



# COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

**MINUTES – 05/28/26**

## **Commission on Disabilities (CoD) General Meeting**

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Item Description</b>
1.	<p><u>Review and Approval of Minutes and Agenda:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Members present: Matthew Cadigan-Hearn, Maya Ong Escudero*, Evan Milburn*, Gurpreet Padam*, Angela Piazza, Timothy Ponti, Alexandra Seeber*, Lisa Weiner*, Florence Wong*</li><li>• Members absent: Michael Donovan</li><li>• Public present: Brae Hunter, Ava Marie, Gabriela Solval, Helen Lo, Jonathon, Ilhaam Husain</li><li>• Staff present: Shawne O’Connell</li><li>• Approval of Minutes from March General Meeting; motion to approve by Commissioner Cadigan Hearn, seconded by Commissioner Seeber. Motion passed unanimously.</li><li>• Approval of Agenda; motion to approve with typographical edits by Commissioner Cadigan Hearn, seconded by Commissioner Piazza. Motion passed unanimously.</li></ul> <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"><li>• Always raise your hand before speaking and wait your turn.</li><li>• No one may speak unless called upon by the President of the Commission.</li><li>• Always use a microphone when speaking.</li><li>• All attendees are reminded to treat each other with respect in all meetings.</li></ul>
3.	<p><u>Public Comments:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The County has received copies of <i>Demystifying Disabilities</i>. Currently coordinating to have ADA Coordinators and department heads read the book. Reading group launch is tentatively scheduled for July 7<sup>th</sup>. All commissioners are invited to attend. More information will be shared when it is available. (Brae Hunter, San Mateo County Title II ADA Coordinator)</li><li>• The Le Tusa and Golden Gate Regional Center are holding a one-day symposium this Saturday. It is for individuals with disabilities and is about learning about housing, self-advocacy, relationships, employment, and other topics. The event is free, but registration is required. More information can be found at <a href="http://LeTusaInc.com">LeTusaInc.com</a></li></ul>
4.	<p><u>President’s Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Vehicle Licensing Fee – reimbursement to county was not included in the May Revise of the Governor’s budget. The county was reportedly underfunded by approximately \$38 million last year and is projected to be shorted by approximately \$119 million this year. Loss of VLF revenue could result in reductions to county services and potential impacts on county jobs, including union positions. County officials are continuing advocacy efforts and a lawsuit may also be underway.</li></ul>

5.	<p><u>Staff Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The “Community Enrichment: Increasing Social Connections” project will be finished in the next couple of weeks. There will be a presentation to the Board of Supervisors at the June 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting, Commissioners are encouraged to attend. Aging and Disability Services Director Lee Pullen will also provide the Commission with a copy of the report when it is ready. (Shawne O’Connell, Staff Liaison)</li> <li>• Aging and Disability Services will provide funds from their budget to support the Inclusion Festival up to \$2,500. (Shawne O’Connell, Staff Liaison)</li> <li>• (Ilhaam) Supervisor Speier and Supervisor Gauthier interviewed nine candidates for the five open seats on the Commission. The Supervisors will make their decision in the next week or so, with the goal being to have the appointments on the June 23<sup>rd</sup> Board of Supervisors agenda for approval. (Ilhaam Husain, Legislative Aide, District 1)</li> <li>• Ms. Husain will be transitioning out of her current role in the next few weeks. A new liaison from Supervisor Speier’s office will be assigned as soon as possible. (Ilhaam Husain, Legislative Aide, District 1)</li> </ul>
6.	<p><u>Ad-Hoc Nominating Committee</u> – presented by Co-Vice President Ponti</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation of Officer Slate for July 2026 – June 2027 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Nominating Committee members contacted all current and eligible members of the Commission. The result is the following slate of nominees for officers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ President: Florence Wong</li> <li>▪ Co-Vice President: Evan Milburn</li> <li>▪ Co-Vice President: Matthew Cadigan-Hearn</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Elections will take place at the June General Meeting. Anyone not on the slate can self-nominate at that time.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
7.	<p><u>Presentation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medical Equipment Loan Program (MELP)/AbleCloset <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Steve Gross, member of the Belmont/Redwood Shores Rotary club and co-Founder of MELP.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
8.	<p><u>CoD Committee Reports:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Executive Committee – Florence Wong, President <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Reviewed Cooling Center that will be discussed during the AOL update</li> </ul> </li> <li>• ADA Compliance Committee – Matthew Cadigan Hearn and Angela Piazza, Co-Chairs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Commissioners reviewed the site prioritization list, and had follow-up questions for County Staff committee members to address at the next meeting</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Advocacy, Outreach and Legislation Committee – Evan Milburn, Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Disability-related Awareness Months</li> <li>○ ACTION ITEM: Review and approve Cooling Center Letter authored by Commissioner Weiner</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ With typographical edits, motion to approve by Commissioner Cadigan Hearn, seconded by Commissioner Escudero. Roll call vote, motion passed unanimously.</li> <li>• Accessible Transportation Committee – Timothy Ponti and Matthew Cadigan Hearn, Co-Chairs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Paratransit Advisory Council is recruiting new members. SamTrans has moved to Millbrae.</li> <li>○ Reviewed work plan progress, Committee members to review EOP draft for elements of Town Hall feedback – to see whether it is present or not.</li> <li>○ Via Assist presentation, a new, low cost, on-demand ride service available in the County for individuals with disabilities.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Youth and Family Committee – Alex Seeber, Co-Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Commissioner Donovan is working on finding a location for the next Transition to Independence Fair.</li> <li>○ Commissioner Seeber is putting together pamphlet of recreation activities aimed toward youth and families that can be used for outreach.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Ad-Hoc Inclusion Festival Planning Committee – Angela Piazza, Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Commissioner Piazza is sourcing small flags and one large flag for purchase.</li> <li>○ The flyer is complete and it will be sent out with the registration link to potential vendors.</li> <li>○ Staff Liaison will confirm that the Board of Supervisors will declare July Disability Pride Month.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
9.	<p><u>Ex-Officio Member Report Outs</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This agenda item will allow for any ex-officio members of the Commission on Disabilities to provide an agency update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD), Gabriel Solval <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Statewide trainings calendar: <a href="https://scdd.ca.gov/scdd-trainings/">https://scdd.ca.gov/scdd-trainings/</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Healthy relationships and sexuality series going through October. Next one is June 9<sup>th</sup> on Zoom.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ SCDD Council and Committee Meetings: <a href="https://scdd.ca.gov/scddcalendar/">https://scdd.ca.gov/scddcalendar/</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ SCDD Executive Committee Meeting, June 16<sup>th</sup></li> <li>◆ California Statewide Self-Advocacy Chats: June 17<sup>th</sup> and July 16<sup>th</sup></li> <li>◆ Legislative and Public Policy Committee Meeting, June 23<sup>rd</sup></li> <li>◆ Virtual open house on May 29<sup>th</sup>, to meet new Regional Manager, Greg Gonzalez</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Medicaid Watch Online Platform: Submit your experience with Medicaid-funded services – Whether you lost a service, experienced delays, lost people who provide care, or are just worried about what’s ahead, we want to know. <a href="https://scdd.sjc1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bOUlyKKqWCiKgse">https://scdd.sjc1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bOUlyKKqWCiKgse</a></li> <li>▪ 6<sup>th</sup> Annual There Should Be A Law Contest, contest ends June 30<sup>th</sup>. You can send a problem and your solution to SCDD for a chance for</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>your idea to be selected to become SCDD's next legislative priority.  <a href="https://bit.ly/BillIdeas2026">https://bit.ly/BillIdeas2026</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ New Regional Center Services Resource page. Aims to make information easier to find and understand.  <a href="https://scdd.ca.gov/regionalcenterservices/">https://scdd.ca.gov/regionalcenterservices/</a></li> </ul>
10.	<p><u>Final Comments</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No comments</li> </ul>
11.	<p><u>Adjournment:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Cadigan Hearn, seconded by Commissioner Piazza. Meeting adjourned at 4:55.</li> <li>• Next Meeting Date: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ June 25th, 2026, 3:00pm – 5:00pm</li> <li>○ In-person meeting at 500 County Center, Manzanita Hall, Redwood City, CA</li> </ul> </li> </ul>