



## Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities

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### Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, May 8, 2025  
TIME: 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM  
LOCATION: Santa Cruz County Building, Fifth Floor – Coastlines Conference Room  
701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060  
PRESENT: John Daugherty (*1<sup>st</sup> District*), Jonathan Zinnanti (*2<sup>nd</sup> District*), Tymothie Hale (*2<sup>nd</sup> District*), Richard Gubash (*3<sup>rd</sup> District*) Becky Taylor (*3<sup>rd</sup> District*), Brenda Gutierrez Baeza (*Co-Chair - 4<sup>th</sup> District*), Jessica Liddy (*4<sup>th</sup> District*), David Molina (*Co-Chair - 5<sup>th</sup> District*)  
EXCUSED: Mitali Weiglein (*5<sup>th</sup> District*)  
ABSENT: None  
STAFF: Kaite McGrew (*Commissions Manager*), Tiffany Avila (*EEO Officer*)  
GUESTS: No members of the public were present.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call  
Meeting convened at 12:37 PM.  
Commission welcomed Commissioner Hale (*2<sup>nd</sup> District*).
2. Agenda Review
3. Approve March 13 Minutes  
**Motion to approve minutes as written**  
Motion/Second: Molina/Gutierrez Baeza  
**Motion passed unanimously.**
4. Public Comment: None
5. New/Continuing Business/Action Items:
  - 5.1. Officer Elections  
**Motion to elect Molina and Gutierrez-Baeza as Co-Chairs**  
Motion/Second: Gubash/Liddy  
**Motion passed unanimously.**  
  
Daugherty arrived.
  - 5.2. Consider 2026 Meeting Schedule  
**Motion to approve and adopt the 2026 Meeting Schedule**  
Motion/Second: Molina/Gutierrez Baeza  
**Motion passed unanimously.**

5.3. Consider Support for SB 239: Open meetings: teleconferencing: subsidiary body.

Commission reviewed the proposed legislation and a draft letter advocating with the Board of Supervisors to urge state legislators to support the bill.

**Motion to approve the draft letter as written**

Motion/Second: Gubash/Molina

**Motion passed unanimously.**

5.4. Unmet Transportation Needs Advocacy Update

Commission reviewed the priorities established by the RTC; however, due to the cancellation of last month's meeting and the lack of prior authorization to proceed without full Commission approval, they were unable to meet the May 1st feedback deadline. The Commission discussed ongoing concerns, including insufficient training, limited outreach, and the absence of a centralized mobility center. Staff will invite a representative from METRO to attend a future meeting and address these issues.

6. Commission Reports

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

6.2. Ad Hoc Collaborative Event Subcommittee Update: No Report

6.3. Ad Hoc Kudos Planning Subcommittee Report

Staff will distribute nomination form and a list of former awardees Commissioners.

Commissioners will have two weeks to return forms for the ad hoc subcommittee to evaluate.

Gubash left.

6.4. Ad Hoc Legislative Priorities Subcommittee Report : No Report

7. Commission Priority Reports:

7.1. Accessibility Awareness Priority Report: No Report

7.2. Accessible Recreation Priority Report: No Report

7.3. Affordable Accessible Housing Report: No Report

7.4. Affordable Accessible Transportation Report: No Report

8. Correspondence: None

9. Staff Report:

Staff will follow up on County vendor registrations for Molina, Liddy and Gutierrez Baeza.

10. Announcements/Emerging Matters:

Taylor shared her recent personal experience of ableism in the health care field. The topic will be placed on the June agenda to discuss potential opportunities for advocacy. New Commissioners Hale, Zinanti, and Liddy shared more detail on their backgrounds, community connections, and advocacy priorities.

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Manager*