



Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities

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Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, June 12, 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 (1st District), Tymothie Hale (2nd District), Becky Taylor (3rd District),
Richard Gubash (3rd District), Jessica Liddy Hayford (4th District), David Molina (5th
District Co-Chair), Mitali Weiglein (5th District)
EXCUSED: Jonathan Zinnanti (2nd District), Brenda Gutierrez Baeza (4th District Co-Chair)
ABSENT: None
STAFF: Kaite McGrew (Commissions Manager), Tiffany Avila (EEO Officer)
GUESTS: Gina De Martini Kuhns (CEO Analyst) was present.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Meeting convened at 12:37 PM.

Commission welcomed Commissioner Weiglein (5th District).

2. Agenda Review

3. Approve May 8, 2025 Minutes

Motion to approve minutes as written

Motion/Second: Molina/Taylor

Motion passed unanimously.

4. Public Comment

5. New/Continuing Business/Action Items:

5.1. Consider 2025 Kudos Nominees

Motion to approve the 2025 Kudos Nominees

Motion/Second: Taylor/Molina

Motion passed unanimously.

Daugherty arrived.

5.2. 2025 Kudos Planning

Commission discussed logistics for the virtual Kudos Awards on Saturday, July 26th.

Commissioners will draft speeches and coordinate with awardees for photos and testimonials. Staff will mail awards, prepare a Crip Camp excerpt, and release publicity materials.

6. Commission Reports

6.1. Cabrillo College Accessibility Center Advisory Committee Report:

Gubash reported that Gutierrez Baeza attended a meeting with updates on the Cabrillo College Cultural Center (including disability culture) and funding challenges for the

Accessibility Center. Gubash will invite Cabrillo's Dean of Equity to a future Commission meeting to discuss disability culture at the Cultural Center.

6.2. Ad Hoc Collaborative Event Subcommittee Update

Commission discussed possibly working with De Martini Kuhns on a project related to the removing barriers to employment for neurodivergent candidates.

Motion to re-establish the Ad Hoc Collaborative Subcommittee to develop a proposal for a collaborative event or project.

Motion/Second: Molina/Gubash

Motion passed unanimously.

Molina appointed Molina, Gutierrez Baeza, and Liddy Hayford to the subcommittee.

6.3. Ad Hoc Kudos Planning Subcommittee Report: No Report

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:

Molina reported attending an *Acing Autism* event that teaches tennis to children with autism. The group will return at the beginning of the school year to host another event with Shared Adventures. Weiglein recommended promoting the event on several Facebook groups for parents of children with autism. Molina expressed concern about the lack of accessible sports included in the County Parks program. Liddy Hayford suggested they might want to promote local events with SARC.

7.3. Affordable Accessible Housing Report

Daugherty reported that Santa Cruz City has two affordable housing measures on the November ballot. Item will be added to the August agenda for discussion on potential advocacy opportunities related to affordable accessible housing.

7.4. Affordable Accessible Transportation Report:

Staff reported connecting with Paracruz to schedule a presentation on the new eligibility procedures for an upcoming meeting.

8. Correspondence: None

9. Staff Report: None

10. Announcements/Emerging Matters:

Molina, in his capacity as Chair of the State's Office of Administrative Hearings Commission activities, reported that the State Commission has expressed concern regarding the extent to which its recommendations are being implemented. Molina noted that he has two meetings remaining before the conclusion of his term. Daugherty shared some concerns about artificial intelligence and potential job losses.

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Manager*