



COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

AGENDA – 4/24/2025

Commission on Disabilities (CoD) General Meeting

Meeting Date: Thursday, April 24, 2025, 3:00 – 5:00 PM

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

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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">• Roll Call• Approval of Minutes from March 27 General Meeting• Approval of Agenda	Florence Wong, CoD President Shawne O'Connell, Interim CoD staff liaison	3:00 – 3:10
2.	<u>Meeting Etiquette Reminders</u> <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• Members of the public joining via Zoom may raise their hand if they wish to comment<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ To raise your hand by phone, dial *9• All attendees are reminded to treat each other with respect in all meetings	Shawne O'Connell	3:10-3:11
3.	<u>Public Comments:</u>	Florence Wong	3:11-3:16

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members of the public may speak on non-agenda issues. The public may also speak on Agenda Items at the time so designated on the agenda. Public Comments are limited to 2 minutes per person 		
4.	<u>President's Report</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Governance calendar Creating a list of tabling opportunities Form ad-hoc Nominating Committee 	Florence Wong	3:16-3:26
5.	<u>Introduction</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connie Franco, Legislative Aide to Supervisor Gauthier 	Connie Franco	3:16-3:26
6.	<u>Staff Report:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anna Sawamura, Aging and Disability Services Shawne O'Connell, CoD Staff Liaison 	AAS Staff	3:31-3:40
	Break		3:40-3:45
7.	<u>Presentation: UC Berkeley Disability Studies</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Laura Sterponi and Dr. Emily Nusbaum 		3:45-4:30
8.	<u>CoD Committee Reports:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Executive Committee – Florence Wong, President <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Demystifying Disability” by Emily Ladau Liaison appointments Special Events Committee – Angela Piazza, Chair ADA Compliance Committee – Matthew Cadigan Hearn, Chair Legislation, Advocacy and Outreach Committee – Evan Milburn, Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. Accessible Transportation Committee – Timothy Ponti and Matthew Cadigan Hearn, Chairs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action Item: Approve DEM Town Hall Summary Report 	Chairs	4:30-4:45
9.	<u>Ex-Officio Member Report Outs</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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"> AbilityPath California Department of Rehabilitation Center for Independence of Individuals with Disabilities San Mateo County SELPA State Council on Developmental Disabilities Red Cross of the Bay Area Vista Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired 	Ex-Officio Members	4:45-4:55
10.	<u>Agenda Items for Next Commission Meeting</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liaison Reports Presentation of Officer Slate for July 2025-June 2026 CoD year. 	All	4:55-4:57

11.	<u>Final Comments</u>	All	4:57-5:00
12.	<u>Adjournment:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next Meeting Date: Thursday, May 22nd, 2025 Location: 455 County Center, Room 101, Redwood City, CA 94063 	All	

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