarding the HART Team and their interaction with those with disabilities. Peoples rights are being impacted negatively especially those with disabilities. It was mentioned that their personal belongings are being disposed of which raises much concern. She is concerned for those who are disadvantaged and are not able to speak for themselves.*

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**

### [ID 24-1242](#) Update on DAC Awards

*ADA Coordinator Joe Hinojosa stated so far there has been 1 nomination for an individual that was submitted to the DAC Awards Task Force. The next opportunity to submit recommendations to the DAC for approval is October 8, 2024. There is still some time for submissions. Joe reviewed with the Commission the DAC Awards timeline. The goal is to present the DAC Awards at the October 24, 2024 Council meeting.*

*Upon call no public comments were received.*

### [ID 24-1243](#) Future Topics

*ADA Coordinator Joe Hinojosa briefly spoke regarding the proposed 2025 dates for the DAC meetings. The plan is to maintain the Zoom link for each respective DAC meetings which will make it easier for logging in and setting up the Zoom meetings. We will try to maintain the current meeting rooms.*

*The next step is to have each of the subcommittees approve their 2025 meeting dates and times then this will get final approval at the DAC Commission meeting.*

*Joe Hinojosa asked the DAC Commission what future topics they would like to be on the DAC Commission agenda. Below is a list of some possible topics:*

- Hart Team presentation*
- ADA Refresher course*
- Housing Authority presentation*

*Upon call 1 public comment was received. It was suggested to have a future topic on justice issues for un-housed individuals. Also accessibility to meetings via Zoom.*

## **8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **a. TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE**

*Chair Derrick stated that recently hand rails were installed on public transportation buses. This has definitely improved safety.*

*ADA Coordinator Joe Hinojosa stated that Kristopher Grey from FAX will be giving an update on the FAX Transition Plan.*

### **b. HOUSING SUBCOMMITTEE**

*ADA Coordinator Joe Hinojosa stated the Housing Committee did not have a meeting due to a misunderstanding on the room location. The next meeting will be on September 27, 2024.*

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

*Meeting adjourned at 11:26 a.m.*