

California Commission on Disability Access Bylaws

1 NAME AND AUTHORIZATION

- 1.1 The name of this organization is the California Commission on Disability Access, herein referred to as CCDA.
- 1.2 The CCDA shall have the authority set forth in California Government Code Sections 14985 et seq.

2 DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS

- 2.1 The CCDA shall reside within the Department of General Services (DGS).
- 2.2 The CCDA shall be an advisory commission as set forth in California Government Code Section 14985.9.
- 2.3 The CCDA shall:
 - 2.3.1 Comply with the relevant code sections outlined in Appendix A.
 - 2.3.2 Within its jurisdiction and as appropriate, recommend, produce, prepare, or coordinate documents, projects, or other activities relevant to any issue under its jurisdiction.
 - 2.3.3 Perform other functions and duties as authorized by statute or resolution.
 - 2.3.4 Work regularly with the Executive Director to carry out its authority.
 - 2.3.4.1 Only the Executive Director has the ability to communicate on behalf of the Commission, at the discretion of the authorized entities.
 - 2.3.5 Only the Commission, as a whole, has authority. An individual should never act alone to set choices and policies for the body.

3 RULES OF CONDUCT GOVERNING FULL COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- 3.1 The CCDA and all committees shall adhere to the requirements of the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act (California Government Code, Article 9 (commencing with Section 11120) of Chapter 1 of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2).
- 3.2 The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order, as revised from time to time, shall govern meetings of the CCDA and its committees in all instances where they are appropriate and are not conflicting with these bylaws and the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act.
- 3.3 The CCDA and its committees may adopt additional standing rules provided they do not conflict with the bylaws.

Proposed Addition: Senate Bill 470 (2025) and the Attorney General Bagley-Keene Opening Meeting Act Guide (2026)

3.4 CCDA and its committees shall comply with the California Attorney General's Bagley-Keene Opening Meeting Act Guide (2026) teleconference provisions, including roll call votes, public monitoring of votes, and accessibility at the designated primary physical meeting location; and with Senate Bill 470 (2025) extending alternative teleconference rules through January 1, 2030.*

4 MEETING OF THE COMMISSION.

- 4.1 The Commission shall hold regularly scheduled meetings at a time and place designated by the Commission.
 - 4.1.1 Designated and appointed members of the CCDA shall be required to attend meetings of the Commission and any committee(s) of which they are a member.
 - 4.1.2 Each member of the CCDA may join a standing committee or ad hoc committee at any time, subject to the approval of the CCDA chair in consultation with the standing committee chair and the Executive Director.
- 4.2 At its final Full Commission meeting of each calendar year, the Commission shall establish the time and location for its regularly scheduled sessions for the upcoming year.

- 4.3 Meetings shall be open to the public and all persons shall be permitted to attend, except for closed sessions, as required and permitted by applicable law.
- 4.4 Notices of meetings with agendas shall adhere to Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act (California Government Code, Article 9 (commencing with Section 11120) of Chapter 1 of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2).
- 4.5 A majority of appointed, voting members of the CCDA shall constitute a quorum. If less than a majority of the voting members are present at said meeting, a majority of the voting members present may adjourn the meeting.
 - 4.5.1 Quorum requirements shall be consistent with the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act (California Government Code, Article 9 (commencing with Section 11120) of Chapter 1 of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2), including, if applicable, any quorum requirements pertaining to teleconferences.
- 4.6 Pursuant to Robert's Rules of Order, a majority is defined as a majority of the votes cast, unless specified differently in the bylaws. Quorum for a meeting is defined as more than half, or more than 50%, of the voting members.
- 4.7 Ex-officio and Public Committee Members are included in the calculation of the quorum and roll call votes in standing or Ad Hoc committees.
- 4.8 Public comment on matters not on a meeting's agenda is taken either at the beginning or the end of the designated meeting. Public comment on matters on the agenda will be heard as the Commission or committee takes up agenda items for discussion. Members are precluded from discussing matters not on a meeting's agenda.
- 4.9 The members of the CCDA will follow the CCDA Reasonable Accommodation Policy.
- 4.10 The members of the CCDA shall adhere to the DGS travel policy.

Proposed Addition: (Motions and Voting on Action Items)

4.11* All action items brought before the Commission or any CCDA committee or subcommittee shall require a motion and a second before a vote may proceed, unless otherwise required by law, all votes on action items shall be conducted by roll call vote of the voting members.

Proposed Addition: (Lack of Quorum)

4.12 If quorum is not present at the scheduled meeting time, the presiding officer shall announce lack of quorum and adjourn the meeting. No Commission deliberation shall occur. Any agendized briefings or presentations may be informational only; however, Commissioners shall not hear, discuss, or deliberate on items of Commission business until a duly noticed meeting convenes with quorum.*

5 MEMBERSHIP

- 5.1 The members of the CCDA shall be those individuals designated in and appointed pursuant to California Government Code Section 14985.1.
- 5.2 Non-voting, ex-officio members of the CCDA, including a representative for the State Architect or the Attorney General, may serve and vote as a member of a standing or ad hoc committee.
- 5.3 Additional public stakeholders may be appointed to serve on and vote on a standing committee or ad hoc committee, subject to the approval of the CCDA chair in consultation with the chair of the standing committee or ad hoc committee and the Executive Director.
 - 5.3.1 At the discretion of the CCDA chair in consultation with the standing committee chair and the Executive Director, the term for each public stakeholder committee member of any committee will be up to two years in length unless notated at the time of appointment. An individual may serve consecutive terms on a standing or ad hoc committee or may serve on more than one committee.
 - 5.3.2 If a public stakeholder position becomes vacant, the CCDA chair and the chair of the standing committee or ad hoc committee and the Executive Director, will identify a new individual to fill the role.
- 5.4 The terms of office of CCDA members shall be as set forth in California Government Code Section 14985.1.
- 5.5 Vacancies of appointed and designated members shall be filled pursuant to California Government Code Section 14985.1.
 - 5.5.1 Pursuant to California Government Code Section 1302, designated and appointed members of the CCDA shall continue to discharge the duties of their office until their successor has qualified.

- 5.6 In the event that a publicly appointed Commissioner fails to attend three consecutive meetings of the full commission and/or their assigned standing committee, without having given a written excuse acceptable to the CCDA chair, the Executive Director shall notify the appointing authority, who may declare the position vacant.
- 5.7 In accordance with California Government Code Section 14985.2, designated and appointed members of the CCDA shall receive one hundred dollars (\$100) per diem while on official business of the commission, not to exceed 12 days per year.

Proposed Addition: (Travel Expense Reimbursement)

5.8 The members of the CCDA shall adhere to the travel expense reimbursement policies, procedures, and guidelines established by the California Department of Human Resources (CalHR), as adopted by the organization. Reimbursement for authorized travel expenses shall be subject to compliance with all applicable CalHR travel reimbursement requirements, including documentation, submission deadlines, and allowable expenses. The organization may establish additional internal procedures that are consistent with CalHR policies. No travel expenses shall be reimbursed unless they are properly authorized and submitted in accordance with these requirements. Per-diem under California Government Code Section 14985.2 is separate from and in addition to any CalHR travel reimbursements, subject to applicable limits.

6 OFFICERS AND DUTIES.

- 6.1 The officers of the CCDA shall be the Chair and Vice-Chair, as provided in California Government Code Section 14985.2.
- 6.2 Officers shall be elected by the CCDA at the last Commission meeting of each calendar year.
- 6.3 The Chair shall:
- 6.3.1 Preside at all meetings of the Commission.
 - 6.3.2 Appoint the members of all standing or Ad Hoc committees of the Commission.
 - 6.3.3 Designate the chair of each standing or Ad Hoc committees, except the Executive Committee.
 - 6.3.4 Provide leadership in fulfilling the Commission's mandate.

6.3.5 Work regularly with the Executive Director.

6.3.6 Serve as liaison to the public.

6.3.7 Serve as the chair of the Executive Committee.

6.4 The Vice-Chair shall:

6.4.1 In the absence of the Chair, preside at Commission meetings and perform such additional duties as are required by the Commission and necessitated by the absence of the Chair.

6.4.2 Serve as acting Chair in the event of a vacancy in the office of Chair until such time a new chair is duly elected by the Commission.

6.4.3 Serve as vice-chair of the Executive Committee.

6.4.4 Perform other duties as the Chair may deem necessary.

6.5 The Immediate Past Chair shall:

6.5.1 Provide historical perspective and mentorship to the Commission.

6.5.2 Serve on the Executive Committee as ex-officio, non-voting member.

6.6 A Standing Committee shall:

Proposed Language:

6.6 A Standing Committee Chair shall:

6.6.1 Preside over meetings of their standing committee.

6.6.2 Ensure that the specified scope assigned to the chosen standing committee is carried out in order to meet the Commission's mandates.

6.6.3 Serve on the Executive Committee.

Proposed Addition: (Standing Committee Chairs and Serial Meetings)

6.6.4 Ensures all committee discussions happen in properly noticed meetings, preventing “serial meetings” and keeping everything open and legal.

Proposed Addition: (Chair/Vice Chair & Subcommittee Assignments)

6.7 Upon assuming office of Chair or Vice Chair, an individual may relinquish their assignment to any standing subcommittee in order to fulfill their responsibilities of their elected office. The Chair or Vice Chair may continue serving on subcommittees, provided that such service will not interfere with or conflict with the performance of their official duties. Any resulting vacancy on the subcommittee shall be filled in accordance with these bylaws.

7 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 7.1 The Executive Committee is a standing committee and shall be comprised of the elected officers of the CCDA, the immediate past chair and the chairs of the standing committees.
- 7.2 The Executive Committee shall make recommendations to the CCDA and shall implement policies set by the CCDA.
- 7.3 The Executive Committee was created to discuss and act on operational and management level topics regarding the Commission.
- 7.4 The Committee will perform reviews every other year of the CCDA bylaws and provide any recommendations for updates to the Full Commission.
- 7.5 The Executive Committee will convene on the dates specified by the Commission.

8 STANDING, AD HOC AND SUB-COMMITTEES

- 8.1 In consultation with the Executive Director, the CCDA chair may create standing or Ad Hoc committees as are deemed necessary from time to time to carry out the Commission's mandate. The CCDA chair may dissolve standing committees, except for the Executive Committee, if they have determined that the dissolution is in the best interests of the Commission and no longer necessary.

Proposed Language:

8.1 By formal action of the Commission at a noticed open meeting, CCDA may create standing or ad hoc committees as are deemed necessary to the operation of the CCDA. Dissolution of any standing committee (other than the Executive Committee) shall occur only by formal Commission action.

- 8.2 Standing committees are considered a permanent part of the organization. A standing committee's function is to perform duties that are essential to the operation of the CCDA. Members of a standing committee may change when new officers are elected or appointed, but the purpose of the committee and its functions and duties do not change. When the CCDA receives business that consists of the work of a standing committee, it may refer it to the standing committee, who will make recommendations to the Commission.

Proposed Language:

8.2 Standing committees are ongoing committees established to perform functions that are essential to the operation of the CCDA. Although the membership of a standing committee may change as officers are elected or appointed, the committee's purpose, functions, and responsibilities remain consistent unless modified by the Commission. Standing committees continue to exist until formally dissolved in accordance with these bylaws. When the CCDA receives business that falls within the scope of a standing committee, it may refer the matter to that standing committee for review and recommendations to the Commission.

- 8.2.1 Standing committees considered a permanent part of the organization shall be:

Proposed Language:

8.2.1. Standing committees that are a part of the organization shall be:

- 8.2.1.1 the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee was created to discuss and act on operational and management level topics regarding the Commission.
- 8.2.1.2 the Legislative Committee. The Legislative Committee was created to discuss disability access related legislation and policy matters. It functions as an advisory body, offering recommendations to its parent/decision-making body, the Commission.

- 8.2.1.3 the Checklist Committee. The Checklist Committee was created to work on technical documents and special projects related to the Commission. It functions as an advisory body, offering recommendations to its parent/decision-making body, the Commission.

Proposed Language:

8.2.1.3 Effective January 1, 2027, the body formerly known as the Checklist Committee shall be known as the Accessibility Advisory Committee. The Checklist Committee was established to work on technical documents and special projects related to the Commission and serve in an advisory capacity by providing recommendations to its parent/decision-making body, the Commission. The Commission recognizes and preserves the historical designation of the Checklist Committee as part of the official record. References to the Checklist Committee in prior Commission records, documents, minutes, reports, and other historical materials shall remain unchanged for the purpose of maintaining an accurate historical record and documenting the development and continuity of the committee. Beginning January 1, 2027, all new official references to the body shall use the Accessibility Advisory Committee, as formally adopted by Commission vote. The change in name does not alter the historical record of the committee or its continuity as an advisory body of the Commission.

- 8.2.1.4 the Education and Outreach Committee. The Education and Outreach Committee was created to discuss and advise on education and outreach topics for the business and disability communities. It functions as an advisory body, offering recommendations to its parent/decision-making body, the Commission.
- 8.3 Ad Hoc Committees are created to perform a specific task and is dissolved when the task is completed, and the final report is given. Ad Hoc committees are not created to undertake a task that is within the designated function of a standing committee.
- 8.4 Standing committees will convene on the dates specified by the Commission.
- 8.5 Ad Hoc committees shall meet upon the call of the committee chair at a time and place designated by the chair and Executive Director.
- 8.6 The chair and membership of each standing or Ad Hoc committee shall be appointed and approved by the CCDA chair in consultation with the Executive Director.

- 8.7 The appointed chair of any standing or Ad Hoc committee shall be among the publicly appointed members of the CCDA pursuant to California Government Code Section 14985.1.
- 8.8 Upon their initial appointment, designated and appointed members of the CCDA pursuant to California Government Code Section 14985.1 shall determine their preference for an assigned standing committee(s). These individuals may join a standing committee at any time, subject to the approval of the CCDA chair and the standing committee chair in consultation with the Executive Director.
- 8.9 Except for the Executive Committee, additional members of standing or Ad Hoc committees may be appointed by the chairperson of the relevant committee(s), with the approval of the CCDA chair and in consultation with the Executive Director.
- 8.9.1 Except for the Executive Committee, additional public stakeholders may be selected to serve on and vote as members of a standing committee, subject to the approval of the CCDA chair and standing committee chair in consultation with the Executive Director.
- 8.9.2 The term for each public stakeholder committee member of any committee will be up to two years in length unless notated at the time of appointment. An individual may serve consecutive terms and participate in different standing committees or ad hoc committees.
- 8.10 Except for the Executive Committee, non-voting, ex-officio members of the CCDA, or their representative, may serve or vote as a member of their standing committee.
- 8.11 The CCDA Officers and Executive Director shall be informed of any committee being created as well as the appointees. No appointee shall serve on any committee without the concurrence of the CCDA chair and Executive Director.
- 8.12 Sub-committees are created to perform a specific task for a standing or Ad Hoc committee and are dissolved when the task is completed.

9 AMENDMENTS

- 9.1 These bylaws may be amended by a 2/3 majority vote of a quorum of the CCDA at any regular meeting provided that the amendments have been publicly noticed as required by the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act.

Appendix A to California Commission on Disability Access Bylaws

1. Purpose and Scope

This Appendix describes the relevant code sections that apply to the body. The provisions of the body's duties and obligations as detailed in Appendix A shall govern the matters outlined in Section 2 Duties and Functions of these bylaws.

2. Duties and Functions

- a.** Collect, review and report data as set out in California Civil Code Section 55.32 and California Government Code Section 14985.8.
- b.** Provide information, materials, and educational outreach in accordance with California Government Code Sections 14985.5 and 14985.6, including, but not limited to, conducting studies, providing technical assistance, preparing reports for the Legislature on issues pertaining to compliance with state laws and regulations pertaining to disability access, developing and disseminating educational materials that would promote compliance with state laws and regulations pertaining to disability access, meeting the needs of both the business and disability communities, and recommending programs to enable people with disabilities to obtain full and equal access to public facilities.
- c.** Coordinate with other state agencies and local building departments to ensure that information provided to the public on disability access requirements is uniform and complete pursuant to California Government Code Sections 14985.6.
- d.** Pursuant to California Government Code Section 14985.7 and in accordance with Government Code Section 9795 annually report to the Legislature on or before March 31 its efforts to carry out California Government Code Sections 14985 et seq.