



COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

MINUTES – 9/26/2024

Commission on Disabilities (CoD) General Meeting

Meeting Date: Thursday, September 26, 2024, 3:00 – 5:00 PM

Location: 455 County Center, Room COB 101, Redwood City, CA

Public Attendance Link to join Zoom Meeting: <https://smcgov.zoom.us/j/93345055035>

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Item No.	Item Description	Person(s) Responsible	Item Allotted Time
1.	<p><u>Review and Approval of Minutes and Agenda:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Members Present: Matthew Cadigan Hearn, Robert Hall, Evan Milburn, Tryn Miller, Gurpreet Padam, Angela Piazza, Timothy Ponti, Syroun Sanossian, Florence Wong• Excused: Steven Van, Lise Weiner• Absent: None• Approval of Minutes from August meeting<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Motion to approve by Commissioner Miller○ Second by Commissioner Padam○ Approved with three abstentions by Commissioners Cadigan Hearn, Hall, and Piazza• Approval of Agenda<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Motion to approve by Commissioner Cadigan Hearn○ Second by Commissioner Milburn○ Unanimously approved	Florence Wong, CoD President Andrew Eng, CoD staff liaison	5 min
2.	<p><u>Meeting Etiquette Reminders</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Always raise your hand before speaking and wait your turn• No one may speak unless called upon by the President of the Commission• Always use a microphone when speaking• Members of the public joining via Zoom may raise their hand if they wish to comment<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ To raise your hand by phone, dial *9• All attendees are reminded to treat each other with respect in all meetings	Andrew Eng	1 min
3.	<p><u>Public Comments:</u></p>	Florence Wong	5 min

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gabriela Solval announced upcoming workshops being offered by State Council and Developmental Disabilities, calendar of events can be found online at https://scdd.ca.gov/ Bay Area people first chapter next meeting will be on October 16th in hybrid “There should be a law” contest is active and accepting submissions, ideas must benefit those with IDD. Deadline is September 30th 		
4.	<u>President’s Report</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction of two new Youth Commission liaisons <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ryan Chou Revee Reboredo Request for ex-officio reports in future meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> President Wong requested that we carve out time in agendas to have ex-officios provide report outs. Chair updates and announcements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accessible Transportation – Tim Ponti, Co-Chair ADA Compliance – Matthew Cadigan Hearn, Chair LAO – Evan Milburn Special Events – Angela Piazza 	Florence Wong	10 min
5.	<u>Staff Report:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Andrew Eng, CoD Staff Liaison <ul style="list-style-type: none"> T-shirt design update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Light grey was preferred The Commission name will be moved above the CoD logo Review of current CoD liaison assignments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> President Wong is interested in the Arts Commission but will move off of NBC Commissioner Padam is interested in the HPSM and Commission on the Status of Women liaison appointment Commissioner Ponti is interested in Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee (VAAC) and Veterans Commission Commissioner Cadigan Hearn is interested in Parks, VAAC, and Paratransit Advisory Council Commissioner Piazza interested in the Emergency Services Council (ESC) Commissioner Sanossian is interested in the VAAC and ESC 	AAS Staff	15 min
6.	<u>2024 CoD Work Plan</u>		30 min

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action Item: Commission to review work plan, followed by discussion and vote to approve for presentation to the Board of Supervisors. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Commission reviewed work plan and made some small edits to the slides ○ Motion to approve the work plan made by Commissioner Milburn ○ Second by Commissioner Piazza ○ Unanimously approved 		
7.	<p><u>CoD Committee Reports:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Committee – Florence Wong, President <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Commission on Disabilities By-Laws update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Susie Castoria provided an updated version for the CoD to review for next General Meeting ▪ Commissioner Sanossian suggested that the Commission review other bylaws to determine if the updated bylaws should be modeled after those ▪ Discussion was had regarding whether the number of commissioners should be reduced to 15 ▪ Recruitment and retention issue was cited as the main reason for reducing the number of seats ○ Action Item: Discuss and vote to approve letter appointing additional ex-officio seat to the San Mateo County Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Motion to approve the letter by Commissioner Milburn ▪ Second by Commissioner Ponti ▪ Unanimously approved • Special Events Committee – Angela Piazza, Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Disability Art Showcase <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Inclusion Festival will be on July 24th at Red Morton Park ▪ 22 different artists will be featured in this year’s art showcase • ADA Compliance Committee – Matthew Cadigan Hearn, Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The committee made a recommendation to County Department of Public Works for the annual call for projects, which included 5 properties needing barrier removal ○ Canyon Oaks site visit will be planned end of October ○ Committee discussed celebrating the ADA at a future date ○ Commissioner Piazza informed the commission that her and Commissioner Hall tested the hearing system at the new COB3 chambers room ○ Angela noted that the door to the chambers room is too heavy to open and doesn’t have an automatic opener 	Chairs	3 minutes per chair

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Susie Castoria will write up a report of the visit and share with Andrew for the CoD to review ○ Questions were raised regarding sensory accommodations and the seating issues that were noted at the last visit by the ADA Compliance Committee ● Legislation, Advocacy and Outreach Committee – Evan Milburn, Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Action Item: Discuss and vote to approve Community Wellness and Crisis Response Team letter to the Board of Supervisors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Motion by Matthew Cadigan Hearn ▪ Second by Tryn Miller ▪ Unanimously approved ○ Action Item: Discuss and vote to approve Emergency Needs Assessment survey <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Motion to approve the survey by Timothy Ponti ▪ Second by Evan Milburn ▪ Unanimously approved ● Accessible Transportation Committee – Timothy Ponti and Matthew Cadigan Hearn, Chairs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Paratransit Advisory Council provided an update on their upcoming meetings and recruitment ○ Discussed updates with SamTrans pilot program and staffing ○ Continued planning for town hall which will be on Wednesday, January 22nd from 7-8PM 		
8.	<u>Agenda Items for Next Commission Meeting</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Next Month’s Guest Speaker: ● Elyse Brummer, MPA, Executive Director, Ombudsman Services of San Mateo County 	All	2 min
9.	<u>Final Comments</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Same day pilot for SamTrans will be considered as an ongoing service at the next SamTrans Board Meeting 	All	5 min
10.	<u>Adjournment:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Milburn ● Second by Commissioner Cadigan Hearn ● Adjourned at 4:59PM ● Next Meeting: Thursday, October 24, 2024 ● Location: 455 County Center, Room 101, Redwood City, CA 94063 	All	

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