



Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities

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Meeting Minutes

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DATE: Thursday, May 13, 2021
TIME: 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM
LOCATION: Remote Meeting
PRESENT: John Daugherty (*1st District*), Robert Schindler (*1st District*), Stacie Grijalva (*2nd District*), Becky Taylor (*3rd District*), Richard Gubash (*3rd District*), Brenda Gutierrez Baeza (*Vice Chair - 4th District*), Michael Leimbach (*4th District*), David Molina (*Chair - 5th District*)
EXCUSED: None
ABSENT: Lynn Stipes (*5th District*)
STAFF: Kaite McGrew (*Commissions Coordinator*)
GUESTS: George Malachowski (*Business Analytics Manager*), Mitsuno Baurmeister (*EEO Officer*)
No members of the public were present.

1. Call to Order
Meeting convened at 12:32 PM.
2. Roll Call
Commission welcomed District 1 Commissioner Robert Schindler.
3. Agenda Review
4. Approve March 11, 2021 Minutes
Motion to approve minutes
Motion/Second: Taylor/Daugherty
Motion passed unanimously.
5. Public Comment: None
6. New/Continuing Business:
 - 6.1. *FY 2021-2023 Operational Plan Development Update*
Malachowski and Baurmeister updated the Commission on the status of the County's Operational Plan development including specific information on equity principles and the County's commitment to embedding equity into objectives and strategic goals.
 - 6.2. Officer Elections
Motion to re-elect Molina as Chair and Gutierrez Baeza as Vice Chair
Motion/Second: Daugherty/Grijalva
Motion passed unanimously.
 - 6.3. *Approve County EEO/CC Plan Commission Feedback Memorandum*
Commission reviewed a memorandum to the EEO Officer summarizing their feedback on the EEO/CC Plan document and recommending several long-term policy changes to support the County's commitment to equity.
Motion to approve County EEO/CC Plan Commission Feedback Memorandum
Motion/Second: Molina/Gutierrez Baeza
Motion passed unanimously.

- 6.4. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Survey
Baurmeister updated the Commission on the *County Workforce Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Survey* status. Any feedback submitted by May 27, 2021, will be brought back for approval.
7. Commission Reports:
 - 7.1. Internship Report
Commission Liaisons Gubash and Molina have reviewed a first draft of the report and provided feedback. Key findings and recommendations are expected to be ready for presentation at the Commission on Disabilities' June meeting.
 - 7.2. History Report: No Report
 - 7.3. Legislation Report: No Report
8. Ad Hoc Subcommittee Updates:
 - 8.1. Emergency Preparedness and Pandemic Response Ad Hoc Subcommittee
 - 8.1.1. COVID-19 Vaccine Advocacy Update
Homebound residents are asked to complete an online survey in order to schedule vaccination accommodation which may include house calls from the Vaccine Strike Team. A Pfizer adolescent vaccine is expected to be approved soon.
 - 8.1.2. Preparations for Fire Season
Molina encouraged Commissioners to prepare for an early fire season and have evacuation plans as well as power alternatives ready.
9. Staff Report

Santa Cruz County COVID-19 rates continue to improve with the expectation that we will soon achieve yellow tier status.
10. Emerging Matters:

Molina encouraged Commissioners to consider how the Commission can support the County's entertainment options for children with disabilities. Gutierrez Baeza is now a Shared Adventures Board Member as well as a Mobilization Leader with County Park Friends who are partnering to do summer events at parks and beaches such as guided hikes and social groups for children and adults with disabilities. Event-specific information will be forthcoming.
11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:55 PM.

Submitted by: Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Coordinator*