



COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

MINUTES – 03/26/26

Commission on Disabilities (CoD) General Meeting

Meeting Date: Thursday, March 26, 2026, 3:00 – 5:00 PM

Item No.	Item Description
1.	<p><u>Review and Approval of Minutes and Agenda:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Roll Call<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Commissioners present: Matthew Cadigan Hearn, Michael Donovan*, Evan Milburn*, Gurpreet Padam*, Timothy Ponti*, Alexandra Seeber*, Lisa Weiner*, Florence Wong*○ Excused: Maya Ong Escudero, Angela Piazza○ Staff present: Harry Guan, Diane Madriz, Shawne O’Connell, Lee Pullen, Anna Sawamura• Approval of Minutes from February General Meeting: Motion by Commissioner Cadigan Hearn, seconded by Commissioner Donovan. Motion passed unanimously.• Approval of Agenda: Motion by Commissioner Milburn, seconded by Commissioner Padam. Motion passed unanimously. <p>*Teleconference attendance pursuant to Government Code Section 54953.8</p>
2.	<p>Meeting Etiquette Reminders</p>
3.	<p><u>Public Comments:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• President Wong attended a screening of the documentary “Life After” by Reid Davenport and highly recommends it to others.• Commissioner Seeber shared that the Miracle League has started and games are played on Sundays at Hawes Park in Redwood City. Youth games are at 1:30 and adult games are at 2:30. Come out and enjoy a game!
4.	<p><u>President’s Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Commissioner Yoshimine has resigned.• ACTION ITEM: Discussion and vote to appoint a representative to the Housing and Community Development Committee.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Commissioner Ponti volunteered for appointment. Motion to appoint Commissioner Ponti to HCDC by Commissioner Donovan, seconded by Commissioner Milburn. Role call vote, one abstention (Ponti), motion passed unanimously.• ACTION ITEM: Discuss and vote to adopt updated Brown Act teleconferencing rules for Standing Committees.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Motion to allow commissioners to participate fully in standing committee meetings when joining remotely per SB 707 by Commissioner Padam, seconded by Commissioner Donovan. Role call vote, motion passed unanimously.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACTION ITEM: Vote to reconvene Ad Hoc Special Events Committee to plan the Inclusion Festival. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Motion to reconvene the Ad Hoc Special Events Committee for the period March through August to plan the Inclusion Festival by Commissioner Milburn, seconded by Commissioner Padam. Role call vote, motion passed unanimously.
5.	<u>Staff Report</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lee Pullen, Director of Aging and Disability Services – The Community Enrichment Project recommendations are anticipated to be released in early June.
6.	<u>Presentation</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • San Mateo County Parks – Lauren Ford-Peterson, Park Ranger II, Interpretive Division. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ranger Ford-Peterson provided an in-depth look at ADA accessibility improvement projects completed and in-progress at county parks. The commission is very pleased with everything that has been accomplished and with ongoing work to make the parks accessible for everyone.
	<u>CoD Committee Reports:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Committee – Florence Wong, President <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussed action items to be placed on March General Meeting agenda. See above. • ADA Compliance Committee – Matthew Cadigan Hearn and Angela Piazza, Co-Chairs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Committee is in the process of reviewing the property list and narrowing down sites to visit in person. • Advocacy, Outreach and Legislation Committee – Evan Milburn, Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Quorum not met. Informational meeting. Discussed SB1052 SCDD Appointing Authorized Representatives. • Accessible Transportation Committee – Timothy Ponti and Matthew Cadigan Hearn, Co-Chairs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Quorum not met. Informational meeting. Paratransit Advisory Council now meeting remotely per SB 707. • Youth and Family Committee – Michael Donovan, Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ March meeting was cancelled. Next meeting April 06. ○ Transition to Independence Fair was held March 07. Planners were pleased with vendor and participant attendance.
	<u>Ex-Officio Member Report Outs</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Council on Developmental Disabilities – Gabriela Solval, Community Program Specialist II <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Upcoming trainings can be found at https://scdd.ca.gov/scdd-trainings/
	<u>Final Comments</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Golden Gate Regional Center recently had Grassroots Day. Legislative Breakfast Event should be coming up soon. Be on the lookout for more details. (Commissioner Cadigan Hearn)

Adjournment:

- Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Cadigan Hearn, seconded by Commissioner Donovan. Meeting adjourned.
- Next Meeting Date:
 - April 23rd, 2026, 3:00pm – 5:00pm
 - In-person meeting at 500 County Center, Manzanita Hall, Redwood City, CA

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