



COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

MINUTES – 4/24/2025

Commission on Disabilities (CoD) General Meeting

Meeting Date: Thursday, April 24, 2025, 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">• Members Present: Michael Donovan, Gurpreet Padam, Alex Seeber, Matthew Cadigan-Hearn, Tim Ponti, Florence Wong, Robert Hall, Katie Murdock, Michelle Yoshimine, Evan Milburn, Angela Piazza, Lisa Weiner, Tryn Miller• Excused: Julie Stamm• Absent: Maya Ong Escudero• Staff: Anna Sawamura, Shawne O'Connell, Diane Madriz, Connie Franco• Public: Carolyn Clark, Doug Kunze, Gabriela Solval, Helen Lo, Mary Yung, Emily Nusbaum, Laura Sterponi, Antonio Soto, Ryan Chou• Motion to approve March minutes with typographical corrections by Commissioner Cadigan-Hearn, seconded by Commissioner Hall. Approved unanimously.• Motion to approve April agenda with typographical corrections by Commissioner Cadigan-Hearn, seconded by Commissioner Donovan. Approved unanimously.
2.	<p><u>Meeting Etiquette Reminders</u></p>
3.	<p><u>Public Comments:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• April 25th, GGRC Legislative Breakfast at the South San Francisco Public Library, opportunity to connect with local legislators and community members. (Commissioner Cadigan-Hearn)• April 26th, Walk with a Doc, sponsored by the San Mateo County Medical Association and California Academy of Family Physicians, from 10 to 11 AM at Anza Lagoon in Burlingame. Free, open to all. (Commissioner Padam)
4.	<p><u>President's Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reminder to commissioners to contribute to the Governance Calendar and Tabling Opportunities documents that were shared via email by Shawne.• It is time to form ad-hoc Nominating Committee to elect next slate of Commission President and Co-President. Commissioners Donovan, Seeber, and Hall volunteered to be on the committee.
5.	<p><u>Introduction</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Connie Franco, Legislative Aide to Supervisor Gauthier, introduced herself and looks forward to partnering with the commission.

6.	<p><u>Staff Report:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administration for Community Living officially dismantled on March 27th. However, current federal funding is guaranteed through 9/30/25 – funding status for services for older adults and adults with disabilities after that date is undetermined. (Anna Sawamura) • Manzanita Hall is complete, the next CoD meeting will be held in the new location. (Shawne O’Connell) • CoD shirts are still available. Shawne will reach out to commissioners who have not received their shirts yet to arrange getting one to them. (Shawne O’Connell)
7.	<p><u>Presentation: UC Berkeley Disability Studies</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Laura Sterponi, professor of language and literacy in Berkeley School of Education and newly appointed director of the Disability Studies minor. • Dr. Emily Nusbaum, core faculty member in the Disability Studies minor
8.	<p><u>CoD Committee Reports:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Committee – Florence Wong, President <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ “Demystifying Disability” by Emily Ladau – President Wong gave a copy of the book to commissioners present. After reading, CoD can decide if they will recommend to the county as a resource. ○ Liaison appointments – Commissioners let Shawne know which commission they would like to liaise to, and she will see you are added to mailing list. • Special Events Committee – Angela Piazza, Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Connecting with Redwood City regarding permits for food trucks. ○ Requested other commissioners join committee to help with planning. Meetings are virtual, 3rd Thursday of each month. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ President Wong volunteered to join. ▪ Shawne will schedule meeting and send Zoom link. • ADA Compliance Committee – Matthew Cadigan Hearn, Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Quorum not met, informational meeting only. ○ Brae Hunter, ADA Title II Coordinator, shared a draft of the San Mateo County ADA Title II Policies and Procedures 2025 update for committee feedback. • Legislation, Advocacy and Outreach Committee – Evan Milburn, Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Action Item: Approve cooling center letter. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Motion to approve by Commissioner Milburn, seconded by Commissioner Cadigan-Hearn, approved unanimously. • Accessible Transportation Committee – Timothy Ponti and Matthew Cadigan-Hearn, Chairs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Action Item: Approve DEM Town Hall Summary Report

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Motion to approve by Commissioner Milburn, seconded by Commissioner Ponti, approved unanimously.
9.	<p><u>Ex-Officio Member Report Outs</u></p> <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"> ○ State Council on Developmental Disabilities (Gabriela Solval) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Upcoming meetings; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4/30, Bay Area RAC Meeting, 5:30-8:00 PM. • 5/08, Disability Advisory Committee • 5/19, Self-Advocates Advisory Committee • 5/20, SCDD Council Meeting • More information can be found on the SCDD website; https://scdd.ca.gov/scddcalendar ▪ Self-Determination Statewide Orientations offered in English, Hmong, Korean, and Spanish: https://scdd.ca.gov/sdp-orientation/
10.	<p><u>Agenda Items for Next Commission Meeting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liaison Reports • Presentation of Officer Slate for July 2025-June 2026 CoD year.
11.	<p><u>Final Comments</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
12.	<p><u>Adjournment:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Ponti, approved unanimously. • Next Meeting Date: Thursday, May 22nd, 2025 • Location: 500 County Center, Manzanita Hall, Redwood City, CA 94063

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