



COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

MINUTES – 02/02/2026

**Commission on Disabilities (CoD)
Youth and Family Committee Meeting**

1) Welcome and Introductions

- **Members present:** Matthew Cadigan Hearn, Michael Donovan, Maya Escudero, Cindie Neilson (SELPA, Ex-Officio) Ben McMullan (CID, Ex-Officio)
- **Public (online):** Alexandra Seeber
- **Staff:** Harry Guan, Shawne O’Connell

2) Review and Approve Meeting Minutes and Agenda

- Motion to approve by Commissioner Cadigan Hearn, seconded by Commissioner Escudero, motion passes.

3) Public Comment

- No public comment

4) Transition to Independence Fair (TIF) Updates

- Members of planning committee did a walkthrough of the location and tested the audio and IT. They are working on finalizing the lunch. 23 vendors have RSVPd so far.
- Commissioner Cadigan Hearn offered to distribute flyers to a few libraries. Staff will provide printed copies for him.

5) Strategic Planning Discussion

- Identify 2–3 priority areas
 - i. Committee confirmed the following three priority areas;
 1. Transition to Independence Fair
 2. Outreach to youth and families of youth 0-18 years of age
 3. Anti-bullying and suicide prevention among youth with disabilities
 - ii. Three priority areas will be added to future agendas for discussion and planning purposes
- Potential collaborators to invite, events, or outreach activities
 - i. Youth Commission, SELPA, CID, and Special Olympics of Northern California notes as important partners.
 - ii. SELPA and CID already attending, Commissioner Donovan will try to attend a Youth Commission meeting, contact needed for Special Olympic participation.

6) Other Business

- Commissioner Donovan would like the committee to participate in advocacy for voter education aimed at younger people.

7) Items to be placed on Agenda for next meeting

- Priority areas
- Voter advocacy

8) Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Cadigan Hearn, seconded by Commissioner Donovan. Motion passes.
- Next Meeting: Monday, March 02, 2026, 3:00-4:00PM