

CALIFORNIA COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ACCESS LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Teleconference Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2022

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 1:36 p.m. Due to the ongoing health emergency, and consistent with Executive Order N-29-20, this meeting was conducted entirely by Zoom and teleconference.

Staff Member Brown reviewed the meeting protocols.

Roll Call

Staff Member Brown called the roll and announced a quorum was not present.

Commissioners Present:

Michael Paravagna, Chair
Jacqueline Jackson

Commissioners Absent:

Scott Lillibridge

Other Commissioners Present:

Brian Jones, Senator,
represented by Nina Krishel

Staff Present:

Angela Jemmott, Executive Director
Kamran Qazi, Legal Counsel
Adam Barsanti, Associate Governmental
Program Analyst
Theresa Brown, Data and Research
Analyst
Stephanie Groce, Disability Access
Technician
Phil McPhaul, Operations Manager

Also Present:

Joseph Mitchell
Sharlene Ornelas
Corrina Roy, Legislative Consultant, Office of Legislative Affairs, California Department
of General Services (DGS)

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes (September 8, 2021) – Action

Chair Paravagna tabled this agenda item to the next Legislative Committee meeting.

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

Joseph Mitchell asked about the progress on Senate Bill (SB) 430 and how is it tied to disability litigation, civil penalties, or statutory requirements. The speaker also asked if California Civil Code Section 55.56(g), which is the 30-, 60-, and 120-day requirements, will be updated during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Corrina Roy, Legislative Consultant, Office of Legislative Affairs, California Department of General Services (DGS), stated SB 430 died last year. To date, no bills have been introduced to amend the Civil Code section.

Joseph Mitchell suggested asking the direct local bar associations to disseminate the requirement to submit legal papers to the CCDA as a more effective strategy.

Christine Ornelas stated they experienced technical difficulties when using the link to dial into this meeting by phone.

Executive Director Jemmott stated staff will try to resolve this issue.

4. Administrative Order 17-02: Legislative Communications Policy – Update and Discussion

Executive Director Jemmott summarized Draft Administrative Order 17-02, which was included in the meeting materials. The draft order should be finalized by the end of the month.

Discussion

Chair Paravagna thanked the DGS for the revisions to assist the CCDA is doing the job it was appointed to do.

Public Comment

No members of the public addressed the Committee.

Action Items

- No action items.

5. CCDA One Page Informational to the Legislature – Update and Discussion

a. Working with Education and Outreach Committee for Potential Opportunities

Executive Director Jemmott reviewed the CCDA One Page Informational to the Legislature document, which was included in the meeting materials. She asked for feedback on discussion points around this document and how to best distribute this document.

Discussion

Nina Krishel, Legislative and Communications Aide, Senator Jones's Office, stated legislative staff currently work in a hybrid situation with a minimum number of staff in rotation at the office. Most information is sent and received electronically.

Ms. Krishel suggested including the information from the one-pager in the body of an email rather than as an attachment to ensure that the information is readily seen. She noted that not all attachments are opened. Even copying and pasting the information in the email is a better strategy than including an attachment.

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Ms. Krishel stated sending that email to all legislative staff is great. She suggested also sending the email to committees that work in this area such as Human Services. Committees can then share this information with committee staff and its members.

Chair Paravagna stated, when the Legislative Committee hosted a meet-and-greet with legislative staff at the Capital pre-pandemic, one of the things he was struck by was that many participants did not know who the CCDA was or what it did. The CCDA does not oppose or support legislation but is a bridge between the business and disability communities. It discusses what is likely to be a reaction or impact of legislative proposals.

Ms. Krishel suggested, in addition to the initial outreach, sending legislative offices with potential legislation a quick email stating the CCDA is not weighing in with a position on their legislation but is here to offer insight – that the CCDA has thoughts on the bill and may be of some assistance.

Ms. Krishel stated, if the CCDA is looking for more general awareness, many organizations have gone to social media and tag members and their staff.

Chair Paravagna stated the CCDA has also historically been a support to legislators who are having an event in their district and they want someone to talk about what the CCDA does.

Commissioner Jackson asked to receive three hard copies of the one-pager so she can personally take it to her Assembly Member and Senator to use as a conversation starter to let them know that the CCDA is here in support. A town hall meeting was held yesterday. The Assembly Member talked about voting rights and covered all groups with the exception of persons with disabilities. She stated she plans to speak with this person and would like to have the one-pager to give to them as part of the conversation.

Chair Paravagna agreed that this document will do no good if it is not disseminated. He suggested putting this issue as an agenda item at the next Education and Outreach (E&O) Committee meeting for discussion.

Public Comment

No members of the public addressed the Committee.

Action Items

- Staff is to send three hard copies of the one-pager to Commissioner Jackson for personal distribution.
- Staff is to include this issue as an agenda item at the next E&O Committee meeting.

6. Legislative Bill Tracking – Update and Discussion

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

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a. Assembly Bill 105: The Upward Mobility Act of 2021: boards and commissions: civil service: examinations: classifications

This bill was vetoed by the Governor on October 8, 2021.

b. Assembly Bill 1604: The Upward Mobility Act of 2022: boards and commissions: civil service: examinations: classifications

This bill is in the Assembly Public Employment and Retirement Committee.

c. Assembly Bill 1733: State bodies: open meetings

This bill is a work in progress.

d. Assembly Bill 1795: Open meetings: remote participation

This bill is a work in progress.

Discussion

Chair Paravagna asked if either of the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act bills deal with the Brown Act.

Ms. Roy stated they do not.

Public Comment

No members of the public addressed the Committee.

Action Items

- No action items.

7. Future Agenda Items

No future agenda items were offered.

8. Adjourn

Chair Paravagna adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.