



COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

MINUTES – 04/23/26

Commission on Disabilities (CoD) General Meeting

Meeting Date: Thursday, April 23, 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">○ Members present: Matthew Cadigan Hearn, Michael Donovan, Maya Ong Escudero*, Evan Milburn, Timothy Ponti, Alex Seeber, Lisa Weiner*, Florence Wong○ Public present (Zoom): Gabriela Solval, Helen Lo, Jonathan○ Staff present: Shawne O’Connell, Anna Sawamura, Monica Vega• Approval of Minutes from February General Meeting<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Motion to approve minutes by Commissioner Cadigan Hearn, seconded by Co-Vice President Ponti. Motion passed unanimously.• Approval of Agenda<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Motion to approve agenda by Commissioner Cadigan Hearn, seconded by Commissioner Escudero <p>*Teleconference attendance pursuant to Government Code Section 54953.8</p>
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.• All attendees are reminded to treat each other with respect in all meetings.
3.	<p><u>Public Comments:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No public comment
4.	<p><u>President’s Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nominating Committee; discussion and vote to form committee to identify candidates for officer elections in June.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ ACTION ITEM: Formation of Nominating Committee<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Motion to form Nominating Committee by Co-Vice President Milburn, seconded by Commissioner Cadigan Hearn. Roll call vote, motion passed unanimously.○ Call for commissioners to volunteer for committee. Co-Vice President Ponti, Commissioner Escudero, and Commissioner Weiner volunteered for the committee. Staff Liaison will send an initial email to schedule the first meeting.• SB 882 Advisory Council report. President Wong encourages everyone to review the report. A link was put in the Zoom chat. Staff Liaison also sent an email earlier.

5.	<p><u>Staff Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director of Aging and Disability Services, Lee Pullen, is attending the American Society on Aging Conference this week. Director Pullen reports that there are a number of sessions focused on the intersection of aging and disability and there is an increased awareness of accessibility more than in past years (e.g., ASL, emphasis on using microphones, spots for those who prefer to sit up front for vision needs, a room for tranquility for when one experiences sensory overload, and so forth) • The Commission will have a table at the San Mateo County Pride celebration in June. Staff Liaison will circulate a volunteer sign-up sheet.
6.	<p><u>Presentation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IHSS Program Overview
	<p><u>CoD Committee Reports:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Committee – Florence Wong, President <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ See President’s report above. • ADA Compliance Committee – Matthew Cadigan Hearn and Angela Piazza, Co-Chairs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Commissioners began reviewing the Site Prioritization List to identify potential projects of interest. • Advocacy, Outreach and Legislation Committee – Evan Milburn, Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reviewed the State Council on Developmental Disabilities Bill Position chart for advocacy opportunities. ○ Four bills were chosen for further review in upcoming meetings. • Accessible Transportation Committee – Timothy Ponti and Matthew Cadigan Hearn, Co-Chairs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No updates from last General Meeting. Next committee meeting is 4/26. • Youth and Family Committee – Michael Donovan, Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Work continues on priority areas; Transition to Independence Fair, outreach to youth and families (0-18), and anti-bullying and suicide prevention.
	<p><u>Ex-Officio Member Report Outs</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Council on Developmental Disabilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Healthy relationships and sexuality series through October, next one May 12 ▪ Celebrate Mental Health Awareness Month, presentations every Thursday to raise awareness and understanding co-occurring conditions ▪ Statewide Self Determination Advisory Committee next meeting May 05 ▪ Self-determination training in English and Spanish every month ▪ Launching Medicaid watch
	<p><u>Final Comments</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None

Adjournment:

- Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Escudero, seconded by Co-Vice President Ponti. Meeting adjourned at 4:18PM.
- Next Meeting Date:
 - May 28th, 2026, 3:00pm – 5:00pm
 - Teleconference meeting, Commissioners are welcome to join via Zoom.
 - Public meeting location: 2000 Alameda de las Pulgas, Suite 100, Room 1, San Mateo, CA