

**CALIFORNIA COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ACCESS  
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

**August 28, 2019**

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Michael Paravagna welcomed everyone and called the meeting of the Legislative Committee of the California Commission on Disability Access (CCDA) to order at approximately 10:00 a.m. at the CCDA Hearing Room, 400 R Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Conference Room 300, Sacramento, 95811.

The off-site meeting location for teleconference was 9601 Ridgehaven Court, San Diego, 92123.

**Roll Call**

Staff Member Josh Morrell called the roll and confirmed the presence of a quorum.

<u>Commissioners Present:</u>	<u>Staff Present:</u>
Michael Paravagna, Chair	Angela Jemmott, Executive Director
Tiffany Allen (teleconference)	LaCandice Ochoa, Operations Manager
Tom Lackey by Hallie Balch	Joshua Morrell, Staff Services Analyst
Jim Frazier by Charles Dulac	
Scott Lillibridge	
Betty Wilson	

Also Present:

Corrina Roy, Legislative Consultant, Office of Administrative Affairs, California  
Department of General Services

**2. Approval of Meeting Minutes (June 4, 2019) – Action**

**Motion:** Commissioner Allen moved to approve the June 4, 2019, California Commission on Disability Access Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes as presented. Chair Paravagna seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**3. Comments from the Public on Issues Not on this Agenda**

No members of the public addressed the Committee.

**4. Legislative Bill Tracking – Update and Discussion**

Corrina Roy, Legislative Consultant, Office of Administrative Affairs, California Department of General Services (DGS), summarized the CCDA Legislative Status Report on the bills staff is tracking, which was included in the meeting packet.

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**a. AB 1351 (Lackey) – Transit operators: paratransit and dial-a-ride services: assessments.**

This bill is set for hearing in Senate Appropriations on August 30<sup>th</sup>.

**b. SB 53 (Wilk) – Open meetings.**

This bill is set for hearing in Assembly Appropriations on August 30<sup>th</sup>.

**5. External Legislative Projects – Update and Discussion**

**a. CCDA Research Effort on Statewide ADA Coordination**

Chair Paravagna stated Goal 6 of the CCDA 2014-2019 Five-Year Strategic Plan is to explore the development of a state level Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) access office. The next step in the process is to engage with Mount Saint Mary's University to attempt to do a more empirical study to report to the Legislature the condition of disability civil rights implementation in the California state government. Graduate students are currently in the process of designing a questionnaire.

Chair Paravagna stated he plans to speak to the class in September, providing the class with background and context of what the Commission does and what the ADA requires so that the students can more effectively move forward with a questionnaire that will be useful to all parties.

Questions and Discussion

Executive Director Jemmott stated Goal 6 was incorporated within the DGS strategic goal for this year. This goal is on target to be completed this year.

Commissioner Wilson asked if the Commission has contacted other colleges and universities throughout the state that would be helpful in collaborating with Mount Saint Mary's University as critical investigators.

Chair Paravagna stated no other colleges or university have been contacted. The faculty at Mount Saint Mary's University has been managing the coordination of academia. There will be six to ten graduate students who will act as investigators. He agreed that there may be a need for follow-up in the future that would benefit from collaborative efforts.

Executive Director Jemmott stated other departments at Mount Saint Mary's University have learned about this project through word of mouth and would like to be a part of it. She added that the Commission has worked with Azusa Pacific and University of Southern California, but they want to make a longer-term research project out of it.

Commissioner Lillibridge asked if the graduate students are in public administration. Chair Paravagna stated the students are studying policy.

Commissioner Wilson suggested contacting other departments in other universities such as political science or social welfare departments. They would be very supportive of a project of this magnitude.

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Commissioner Lillibridge asked if the research will include all state and local agencies that have an ADA coordinator. Commissioner Paravagna stated the research will be restricted to state government at this point.

Public Comment

Marjorie McWee, a member of the public suggested coordinating with the Pacific ADA Center for resources and names of contacts. The Pacific ADA Center will be hosting conferences in the San Francisco and Los Angeles areas in September. Executive Director Jemmott stated she plans to attend the conference in San Francisco.

**6. Facilitated Presentation on Five-Year Plan/Legislative Goals and Objectives – Update and Discussion**

**a. Function Hierarchy for CCDA Mission**

**b. Ongoing Legislative Goals from Five-Year Plan Ending 2019**

**c. Measurable Objectives for Ongoing Legislative Goals**

Executive Director Jemmott introduced Renee Taylor and asked her to present this agenda item.

Renee Taylor, President, Renee Taylor Consulting, Inc., provided an overview, with a slide presentation, of the function hierarchy based on the CCDA mission; matrix of the 2014-2019 Strategic Goals to functions; and the CCDA Strengths, Opportunities, Aspirations, and Results (SOAR) methodology, based on the CCDA Commissioner Strategic Goal Survey notes. She included an outline of her presentation in the meeting packet. Goals 2, 3, 4, 6, and 8 will continue as part of the new CCDA Strategic Plan. Ms. Taylor asked Commissioners the following questions:

- Are there additional CCDA strengths that should be included in the matrix?

Chair Paravagna stated a strength of the Commission as a whole is the diversity of its members and staff who bring together perspectives and experiences that relate to the topics the Commission is addressing.

Commissioner Lillibridge stated staff is passionate about improving access in the state of California and has a goal and a mission to accomplish it.

Executive Director Jemmott stated the Commission has a lot of collaborative support that helps it move forward.

Chair Paravagna stated, when considering the Commission, the word “tenacity” comes to mind because it has kept moving forward, even when support and funding was not there.

- Are there additional CCDA opportunities or methods for attracting more supportive cooperation that should be included in the matrix?

Chair Paravagna stated the opportunity to outreach and collaborate with higher education and to further the CCDA mission.

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Commissioner Lillibridge stated the opportunity to leverage relationships with business communities especially the local chambers of commerce.

Chair Paravagna stated the opportunity to explore networking with the media such as public service announcements. He stated the need for an organized media effort, including social media, because the message is too important and the state is too large to try to get that message out door-to-door.

Executive Director Jemmott stated there are opportunities to tighten the language up on what it means to work with local jurisdictions.

Chair Paravagna suggested educating building owners about their responsibilities.

- Are there any missing goals or additional goals that are not represented by the list as presented?

Public Comment

Marjorie McWee, a member of the public suggested strengthening the language of the CCDA mandate.

Chair Paravagna agreed with the public commenter and suggested adding the goal of strengthening the language of the CCDA's mandate to the new strategic plan.

Ms. Taylor stated the need to phrase the goal in such a way that it could be measured to success.

Chair Paravagna suggested "the Commission has the authority to suggest solutions that would enhance physical and program access to persons with disabilities in California."

Ms. Taylor suggested "identify solutions in the built and work environments for increasing disability access awareness." She agreed that that can be measured for success.

- Are there additional CCDA aspirations or results that should be included in the matrix?

Executive Director Jemmott suggested the results of completing the Statewide ADA Coordination Research Project by a certain date to be determined by the Commission and to research the larger questions.

Chair Paravagna stated the need to shape the research with national practices and include other large states that have an ADA office of coordination.

Executive Director Jemmott agreed that there is much that other states are doing that can be adopted or improved upon.

Commissioner Paravagna stated the discussion has centered around state agencies but he suggested included the system of higher education.

Commissioner Lillibridge suggested letting the scoping of the study and the data points it will collect take care of looking at national practices in order to compare with

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nationally-renowned ADA offices. It is important to learn about states that are doing it right.

**7. Future Agenda Items**

No future agenda items were offered.

**8. Adjourn**

Chair Paravagna adjourned the meeting at 11:15 p.m.