



COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

MINUTES – 06/25/26

Commission on Disabilities (CoD) General Meeting

Item No.	Item Description
1.	<u>Review and Approval of Minutes and Agenda:</u> • Meeting called to order at 3:06 PM • Members present: Matthew Cadigan Hearn, Michael Donovan, Maya Escudero*, Evan Milburn, Angela Piazza, Tim Ponti*, Alex Seeber, Lisa Weiner*, Florence Wong • Members absent: Gurpreet Padam • Public present (Zoom): Ana Guzman, Chef Ava Romero, Doug Kunze, Gabriel Solval, Helen L Lo, Jonathan, Julia Rubin, julrich • Staff present: Harry Guan, Shawne O'Connell, Lee Pullen • Motion to approve minutes from May General Meeting by Commissioner Cadigan Hearn, seconded by Commissioner Seeber, motion passed. • Motion to approve agenda by Commissioner Cadigan Hearn, seconded by Commissioner Seeber, motion passed. *Teleconference attendance pursuant to Government Code Section 54953.8
2.	<u>Meeting Etiquette Reminders</u> • 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.	<u>Public Comments:</u> • Julia Rubin introduced herself, she is a newly appointed commissioner and looks forward to meeting everyone at the August meeting.
4.	<u>President's Report – President Wong</u> • San Mateo County Pride Celebration ○ CoD tabled at the event. There was good engagement with attendees. Commissioners kept an interest list of organizations and individuals interested in Commission work. ○ Some outreach materials in the kit need to be updated. ○ The commission looks forward to participating next year.
5.	<u>Staff Report</u> • Enrichment Project update; The consultant has completed their report. Findings were presented at June 23 meeting of the Board of Supervisors. Staff will share the slides and brief that were presented to the Board of Supervisors with the Commission. (Aging and Disability Services Director, Lee Pullen) • At a special session of the Board of Supervisors on June 16th, Supervisor Speier and Supervisor Gauthier put forward a Proclamation to declare July Disability

	Pride Month. The Proclamation will be presented to the commission during the flag raising ceremony at the Inclusion Festival. (Staff Liaison, Shawne O'Connell) • The Board of Supervisors have appointed four new commissioners to the CoD; Maria Katrina Paz, Ava Marie Romer, Julia Rubin, and John Ulrich. (Staff Liaison, Shawne O'Connell)
6.	<u>Commission Officers Election – Commissioner Ponti</u> • Proposed Officer Slate for July 2026 – June 2027 ○ President: Florence Wong ○ Co-Vice President: Evan Milburn ○ Co-Vice President: Matthew Cadigan Hearn ○ Additional Nominations - Candidates may self-nominate, no commissioners put forth their own name at this time. • Motion to approve the proposed officer slate as presented by Commissioner Donovan, seconded by Commissioner Piazza. Roll call vote, motion passed unanimously.
7.	<u>CoD Committee Reports:</u> • Executive Committee – President Wong ○ Received updates from other standing committees. • ADA Compliance Committee – Co-Vice President Cadigan Hearn, Co-Chair ○ No updates since the last General Meeting • Advocacy, Outreach and Legislation Committee – Co-Vice President Milburn, Chair ○ Disability-related Awareness Months; July is Disability Pride month. ○ Discussed potential tabling events. ○ This committee plans speakers for the general meeting, if you have any suggestions please reach out to Staff Liaison O'Connell or Co-Vice President Milburn. • Accessible Transportation Committee – Commissioner Ponti, Co-Chair ○ Quorum not met, information session held. ○ SamTrans will present a draft of their ADA Transition Plan at the August meeting. • Youth and Family Committee – Commissioner Donovan, Co-Chair ○ Committee is trying to set a date and location for the next Transition to Independence Fair. It is tentatively set for March 2027. • Ad-Hoc Inclusion Festival Planning Committee – Commissioner Piazza, Chair ○ July 16th, 10am – 1pm, here at County Center. ○ 40 exhibitors confirmed. ○ Staff Liaison will share the volunteer sign-up sheet for the day with commissioners. ○ This year the Disability Pride Flag will be raised at County Center during the festival.

8.	<u>Ex-Officio Member Report Outs</u> • Golden Gate Regional Center (Ana Guzman) ○ Jayashree Nathaniel is now Director of Regional Center Services, Ana Guzman has taken over as the new Regional Manager for San Mateo. • State Council on Developmental Disabilities (Gabriela Solval) ○ Healthy relationship series through October ○ Planning for the transition to adulthood services and supports on July 31st from 6 to 7 p.m. ○ California Statewide self-advocacy chats on July 15th, from 2 to 3 p.m ○ The Bay Area Regional Advisory Committee has an intergenerational trauma and undiagnosed autism survey. The Bay Area Regional Advisory Committee of the State Council is working on a California statewide project to examine how undiagnosed or unsupported autism in families contributes to intergenerational trauma. Including addiction, abuse, and systemic exclusion. The aim is to produce policy and practice recommendations for SCDD's legislative and public policy committee and other statewide local bodies. Will be open for about 2 months. • Red Cross of the Bay Area (Douglas Kunze) ○ Red Cross received wildfire forecasts for the summer. July through October is higher than average wildfire danger. Important to be prepared.
9.	<u>Commissioner Liaison Report</u> • Commissioners acting as Liaisons to other Boards or Commissions report on recent meetings and/or upcoming events. ○ Commissioner Donovan, Voter Accessibility Advisory Committee, collecting stories from individuals with disabilities and their voting experiences. ○ Commissioner Seeber, Parks Commission, Coyote Park has broken ground on a new accessible playground. ○ President Wong, Arts Commission, recently started hybrid meeting format, formerly only met in person. There are two Commissioners from each Supervisory district appointed by the Supervisor, they are typically artists themselves or have a business that is related to arts.
10.	<u>Final Comments</u> • Title II ADA Coordinator, Brae Hunter, is holding a kickoff for the Demystifying Disability reading group. The meeting will be July 28th on Zoom from 2:00-3:00 PM. Staff Liaison will forward information to the commission. (Staff Liaison O'Connell) • Saturday, June 28, from 1-3pm there will be a grand opening celebration for Big Wave in Half Moon Bay. (Co-Vice President Milburn)
11.	<u>Adjournment:</u> Motion to adjourn Co-Vice President Cadigan Hearn, seconded by Commissioner Donovan, meeting adjourned at 4:27. • Next Meeting Date: ○ July Recess ○ August 27, 2026, 3:00pm – 5:00pm