



# Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities

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## Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, April 9, 2026  
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), Richard Gubash (3<sup>rd</sup> District), Brenda Gutierrez Baeza (4<sup>th</sup> District Co-Chair), Jessica Liddy Hayford (4<sup>th</sup> District), David Molina (5<sup>th</sup> District Co-Chair),  
EXCUSED: Mitali Weiglein (5<sup>th</sup> District)  
ABSENT: None  
STAFF: Kaite McGrew (Commissions Manager)  
GUESTS: Sara Shea (County Parks Superintendent), Mariah Roberts (County Park Friends Executive Director) and 2 members of the public were present.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call  
Meeting convened at 12:44 PM.
2. Agenda Review
3. Approve March 12, 2026 Minutes  
**Motion to approve minutes as written**  
Motion/Second: Taylor/Gutierrez Baeza  
**Motion passed unanimously.**
4. Public Comment: None
5. New/Continuing Business/Action Items:
  - 5.1. Accessible Recreation Updates  
Shea and Richards provided updates on accessible recreation programs and services, highlights included inclusivity training and hiring procedures, adaptive recreation, accessibility equipment maintenance, and beach accessibility initiatives. Suggestions: offer a list of private swim instructors, add a SureHands Lift, partner with State Park Friends to add MobiMats at Twin Lakes beach, and support installation of the Woman Surfer Statue to increase wheelchair accessibility.  
**Motion authorizing Co-Chairs to draft and submit a letter in support of the surfer statue**  
Motion/Second: Daugherty/Hale  
**Motion passed unanimously**
  - 5.2. Officer Elections  
**Motion to elect Commissioner Hale as Commission Co-Chair**  
Motion/Second: Gubash/Liddy  
Ayes: Gubash, Liddy, Taylor  
Nays: Daugherty, Hale, Gutierrez Baeza, Molina  
**Motion failed.**

**Motion to re-elect Co-Chair Molina**

Motion/Second: Daugherty/Gubash

Ayes: Daugherty, Hale, Gutierrez Baeza, Liddy, Molina,

Abstain: Taylor, Gubash

**Motion passed.**

**Motion to re-elect Co-Chair Gutierrez Baeza**

Motion/Second: Daugherty/Gubash

Ayes: Daugherty, Hale, Taylor, Gubash, Liddy, Molina,

Abstain: Gutierrez Baeza,

**Motion passed.**

5.3. Consider 2027 Regular Meeting Calendar

**Motion to approve and adopt the 2027 Regular Meeting Calendar**

Motion/Second: Hale/Taylor

**Motion passed unanimously.**

5.4. Community Life Services & County Employment Partnership

Liddy Hayford summarized discussions with County CEO staff regarding a potential partnership with Community Life Services to expand employment opportunities for people with disabilities through year-long paid internships with possible County employment opportunities afterward..

5.5. Consider 2026-2029 Behavioral Health Services Act Integrated Plan Advocacy

Commission reviewed a letter advocating for specific elements in the BHSA Integrated Plan.

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

Motion/Second: Daugherty/Gutierrez Baeza

**Motion passed unanimously.**

6. Commission Priority Reports:

6.1. Accessibility Awareness Report: No Report

6.2. Accessible Recreation Report

Molina reported that the accessible egg hunt in San Lorenzo Valley was well attended.

6.3. Affordable Accessible Housing Report: No Report

6.4. Affordable Accessible Transportation Report:

Daugherty reported difficulties renewing his Paracruz eligibility. METRO would like to present to the Commission at an upcoming meeting, which would be an opportunity to share feedback on the new eligibility renewal procedure.

7. Ad Hoc Legislative Priorities Subcommittee Report: No Report

8. Correspondence:

Molina will represent the Commission at an upcoming Master Plan for Aging Workshop as invited.

9. Staff Report: None

10. Announcements/Emerging Matters:

Gutierrez Baeza will attend the Cabrillo Accessibility Support Center meeting in May and has become a CalABLE Savings Program ambassador.

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Manager*