



Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities

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Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, February 13, 2025
TIME: 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM
LOCATION: Santa Cruz County Building, Fifth Floor – Redwood Conference Room
701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060
PRESENT: John Daugherty (*Co-Chair - 1st District*), Camille Summers (*1st District*), Fay Levinson (*2nd District*), Becky Taylor (*Co-Chair - 3rd District*), Brenda Gutierrez Baeza (*4th District*), David Molina (*5th District*)
EXCUSED: Jonathan Zinnanti (*2nd District*), Richard Gubash (*3rd District*)
ABSENT: None
STAFF: Kaite McGrew (*Commissions Manager*)
GUESTS: Elizabeth Lynch-Byrd (*Disabilities, Access, and Functional Needs Coordinator*) was present.
No members of the public were present.

1. Call to Order
Meeting convened at 12:45 PM.
2. Roll Call
3. Agenda Review
4. Approve November 14, 2024 Minutes
Motion to approve minutes as written
Motion/Second: Molina/Taylor
Motion passed unanimously.
5. Public Comment: None
6. New/Continuing Business:
 - 6.1. County Disaster Preparedness and Relief Efforts for Individuals with Disabilities
Lynch-Byrd updated the Commission on the *Disabilities Access and Functional Needs Coordinator's* efforts to ensure ADA compliant and inclusive disaster services. Regional needs vary, but the disaster response office works with PG&E medical lists, SARC provider lists, Cruz-Aware alerts, and the Sheriff's CAREalert registry to ensure effective communication. Gaps remain in accessible transportation and notifications. The Commission stressed the need for community partners notifications, and highlighted the Watch Duty real-time emergency responder app.
 - 6.2. Consider Draft 2023-2024 Commission on Disabilities Biennial Report
Commission amended the draft report as follows: add emergency response and adaptive recreation to goals; remove Commission history; revised Kudos language; and remove ADA housing quota recommendation.
Motion to Approve and Adopt the 2023-2024 Commission on Disabilities Biennial Report as amended
Motion/Second: Levinson/Molina
Motion passed unanimously.

6.3. Consider Establishing an Ad Hoc Kudos Planning Subcommittee

Commission discussed Kudos Awards options with current membership deficiencies. Ideas included postponing the event, holding the event virtually, and only considering Commissioner nominations.

Motion to Establish an Ad Hoc Kudos Planning Subcommittee authorized to proceed with planning the next Kudos event.

Motion/Second: Levinson/Summers

Motion passed unanimously.

Co-Chair Daugherty appointed Daugherty, Gutierrez-Baeza and Taylor to the subcommittee.

6.4. Consider Establishing an Ad Hoc Legislative Priorities Subcommittee

Commission discussed establishing an Ad Hoc Legislative Priorities Subcommittee to advocate with the Board of Supervisors for support of upcoming legislation impacting individuals with disabilities.

Motion to Establish an Ad Hoc Legislative Priorities Subcommittee authorized to review pending legislation and bring back recommendations to the Commission

Motion/Second: Levinson/Molina

Motion passed unanimously.

Co-Chair Daugherty appointed Taylor and Molina to the subcommittee.

7. Commission Reports

7.1. Cabrillo College Accessibility Center Advisory Committee Report: No Report

7.2. Ad Hoc Collaborative Event Subcommittee Update: No Report

8. Commission Priority Reports:

8.1. Accessibility Awareness Priority Report: No Report

8.2. Accessible Recreation Priority Report: No Report

8.3. Commission History Project Report: No Report.

8.4. Community Partner Collaboration Report: No Report.

8.5. Legislative Priorities Report: No Report

8.6. Affordable Accessible Housing Report: No Report

8.7. Affordable Accessible Transportation Report: No Report

9. Announcements/Emerging Matters:

Molina shared information about an international organization that shares accessible travel information and reported that he is being asked to reapply for his seat on the Commission. Staff will send out a link to the new stipend payment processing system.

10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Manager*