



COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, September 21, 2023 2:00 P.M.

Department on Disability

Board of Public Works Hearing Room 350, City Hall

200 North Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

Zoom Video Conference

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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Myrna Cabanban, President
Robert Bitonte, 1st Vice President
Robert Williams, 2nd Vice President
Akiko Tagawa, Commissioner
Alisa Schlesinger, Commissioner
Candace Cable, Commissioner
Jorge E. Acevedo, Commissioner
Iran Hopkins, Commissioner
Mary Grace A. Barrios, Commissioner

DEPARTMENT ON DISABILITY:

Ricky Rosales, AIDS Coordinator, Department on Disability

OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS:

Chris Lee, City Attorney's Office

GUESTS:

ITEM NO. (1): REQUEST FOR TELECONFERENCE OPTION PURSUANT TO AB 2449

In accordance with AB 2449 Section 2(a)(i) members may now notify the legislative body of their need to participate remotely for just cause, if they haven't already done so, including a general description of the circumstances relating to their need to appear remotely. The provisions of this clause shall not be used by any member of the legislative body for more than two meetings per calendar year.

Action Taken: Commissioner Schlesinger and Commissioner Acevedo requested to attend the Commission on Disability meeting virtually. The Commission on Disability voted to accept their participation by teleconference.

ITEM NO. (2): APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

The Commission reviewed the minutes of the August 2023 regular meeting and the Commission on Disability will vote to approve them.

Action Taken: The Commission approved the minutes for the August 2023 regular meeting as amended during the meeting.

ITEM NO. (3): PUBLIC COMMENT

For items not on today's agenda, but under the Commission's jurisdiction,

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members of the public who wish to speak on items shall be allowed to speak for up to two minutes per item up to a total of five minutes per meeting.

No Action Taken, Information Purposes Only.

ITEM NO. (4): COMMISSION ON DISABILITY – ELECTION

The Commission on Disability Officer Elections will be held. A brief overview of the requirements and deadlines will be shared with the Commission and Commissioners may nominate and self-nominate for the officer positions of: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, and Secretary.

- I. Presentation is by the Department on Disability. A brief overview of the requirements and deadlines will be shared with the Commission and commissioners may nominate and self-nominate for the officer positions of: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, and Secretary.

Action Taken: The Commission on Disability voted Akiko Tagawa for President, Mary Grace A. Barrios for 1st Vice President, Jorge E. Acevedo for 2nd Vice President, and Candace Cable for Secretary.

ITEM NO. (5): 16TH SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF STATES PARTIES TO THE CRPD (COSP16) UPDATE

Commissioner Candace Cable will provide information on the COSP16 recently held in New York at the United Nations Headquarters on June 13-15, 2023

- I. Presentation is by Commissioner Candace Cable. Commissioner Cable attended the 16th Conference of States Parties to the Convention on Rights of Persons with Disabilities in June of this year. The Convention on the Rights of Person with Disabilities and its Optional Protocol was adopted on December 13, 2006 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. It was intended as a human rights instrument with an explicit, social development dimension and is the most comprehensive human rights document ever created. The Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) is the body of independent experts which monitors implementation of the Conventions by the States parties. There is a paradigm shift within the convention where person with disabilities are not viewed as “objects” but rather as “subjects” with rights. The

Convention recognizes that a disability results from an interaction between a non-inclusive society, physical environment and individuals. The overarching theme is harmonizing national policies and strategies with the CRPD: achievements and challenges with sub themes including ensuring equal access to and accessibility of sexual and reproductive health services, digital accessibility, and reaching the under-represented groups of persons with disabilities. People with disabilities are now included in the UN Sustainable Development Goals – SDG 2015 – 2030.

No Action Taken, Information Purposes Only.

ITEM NO. (6): RECOMMENDATION FOR CITY OF LOS ANGELES TO MATCH CALIFORNIA STATE PENALTIES RE: ENERGY REPORTING AND FACILITY UPGRADES

Commissioner Iran Hopkins will lead the Commission in its discussion of the State of California's penalty model as compared to the City of Los Angeles' in regards to "AB 802 (Williams) Energy Efficiency" and the "Existing Buildings Energy & Water Efficiency (EBEWE) Program", respectively and how these approaches affect building maintenance, upgrades, and how non-compliance can disproportionately impact communities.

- I. Presentation is by Commissioner Iran Hopkins. Commissioner Hopkins would like the City of Los Angeles to match the California State Penalties regarding the AB 802 (Williams) Energy Efficiency and the Existing Buildings Energy & Water Efficiency (EBEWE) Program. Commissioner requested the Commission on Disability send a letter to City Council in support of the City of Los Angeles matching the California State Penalties to help people with disabilities improve their living conditions.

Action Taken: Commission on Disability voted to request further information on this topic.

ITEM NO. (7): EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ongoing update on items relating to Department activities, metrics, budget, planning, and/or other relevant issues. Presentation is by Ricky Rosales, AIDS Coordinator, Department on Disability. The Department on Disability is hosting

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two meetings with the U.S. Access Board Leadership. The first meeting was focused on accessibility and transportation planning for the 2028 Olympics and Paralympics and the second meeting focused on disability access and inclusion in Hollywood. The department also submitted new contracts for the self-evaluation and transition plan to the Mayor's Office. DOD is also working on many RFP including SLI, CART, VRI, DME, and other RFP's. The department also has a lot of open positions that they will be filled within the next few months. Lastly, DOD will be hosting the 16th Annual Disability Art Exhibit from October 13th through November 12th on the third floor City Hall Bridge and the reception will be taking place on October 19th.

No Action Taken, Information Purposes Only.

ITEM NO. (8): NEW BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Items for the next regular meeting's agenda and announcements from Commissioners, DOD staff, and guests, as well as follow-up items from this or previous commission meetings to be presented at the next meeting. Commissioner Hopkins request to add CASp and self-evacuation plan update from the Department on Disability. Commissioner Bitonte made a request from the department to pull data on the Disability Art Exhibit and to keep track on who participates to included more people with disabilities and agendize looking into other venues for the Disability Art Exhibit. Commissioner Williams requested for the Department on Disability to give an update on the sidewalk repair program.

No Action Taken, Information Purposes Only.

ITEM NO. (9): ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED IN HONOR OF LILLIBETH NAVARRO AT APPROXIMATELY 4:30 P.M.