



Santa Cruz County Commission on Disabilities

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Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, September 11, 2025
TIME: 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM
LOCATION: Santa Cruz County Building, Fifth Floor – Coastlines Conference Room
701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060
PRESENT: John Daugherty (*1st District*), Tymothie Hale (*2nd District*), Becky Taylor (*3rd District*),
Brenda Gutierrez Baeza (*4th District Co-Chair*), Jessica Liddy Hayford (*4th District*),
David Molina (*5th District Co-Chair*),
EXCUSED: Mitali Weiglein (*5th District*)
ABSENT: Jonathan Zinnanti (*2nd District*), Richard Gubash (*3rd District*)
STAFF: Kaite McGrew (*Commissions Manager*)
GUESTS: No members of the public were present.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Meeting convened at 12:50 PM.

2. Agenda Review

3. Approve August 14, 2025 Minutes

Motion to approve minutes as written

Motion/Second: Taylor/Daugherty

Motion passed unanimously.

4. Public Comment

5. New/Continuing Business/Action Items:

5.1. Consider Revised SB-239 Advocacy Letter to the Board of Supervisors

Commission discussed the amended version of their letter to the Board advocating for support for SB-239 (Brown Act Teleconferencing). The letter was amended to include reference to the increased public engagement during the pandemic.

Motion to approve SB-239 Advocacy Letter to the Board of Supervisors as amended.

Motion/Second: Daugherty/Hale

Motion passed unanimously.

5.2. Consider Ad Hoc Collaborative Event Subcommittee Recommendation

Liddy-Hayford reported on the subcommittee's discussion. The Commission reviewed a draft letter of support for Ms. De Martini-Kuhns' project, including next steps and the scope of Commission participation. A mini-workgroup with representatives from the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, HR, and COD was proposed to assess the feasibility of accommodations suggested in the presentation. As the playbook was developed for the private sector, the workgroup would help adapt recommendations for the County setting.

Daugherty raised concerns about ensuring the visibility of any changes to accommodations or related policies. The draft letter was amended to reference the workgroup and remove the cc to the Board of Supervisors.

Liddy-Hayford will present on her organization, Community Life, at the January meeting.

Motion to approve the Letter of Support for the *Autism at Work Project* as amended.

Motion/Second: Molina/Liddy-Hayford

Motion passed unanimously

6. Commission Reports

6.1. Cabrillo College Accessibility Center Advisory Committee Report: No Report

7. Commission Priority Reports:

7.1. Accessibility Awareness Priority Report: No Report

7.2. Accessible Recreation Priority Report: No Report

7.3. Affordable Accessible Housing Report: No Report

7.4. Affordable Accessible Transportation Report

Hay reported that he plans to apply to serve on the METRO Board at the request of Supervisor De Serpa.

8. Correspondence: None

9. Staff Report: None

10. Announcements/Emerging Matters:

Daugherty shared a story about his experience with an unhoused woman that gave him pause for thought.

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Manager*