

CALIFORNIA COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ACCESS LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes
April 29, 2026

1. Call to Order

Chair Sarahann Shapiro 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 California Division of the State Architect (DSA) Los Angeles Office, at 355 S Grand Avenue, Suite 2100, Los Angeles, California 90071.

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:

Sarahann Shapiro, Committee Chair

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

Dan Okenfuss

*All Committee Members participated remotely

Committee Members Absent:

Jacqueline Jackson

Other Commissioners Present:

Hector Ramirez

Dr. Luciana Profaca

Staff Present:

April Dawson Rawlings, Executive Director

Russell Bradley, Education and Outreach Analyst

Brandon Dam, Data and Research Analyst

Maeve Mahoney, Administrative Analyst

Abigail Ridge, Operations Manager

Roy Rodriguez, Marketing and Outreach Analyst

Elias Williams, Disability Access Technician

Also Present:

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Regina Brink, First Vice President and Director of Governmental Affairs, California
Council of the Blind
Kendra Muller, CCDA Education and Outreach Committee Member
Viet Vo, Legislative Consultant, Office of Legislative Affairs, California Department of
General Services

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes (August 20, 2025) – Action

Motion: Committee Member Conway moved to approve the August 20, 2025, California Commission on Disability Access Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes. Committee Member Okenfuss 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 Conway and Okenfuss and Chair Shapiro.

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

No members of the public addressed the Committee.

4. CCDA’s New Legislative Committee Members – Update and Discussion

a. New Committee Chair Commissioner

Executive Director Dawson Rawlings and Committee Members welcomed new Chair Commissioner Shapiro to the Legislative Committee.

Public Comment

Commissioner Ramirez congratulated Chair Shapiro on her new role.

5. Legislative Bill Reporting – Update and Discussion

Viet Vo, Legislative Consultant, Office of Legislative Affairs, California Department of General Services (DGS), reviewed the Legislative Calendar and 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 two-year bill continues to sit in the Senate Judiciary Committee.

b. Assembly Bill 395: Holidays.

This two-year bill continues to sit in the Senate Judiciary Committee.

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

This bill was passed and chaptered.

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

This two-year bill continues to sit in the Senate Judiciary Committee.

e. Assembly Bill 766: State agencies and departments: strategic plans: diversity, equity, and inclusion.

This bill was vetoed by the Governor.

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

This bill did not meet the deadline. No action has been taken.

g. Assembly Bill 1823: State government: State Government Strategic Planning and Performance and Review Act: strategic plans: equity.

This bill is currently in the Assembly Appropriations Committee Suspense File.

h. Assembly Bill 2190: Internet website accessibility.

This bill is currently in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

i. Assembly Bill 2360: State agencies: government linguistics.

This bill is currently in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

j. Assembly Bill 2607: California Americans with Disabilities Act Small Business Capital Access Loan Program.

This bill is currently in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Discussion

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Committee Member Okenfuss referred to Assembly Bill (AB) 2607 and asked for more detail on the California Capital Access Program (CalCAP).

Mr. Vo stated CalCAP is not in the CCDA's jurisdiction.

Committee Member Okenfuss suggested finding ways for the CCDA to share their expertise.

Public Comment

Regina Brink thanked Mr. Vo for highlighting the California Council of the Blind's letter concerning AB 2190. She stated the Council would like to work with businesses to make this possible.

Regina Brink highlighted AB 2135, a bill about accessibility in long-term health care facilities.

6. 2026 Legislative Community Action Plan – Update and Discussion

a. Project Docket

Executive Director Dawson Rawlings stated the CCDA Legislative Committee does not take formal positions on bills; however, CCDA staff provides feedback in the form of bill analyses for the bills being tracked in the CCDA Legislative Status Report, which goes through the DGS process.

Executive Director Dawson Rawlings asked Committee Members to send comments to include in the bill analyses to staff.

b. Committee Purview

Executive Director Dawson Rawlings stated, in response to input provided during the CCDA's strategic planning process, the DGS Government Operations and the Office of Legislative Affairs have asked the CCDA to create a one- to two-page introduction of the CCDA geared to legislators and their staff. Staff is currently working on a draft introduction that will be presented at a future Legislative Committee meeting for review.

There were no questions from Commissioners and no public comment.

7. CCDA Strategic Goal Development – Discussion

a. CCDA 2025-2030 Strategic Goal Development

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Executive Director Dawson Rawlings introduced the speakers and asked them to give their presentation.

Sara Randazzo, Organizational Strategy Unit Manager, CPS HR Consulting, and Christy Clay, Senior Project Consultant, CPS HR Consulting, provided an overview, with a slide presentation, of the updates made to the draft strategic plan mission, vision, and core values since the last Committee meeting. They discussed the four Strategic Pillars: outreach, education, and public awareness; compliance resource innovation; partnerships, ambassadors, and community engagement; and operational excellence and data, and the goals under each of them.

Ms. Randazzo asked for feedback on what should be included in the one-pager to make the CCDA more visible to policy makers.

Discussion

Chair Shapiro stated the one-pager is an opportunity to educate legislators on who the CCDA is, what it does, and how it is available to assist them with information and knowledge within its purview relative to steps they may be taking to meet shared goals between legislators, the CCDA, and the community. She suggested it contain sections on what the Commission can and cannot do.

Committee Member Okenfuss suggested asking the legislative members of the Commission about their thoughts on distributing this one-pager to the Legislature.

Ms. Randazzo asked for feedback on the purpose of this Committee, since it is not a lobbying group.

Chair Shapiro stated one of the purposes of the one-pager is to increase visibility and to try to get more inquiries from legislators for the CCDA to contribute to the conversation. It serves as an educational resource early in the bill development process to provide technical assistance and guidance to legislators.

Ms. Clay asked for additional things this Committee may consider.

Chair Shapiro stated the DGS reports on bills that are within the CCDA's purview. Also, Committee Members have an opportunity on an individual basis to provide comments and questions to the Executive Director, who will pass them through the appropriate channels to affect the staff analyses on the bills being tracked. The one-pager will help legislators learn about the Commission so they can call upon the Commission to discuss ideas that may become bills in the future.

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Executive Director Dawson Rawlings suggested considering if there are groups that are not at the table that the CCDA could reach out to attend meetings to add to the conversation.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

8. Future Agenda Items – Discussion

Chair Shapiro asked Commissioners for suggestions for the next agenda.

No future agenda items were offered.

9. Adjourn

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

Motion: Committee Member Okenfuss moved to adjourn the April 29, 2026, California Commission on Disability Access Legislative Committee meeting. Committee Member Conway seconded. Motion carried 3 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstain, per roll call vote as follows:

The following Committee Members voted “Yes”: Committee Members Conway and Okenfuss and Chair Shapiro.

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