



# Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities

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## Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, September 10, 2020  
TIME: 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM  
LOCATION: Remote Meeting  
PRESENT: John Daugherty (1<sup>st</sup> District), Nancy Yellin (1<sup>st</sup> District), Janet Crosse (2<sup>nd</sup> District),  
Becky Taylor (3<sup>rd</sup> District), Brenda Gutierrez Baeza (Vice Chair - 4<sup>th</sup> District), Lynn  
Stipes (5<sup>th</sup> District), David Molina (Chair – 5<sup>th</sup> District)  
EXCUSED: Richard Gubash (3<sup>rd</sup> District), Stacie Grijalva (2<sup>nd</sup> District)  
STAFF: Kaite McGrew (Commissions Coordinator), Juliet Hayes (Intern), Mitsuno  
Baurmeister (EEO Officer)  
GUESTS: None

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Agenda Review

Meeting convened at 12:35 PM.

Commission welcomed Commission intern Juliet Hayes.

**Motion to add Commission Internship to the agenda as a New Business item.**

Motion/Second: Molina/Daugherty

**Motion passed unanimously**

2. Motion to approve August 13, 2020 Minutes

Motion/Second: Taylor/Yellin

**Motion passed unanimously.**

3. Public Comment: None

4. New Business:

4.1. Commission Internship

Commission considered adding an additional internship project related to disability rights in education during the pandemic.

**Motion to authorize Staff and Hayes to work with Commission Liaisons to develop a Commission internship project related to disability rights in education during the pandemic.**

Motion/Second: Molina/Daugherty

**Motion passed unanimously.**

5. Commission Reports:

5.1. Metro Santa Cruz Report

Daugherty reported that he has been working at both the Soquel and Downtown sites since the last meeting and outlined current office hours and contact information.

5.2. History Report:

Daugherty noted that former Commissioner Felipa De Leon's birthday (which would have been in August) reminded him of her many contributions to the disability community and the fragility of life during these difficult times.

5.3. Legislation Report: No report

6. Ad Hoc Subcommittee Updates:

6.1. Emergency Preparedness and Pandemic Response Subcommittee

6.1.1. Yellin requested that the PEEP project be pended indefinitely. Molina suggested that the PEEP project, once resumed, may benefit from a collaboration with the San Andreas Regional Center.

6.1.2. Stipes reported that PG&E is offering free battery back-ups for residents who rely upon medically necessary equipment and noted that local fire departments are very aware of residents requiring additional assistance to evacuate.

6.1.3. Molina requested that Commissioners consider recent CZU Lightning Fire Complex response efforts and outcomes in preparation for a debriefing during the October meeting.

6.2. Recreation Subcommittee: No Report

6.3. Media Subcommittee: No Report

6.4. Housing Subcommittee: No Report

6.5. Resource Directory Subcommittee: No Report

7. Staff Report: None

8. Emerging Matters:

Hayes reported on student activities at the Bay School, a nonprofit school for children with autism. Teletherapy sessions are available for students.

Adjournment at 1:17 PM

Submitted: Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Coordinator*