



City of Fresno

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Meeting Minutes - Draft Disability Advisory Commission

Chair – Nicole Turpin

Vice Chair – Susan Coulter

Board Member – Frances Reyes Acosta

Board Member – Chenier Derrick

Board Member – Birdevinder Rickie Dhillon

Board Member – Vacant

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ADA Coordinator – Joe Hinojosa

DAC Secretary – Diane Longoria

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

10:30 AM

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

Regular Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Coulter called the meeting to order at 10:46 a.m. Of the 5 members, 3 were present. Introductions were made.

Present 3 - Vice Chair Susan Coulter, Board Member Frances Reyes Acosta, and Board Member Chenier Derrick

Excused 1 - Board Member Birdevinder Rickie Dhillon

Absent 1 - Chair Nicole Turpin

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion of Board Member Reyes Acosta, seconded by Board Member Derrick, the above Agenda was APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Vice Chair Coulter, Board Member Reyes Acosta and Board Member Derrick

Excused: 1 - Board Member Dhillon

Absent: 1 - Chair Turpin

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[ID 24-380](#)

Approval of the Disability Advisory Commission Minutes from February 13, 2024

On motion of Board Member Derrick, seconded by Vice Chair Coulter, the above Minutes were **APPROVED**. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Vice Chair Coulter, Board Member Reyes Acosta and Board Member Derrick

Excused: 1 - Board Member Dhillon

Absent: 1 - Chair Turpin

4. MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Board Member Acosta announced an upcoming conference called CSUN for March 18-22, 2024. For over 38 years, California State University, Northridge's Center on Disabilities has sponsored the conference, providing a platform for researchers, practitioners, educators, exhibitors and more from around the world, to engage with each other and share knowledge, innovations and best practices to promote inclusion for all.

The Public Utilities Commission is looking to do away with all hardwire. She attended one of their meetings and expressed concern regarding this recent change. This can negatively impact the disabled community.

Board Member Acosta responded to questions from the Commission.

Vice Chair Coulter announced that AT&T is looking at discontinuing land line services in homes. This is a concern especially for the deaf and blind community.

Vice Chair Coulter announced that DHHSC is hosting an event on April 13, 2024 called "A Walk Through Deaf History". This event will feature different eras and people important to American Deaf History. For more information

call 559-225-3323.

Board Member Derrick announced that Handyride Paratransit Drivers Union reached an agreement. No risk of a strike occurring.

5. DAC SECRETARY AND ADA COORDINATOR REPORT

DAC Secretary Diane Longoria had nothing to report.

ADA Coordinator Joe Hinojosa stated at the next DAC meeting in April, he will take the lead in discussing the process for the Right-of-Way Transition Plan. He will also discuss a timeline for preparing the DAC Awards.

6. UNSCHEDULED COMMUNICATION / PUBLIC COMMENTS

Upon call no public comments were received.

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 24-381](#) **Disability Access and Educational Fund Annual Report**

ADA Coordinator Joe Hinojosa presented to the commission the Annual Disability Access and Education Report and fund information. The fund accomplishes three objectives:

- 1. Increase disability access and compliance with construction related accessibility requirements at businesses and facilities open to the public.*
- 2. Assists local jurisdictions with hiring or retaining CASps to consult with the local agency, permit applicants, and members of the public on construction related accessibility compliance.*
- 3. Provides outreach and educational resources for facility owners and business owners to facilitate compliance with the Americans with*

Disabilities Act (ADA).

ADA Coordinator Joe Hinojosa responded to questions from the commission.

[ID 24-382](#) **Topics for Future DAC meetings**

Due to time constraints, the agenda item will be moved to the next DAC meeting.

On motion of Board Member Derrick, seconded by Board Member Reyes Acosta, the above Discussion Item 24-382 will be TABLED to the next DAC Meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Vice Chair Coulter, Board Member Reyes Acosta and Board Member Derrick

Excused: 1 - Board Member Dhillon

Absent: 1 - Chair Turpin

8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

a. TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE

On February 25 the Handyride paratransit drivers union came to an agreement and approved the union contract. Also the new paratransit vehicles will be in service soon.

ADA Coordinator Joe Hinojosa will be presenting the Right of Way transition plan at the next Transportation Sub-committee meeting.

b. HOUSING SUBCOMMITTEE

Nothing to report for the January 26, 2024 Housing Sub-committee since it was cancelled due to lack of quorum. The Housing Sub-committee meeting for March will also be cancelled due to lack of quorum. The next meeting is scheduled for May 24, 2024.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 11:54 a.m.