

CALIFORNIA COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ACCESS LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Teleconference Meeting Minutes
August 20, 2025

1. Call to Order

Chair Scott Lillibridge welcomed everyone and called the meeting of the Legislative Committee of the California Commission on Disability Access (CCDA) to order at approximately 1:30 p.m. The meeting was on Zoom, via teleconference, and held at the CCDA Headquarters, 400 R Street, Suite 312, Sacramento, California 95811.

Staff Member Mahoney reviewed the meeting protocols.

Roll Call

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

Committee Members Present:

Scott Lillibridge, Committee Chair
Jacqueline Jackson*
Sarahan Shapiro*

Committee Members Absent:

Rob Bonta, Attorney General, by Deputy Attorney General Ben Conway
Dan Okenfuss

Staff Present:

April Dawson Rawlings, Executive Director
Abigail Ridge, Operations Manager
Maeve Mahoney, Administrative Analyst
Russell Bradley, Education and Outreach Analyst
Brandon Dam, Data and Research Analyst

Also Present:

Regina Brink, California Council of the Blind
Viet Vo, Legislative Consultant, Office of Legislative Affairs, California Department of General Services

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes (April 30, 2025) – Action

Motion: Commissioner Shapiro moved to approve the April 30, 2025, California Commission on Disability Access Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes as presented. Commissioner Jackson seconded. There was no public comment on the motion. Motion carried 3 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstain, per roll call vote as follows:

The following Committee Members voted “Yes”: Committee Members Jackson and Shapiro, and Chair Lillibridge.

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

Keith Webb stated for the past three years, they have tried to encourage a business in Orange County to comply with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) regulations. The speaker stated this business has used the disabled parking area for a barbeque area for over a year, blocked access to the disabled parking area with umbrellas for people to stand under, stored items in the disabled parking area, would not allow disabled individuals to use the ADA accessible route denoted by the last Certified Access Specialist (CAsp) report from July of 2025, and would not allow disabled individuals to access the restrooms using the ADA accessible route. The speaker asked for help with this issue.

Chair Lillibridge asked Keith Webb to contact staff.

4. CCDA's Annual Report to State Legislature – Update and Discussion

a. Status of 2024 Annual Report

Executive Director Dawson Rawlings stated the CCDA's 2024 Annual Report to the Legislature has been posted on the website under the Resources tab. It will soon be available in multiple languages and formats. Trends from the report and how the CCDA will respond to them will be shared at a future meeting.

Discussion

Commissioner Shapiro stated the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) has an annual regional event in Monterey. She suggested reaching out to partner with them in holding a listening session at their annual meeting.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

5. Department of General Services (DGS) Office of Legislative Affairs (OLA) – Discussion

a. DGS OLA Legislative Consultant Viet Vo

Viet Vo, DGS OLA Legislative Consultant, provided an overview, with a slide presentation, of the staff, core functions and activities, and bill analysis process of the OLA. He stated the Legislature is in the first year of a two-year session so many bills he will report on in the next agenda item have not met the deadline to amend or pass in each house; however, they potentially can move forward next year.

There were no questions from Committee Members and no public comment.

6. Legislative Bill Tracking – Update and Discussion

Mr. Vo summarized the CCDA Legislative Status Report on the bills staff is tracking, which was included in the meeting materials.

a. Senate Bill 84: Disability access: construction-related accessibility claims: notice of violation and opportunity to correct.

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This bill failed the Policy Committee deadline. It is a two-year bill and may continue next year.

b. Assembly Bill 395: Holidays.

This bill has failed the Policy Committee deadline. It is a two-year bill and may continue next year.

c. Senate Bill 470: Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act: teleconferencing.

This bill is pending in the Senate Appropriations Committee. The suspense hearing is scheduled for next Friday.

d. Assembly Bill 649: Disability access: construction-related accessibility claim.

This bill failed the Policy Committee deadline. It is a two-year bill and may continue next year.

e. Assembly Bill 780: Disability access: construction-related accessibility claims: notice of violation and opportunity to correct.

This bill has failed the Policy Committee deadline. This bill contains the same language as SB 84 and will likely not be pursued next year.

Discussion

There were no questions from Committee Members.

Public Comment

Ruthee Goldkorn, No Barriers Disabled Access Consulting and Advocacy Services, and Legislative Committee and Legislation Negotiating Team, Californians for Disability Rights, stated AB 649 has turned into a two-year bill. The speaker asked what may happen to the bill since they morphed it into a two-year bill after it had been approved by the legislative bodies and then turned back.

7. CCDA Strategic Planning Conversation – Discussion

a. CCDA Strategic Planning

Executive Director Dawson Rawlings stated the CCDA is in the midst of developing its new five-year strategic plan of its mission, vision, and values as a guide to determine how best to allocate resources over the next five years and dedicate its time. Feedback has been gathered over the past several months from CCDA Committee Members and the community, and summits for the business community and the disability community are being planned for later this year. Themes that have emerged from this feedback are:

- Addressing misconceptions on disability access compliance and fostering a culture of proactive responsibility through education, engagement, and data-driven insights.
- Developing CCDA to effectively implement legislative and statutory obligations.
- Building relationships with and between all CCDA stakeholders.

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- Developing resource capacity to respond to stakeholders.

Executive Director Dawson Rawlings reviewed how the DGS OLA works with the CCDA Legislative Committee for an opportunity for alignment. She asked a series of questions as part of a Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT) Analysis to facilitate the discussion. Meeting participants provided feedback as follows:

Strengths: What does the CCDA do well?

- Diverse viewpoints and backgrounds to offer in considering the effectiveness and impact of legislation.
- Extensive combined professional experience in legislative areas.
- Dedicated CCDA staff that supports the Commission and its work.
- Willing to ask the tough questions.
- Ensures that necessary resources are available prior to decision-making.
- Listens to and experiences diverse positions.
- Models respectful dialogue of what can perhaps be perceived as diametrically opposed positions. The Commission holds that the positions are not diametrically opposed, but that they can mesh together for the greater good of both positions.
- Cannot take positions on legislation (both a weakness and a strength). The Commission can be a part of bringing all the different points of view together to come up with creative solutions.

Weaknesses: What do we need to improve?

- Cannot take positions on legislation (both a weakness and a strength). It can be perceived that the Commission does not have a voice.
- Does not effectively communicate either in this Committee or in the full Commission on avenues available to the CCDA or how they can be utilized to educate and inform.
- Limited on meeting cadence and interaction.
- Confined by Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act rules on public meeting requirements.

Opportunities: What new opportunities will help us carry out our purpose?

- Find ways for the Committee to engage directly with legislators.
- How individual Commissioners can engage with the Legislature outside of the CCDA capacity.
- Partner and hold listening forums on accessibility with trade organizations that represent businesses, such as the ICSC.

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- Pay attention to the budgetary environment of the state of California and how that can affect the future work of the Commission.

Threats: What might impact our capacity to carry out our purpose?

- Budget limitations hinder the work of the Commission.
- Obsolescence if this Committee does not act with clarity about its purpose.
- Guard carefully against polarization or losing the safe environment for respectful dialogue.

Executive Director Dawson Rawlings stated there will be other opportunities for feedback during the ongoing strategic planning process.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

8. Future Agenda Items

Commissioner Shapiro suggested a presentation in partnership with Mr. Vo on the process of educating and providing feedback to legislators.

9. Adjourn

Chair Lillibridge thanked everyone for their participation and asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Commissioner Shapiro moved to adjourn the August 20, 2025, California Commission on Disability Access Legislative Committee Meeting. Commissioner Jackson seconded. Motion carried 3 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstain, per roll call vote as follows:

The following Committee Members voted "Yes": Committee Members Jackson and Shapiro, and Chair Lillibridge.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:00 p.m.