



Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities

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Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, March 10, 2022
TIME: 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM
LOCATION: Remote Meeting
PRESENT: John Daugherty (*1st District*), Fay Levinson (*2nd District*), Becky Taylor (*3rd District*), Richard Gubash (*3rd District*) Brenda Gutierrez Baeza (*Vice Chair - 4th District*), Michael Leimbach (*4th District*), Lynn Stipes (*5th District*), David Molina (*Chair - 5th District*)
EXCUSED: Stacie Grijalva (*2nd District*)
ABSENT: Robert Schindler (*1st District*)
STAFF: Kaite McGrew (*Commissions Manager*), Mitsuno Baurmeister (*EEO Officer*)
GUESTS: No members of the public were present.

1. Call to Order
Meeting convened at 12:33 PM.
2. Roll Call
3. Agenda Review
4. Approve February 10, 2022 Minutes
Motion to Approve Minutes
Motion/Second: Taylor/Gutierrez Baeza
Motion passed unanimously.
5. Public Comment: None
6. New/Continuing Business:
 - 6.1. Cabrillo Accessibility Support Center Advisory Committee Representation
Motion to authorize Commissioner Gutierrez Baeza to represent the Commission on the Cabrillo Accessibility Support Center Advisory Committee.
Motion/Second: Daugherty/Stipes
Motion passed unanimously.
 - 6.2. Assembly Bill 361 Statement of Findings
Commission considered whether adopt a statement of findings authorizing them to hold their next meeting remotely under the provisions of Assembly Bill 361.
Motion to approve statement of findings authorizing the Commission to hold their next meeting remotely if allowable under the provisions of AB 361
Motion/Second: Molina/Levinson
Motion passed unanimously.

7. Commission Reports:

7.1. History Report:

Commission held a moment of silence to honor local disabilities advocates Sylvia Caras and Barri Boone, both of whom recently passed away.

Motion authorizing Chair Molina to send a letter of condolence regarding Sylvia Caras

Motion/Second: Daugherty/Gubash

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion authorizing Chair Molina to send a letter of condolence regarding Barri Boone

Motion/Second: Daugherty/Taylor

Motion passed unanimously.

7.1.1. Commission History Project

Commission reviewed intern descriptions separating project research aspects from display design and implementation aspects. Commissioners are encouraged to share internship opportunities with their community contacts.

7.2. Legislation Report:

Commission reviewed 2022 state and federal bills that would impact the disabilities community as identified by the California Senior Legislature (CSL) and Disability Rights California (DRC).

Commissioner Taylor will work with Staff to update the report.

8. Ad Hoc Subcommittee Updates:

8.1. Recreation Subcommittee

8.1.1. Adaptive Swim Program Report

Commission reviewed the Adaptive Swim Program section of the Summer Activity Guide. To date Parks has not provided any timeline by which they intend to provide the additional training required to offer private adaptive swim lessons.

9. Staff Report

Staff reported that 22% of County employees have participated in the *Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Employee Survey* so far with one week left in the collection period. The EEO Division has located 2019 American Community Survey (ACS) data which indicates that 11.6% of Santa Cruz County residents reported having disabilities at that time. 28.2% of participants in the DE&I survey to date report having disabilities which significantly exceeds the available workforce data. Publication of the 2022-2024 EEO/CC Plan is anticipated in Q2.

10. Emerging Matters:

Gubash reported that the disabilities community was successful in discouraging LA Community College District from appealing a judgement to the Supreme Court. Had the judgement been overturned, it would have set precedent, potentially weakening the ADA. LA Community College District dropped their appeal.

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:25 PM.

Submitted by: Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Manager*