



# COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

## NOTES – 2/27/2025

### Commission on Disabilities (CoD) General Meeting

**Meeting Date:** Thursday, February 27, 2025, 3:00 – 5:00 PM

**Location:** 455 County Center, Room COB 101, Redwood City, CA

**Public Attendance Link to join Zoom Meeting:** <https://smcgov.zoom.us/j/93345055035>

**Join by dial-in:** +1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)

**Meeting ID:** 933 4505 5035

Item No.	Item Description	Person(s) Responsible	Item Allotted Time
1.	<u>Review and Approval of Minutes and Agenda:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Quorum not met; approval of minutes tabled for March meeting</li><li>Meeting continued as an informational session only</li></ul>	Florence Wong, CoD President Andrew Eng, CoD staff liaison	5 min
2.	<u>Meeting Etiquette Reminders</u> <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>Members of the public joining via Zoom may raise their hand if they wish to comment<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>To raise your hand by phone, dial *9</li></ul></li><li>All attendees are reminded to treat each other with respect in all meetings</li></ul>	Andrew Eng	1 min
3.	<u>Public Comments:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Gabriela Solval provided program updates and events for the Commission from State Council on Developmental Disabilities</li><li>Gabriela also mentioned a collaboration effort between SCDD and La Familia for an information session regarding recent developments with ICE.</li></ul>	Florence Wong	5 min
4.	<u>President's Report</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Waymo quarterly meeting update<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>First meeting will be on March 20<sup>th</sup> via Zoom</li><li>Meetings are not public and invite only for the time being</li><li>Additional details will be shared when available</li></ul></li></ul>	Florence Wong	10 min

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Robert, Lisa, Matthew, Evan, Gurpreet and Syroun are interested in attending</li> </ul>		
5.	<p><u>Staff Report:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lee Pullen, Director, Aging and Disability Services               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lee updated that the name of AAS will be changed to include "Disability"</li> <li>Shared that on February 8<sup>th</sup> Special Olympics held a basketball tournament at CSM using Measure K funding</li> <li>Lee provided an update on the federal funding landscape</li> <li>Announcement was made of the new Chief of Health, Colleen Chawla</li> <li>Lee also announced will be working in a different</li> </ul> </li> <li>Andrew Eng, CoD Staff Liaison               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New commissioner appointments are schedule for 3/11</li> <li>Andrew shared that new CoD t-shirts have arrived and to provide Andrew and Shawne with your size</li> <li>Andrew briefly discussed the new accommodation for Commissioners to participate remotely at meetings as voting members</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	AAS Staff	15 min
6.	<p><u>Paratransit Service Panel</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Speakers:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tina Dubost and Lynn Spicer, SamTrans Accessible Transit Services                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SamTrans fixed route service was discussed, including accessibility of buses</li> <li>Redi-Wheels program information was shared</li> <li>Paratransit Same Day Service                       <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Call must be between 8:30am-4PM</li> <li>Same day rides are 9:30am-6pm</li> <li>Service fair is \$10 standard, \$8 fair assistance</li> </ul> </li> <li>In-person eligibility process is not active but there are plans to eventually have that available</li> <li>Conditional eligibility is available depending on when your condition worsens</li> <li>Lisa wanted to follow up with Tina about why buses are more prevalanet than vans which are easier for people with injuries to ride in.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Cherie Querol Moreno, Peninsula Family Service                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Got Wheels!                       <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>24/7 on demand service taxi service</li> <li>\$5 each one-way ride curb to curb in service area</li> <li>Individuals can have up to 6 one-way rides a month</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>		40 min

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shared the cities/towns that can utilize services, which is most except San Mateo and Pacifica as those cities have exclusive resident only programs already</li> <li>• If a wheelchair accessible vehicle is needed, the recommendation is to call 24 hours in advance to schedule a ride.</li> <li>• Gabriel Aguilar is the Program Coordinator</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Seth Smith, Uber <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle (WAV) program</li> <li>▪ <a href="mailto:WAV-group@uber.com">WAV-group@uber.com</a> is an email which can be used for feedback on the service</li> <li>▪ Service is on demand similar to uber but not for booking ahead of time</li> <li>▪ Price is similar to an UberX pricing structure</li> <li>▪ Discussed TNC</li> <li>▪ Works with Tower and Onward for supply of WAVs (aka third parties)</li> <li>▪ There is a number you can call to help set up the Uber App</li> <li>▪ One question for follow up with Seth is whether WAV drivers have a background check done for their drivers, and what does it encompass?</li> <li>▪ Andrew to ask Seth to share his slides to share</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
7.	<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>○ Appointment of Housing and Community Development Committee liaison <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Tabled</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Other liaison appointments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Florence briefly explained the purpose behind the liaison appointments</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Florence mentioned that the by-laws will need revisions</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Special Events Committee – Angela Piazza, Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Inclusion Festival updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ To be held at County Center on Tuesday, July 30<sup>th</sup> from 10-1PM</li> <li>▪ Likely no free meals will be given, but looking into snacks</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• ADA Compliance Committee – Matthew Cadigan Hearn, Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Matthew mentioned that the committee is going to review the property list to make an additional list of recommended projects for the CIP.</li> <li>○ Youth Services Center site visit report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Andrew read the report that was reviewed at the last committee meeting</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Chairs	3 minutes per chair

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legislation, Advocacy and Outreach Committee – Evan Milburn, Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ TABLED Action Item: Discussion and vote to approve letter addressed to various cities, towns, and unincorporated areas of San Mateo County to collect information on cooling center availability.</li> <li>○ Caregiver Abuse Registry update by Florence Wong <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Florence summarized an article about a victim of abuse who had a caregiver steal money and is still at large</li> <li>▪ Florence spoke to DREDF about possibly helping to pursue finding a way to legislate an abuse registry</li> <li>▪ At the State Council on Development Disabilities meeting Florence also pushed to have them consider the abuse registry</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• Accessible Transportation Committee – Timothy Ponti and Matthew Cadigan Hearn, Chairs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Committee reviewed report from Town Hall to share with DEM, to be reviewed by exec</li> <li>○ Paratransit drop-off location at County Center campus discussion</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
8.	<u>Ex-Officio Member Report Outs</u> <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>○ Center for Independence of Individuals with Disabilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ No updates</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ San Mateo County SELPA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Dr. Yung provided some updates on the Family Guide for alternative pathway to diploma. (does not make them ineligible for transition support).</li> <li>▪ Document will be shared with CoD</li> <li>▪ Discussed some Federal Advocacy needed on behalf of students with disabilities</li> <li>▪ IDEA full funding coalition advocacy group is a way to help support special education funding</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ State Council on Developmental Disabilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Update provided earlier during public comment</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Red Cross of the Bay Area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ No updates</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Ex-Officio Members	3 min each
9.	<u>Agenda Items for Next Commission Meeting</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meet and greet with Connie Franco, staff liaison to Supervisor Gauthier's Office</li> </ul>	All	2 min
10.	<u>Final Comments</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>	All	5 min

11.	<u>Adjournment:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adjourned at 5:01PM</li> <li>Next Meeting Date: Thursday, March 27, 2025</li> <li>Location: 455 County Center, Room 101, Redwood City, CA 94063</li> </ul>	All	
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