



# Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities

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## Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, August 14, 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), Tymothie Hale (2<sup>nd</sup> District), Becky Taylor (3<sup>rd</sup> District),  
Brenda Gutierrez Baeza (4<sup>th</sup> District Co-Chair), David Molina (5<sup>th</sup> District Co-Chair),  
Mitali Weiglein (5<sup>th</sup> District)  
EXCUSED: Jonathan Zinnanti (2<sup>nd</sup> District), Richard Gubash (3<sup>rd</sup> District), Jessica Liddy Hayford  
(4<sup>th</sup> District)  
ABSENT: None  
STAFF: Kaite McGrew (Commissions Manager)  
GUESTS: Gina De Martini Kuhns (CEO Sr. Administrative Analyst) was present.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call  
Meeting convened at 12:32 PM.
2. Agenda Review
3. Approve June 12, 2025 Minutes  
**Motion to approve minutes as written**  
Motion/Second: Taylor/Hale  
**Motion passed unanimously.**
4. Public Comment
5. New/Continuing Business/Action Items:
  - 5.1. 2025 Kudos Debrief and Follow Up  
Commission discussed successes and opportunities for improvement including allowing for more lead time, more Commissioner engagement, better technology for speakers, uploading the event video to the County's YouTube channel. Staff will invite a speaker to present to the Commission on youth advocacy engagement, and work with BOS staff to develop a proclamation if the individual is willing to accept it.  
**Motion to draft a proclamation pending the individual's consent.**  
Motion/Second: Molina/Gutierrez Baeza  
**Motion passed unanimously**
  - 5.2. Santa Cruz City Affordable Housing Measures  
Commission discussed two Santa Cruz City housing measures that will be on the November ballot. While this topic is adjacent to the Commission's to the scope and purpose, it does not fall directly under their subject matter jurisdiction.

6. Commission Reports

6.1. Cabrillo College Accessibility Center Advisory Committee Report:

Gutierrez Baeza reported a great turnout at the last meeting and agreed with the request made at the last Commission meeting to invite the Cultural Center's director to present to the Commission on how disability culture is being represented in the center.

6.2. Ad Hoc Collaborative Event Subcommittee Update

De Martini Kuhns gave an overview of her project on fostering a neuroinclusive County workplace using a targeted universalism approach to increased equal access for candidates and employees. Subcommittee will review De Martini Kuhns' proposal and the Autism Workplace Playbook and return to the September meeting with feedback. Subcommittee members will serve on the taskforce once established.

**Chair appointed Weiglein and Taylor to the Ad Hoc Subcommittee**

6.3. Ad Hoc Kudos Planning Subcommittee Report: **Ad Hoc Subcommittee dissolved.**

6.4. Ad Hoc Legislative Priorities Subcommittee Report

Staff reported that the pending legislation related allowing remote meetings for Brown Act Commissions (SB-239) was placed in the Inactive File by the bill's author. Commission will consider an advocacy letter at the September meeting.

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:

8. Correspondence: None

9. Staff Report: None

10. Announcements/Emerging Matters:

Gutierrez Baeza announced that the Arts Council is seeking artists with disabilities to advise them on making their processes more accessible. Taylor announced that she is relaunching her book about her disability experience alongside the launch of a new book by another author with disabilities.

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Manager*