

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

August 23, 2017

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 or Commission) to order at approximately 10:00 a.m. at the Department of Rehabilitation, 721 Capitol Mall, Room 244, 2nd Floor, Sacramento, 95814.

The off-site meeting location for teleconference was Derby, McGuinness, and Goldsmith, LLP, 200 Lakeside Drive, Suite A, Oakland, 94612.

ROLL CALL

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

Commissioners Present:

Michael Paravagna, Chair
Celia McGuinness

Staff Present:

Angela Jemmott, Executive Director
Dharon Grayson, AGPA

Commissioner Absent:

Walter Hughes

Also Present:

David Peters, CEO, California Justice Alliance
Melisa Barton

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES (MAY 24, 2017) – ACTION

The meeting minutes were approved with no opposition or abstentions.

3. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON ISSUES NOT ON THIS AGENDA

No members of the public addressed the Committee.

**4. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE TAKING THE LEAD ON STRATEGIC GOAL #6:
EXPLORE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A STATE LEVEL AMERICANS WITH
DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) ACCESS OFFICE – UPDATE AND DISCUSSION**

a. Status and Survey

b. What are the Expected Outcomes or Next Steps from the Survey Results

**CALIFORNIA COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ACCESS
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
AUGUST 23, 2017, MEETING MINUTES**

Executive Director Jemmott stated Commissioner Lackey has endorsed the ten-item survey and cover letter and the Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) has reported that the survey does not create a conflict of interest with their work.

Chair Paravagna stated the next step is to send the survey out to interested parties to learn how well California is doing with ADA Title II implementation.

5. LEGISLATIVE TOWN HALL MEETINGS – UPDATE AND DISCUSSION

- a. Review of First “Listening Session” from July 18, 2017**
- b. Developing Content for the Next Event with the Education and Outreach Committee**

Chair Paravagna stated the first Listening Session was held in Southern California on July 18th after the Full Commission meeting on the topic of the DMV Disabled Parking Placard Program. He stated the event was successful and brought attention to the CCDA. Lessons were learned on things to do differently for the next Listening Session to enhance the process.

Chair Paravagna publicly thanked the California Council of Independent Living Centers (CILC) for their financial support. He stated CILC members suggested future Listening Session topics such as; continuing education for individuals in the trades, access to websites and technology, signals, medical facilities, and air travel, the awareness on the part of medical staff dealing with individuals with disabilities and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), communication and technology changes for individuals who are deaf and hard of hearing, and enforcement of Title 24. The CILC offered to partner with the CCDA in the ongoing discussions. They were supportive of holding a second Listening Session on parking placards in Northern California.

Chair Paravagna stated the need to ask the CCDA Education and Outreach (E&O) Committee for their help in producing and marketing these meetings. The CILC has offered to send notices out to all the independent living centers with the suggestion that they in turn send notices out to their networks. He stated the need for balance and for doing outreach to the business community and other segments of California so that the discussions represent a variety of viewpoints.

Executive Director Jemmott stated the Listening Session idea from the Legislative Committee has captured the attention of other government agencies and produced partnerships to help solve issues. She stated the need to report the recommendations that came out of the first Listening Session, including who was in attendance and how they influenced those recommendations.

Executive Director Jemmott stated many attendees reported that they had never been in a room with such a diverse group on this topic and rated the experience as excellent overall. She stated the results of the meeting survey were generally positive. She stated the need to consider a way that the individuals participating via teleconference could be included in the break-out discussions.

**CALIFORNIA COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ACCESS
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
AUGUST 23, 2017, MEETING MINUTES**

Chair Paravagna suggested having a facilitator facilitate a break-out group with individuals on the phoneline. He stated the need to encourage legislative contacts to send representatives by phone or in person so that, when ideas come out, they are related to legislative concepts that could be developed to solve problems in these key areas. The goal is to find agreed-upon solutions to difficult problems.

Commissioner McGuinness asked, regarding conveying information to legislative representatives who were unable to attend, if the Annual Report to the Legislature could be a forum for reporting what was accomplished and what ideas came out of the discussions.

Commissioner McGuinness asked what can be done to help continue the discussion began in the Listening Session and to make improvements based on the lessons learned.

Chair Paravagna suggested sharing the combined results of the Listening Sessions in Northern and Southern California with the legislative members of the CCDA.

Commissioner McGuinness suggested that the E&O Committee discuss where there was misinformation or a lack of information that could be addressed by the CCDA either on the website or through another method.

Executive Director Jemmott suggested sharing the results of the Listening Sessions in the Annual Report to the Legislature to show completion of work, including a presentation at the next full Commission meeting, and giving presentations at future Listening Sessions of what has been accomplished in past sessions.

Chair Paravagna suggested contacting Comcast to video record and broadcast Listening Sessions on their station to broaden the audience.

Commissioner McGuinness suggested discussing this with Commissioner Hughes.

Executive Director Jemmott asked David Peters, CEO, California Justice Alliance, to share his experience of attending the first CCDA Listening Session.

Public Comment

Mr. Peters stated it was an excellent event; the variety of individuals and perspectives was unmatched. He stated the need for more time to discuss the issues. Valuable suggestions were made during the break-out sessions that were not included in the full group review of the table discussions. He suggested asking each table to agree on their list of conclusions to be read to the full group. He suggested that the list of proposed solutions, which were included in the meeting packet, be read out loud prior to the break-out sessions so the table discussions could build upon that thinking.

Chair Paravagna stated the need to ensure that everyone at each table is given opportunity to be heard from so their ideas could be recorded and reported out.

6. PARTNERSHIPS WITH CAPITOL STAFF – UPDATE AND DISCUSSION

a. Strategic Opportunities with Events

**CALIFORNIA COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ACCESS
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
AUGUST 23, 2017, MEETING MINUTES**

b. Strategic Opportunities with Commissioners

Chair Paravagna stated a new legislative member has been appointed to the CCDA. He stated he and Executive Director Jemmott plan to meet with her to bring her up to speed on what the Commission is doing and solicit participation.

7. CCDA LEGISLATIVE BILL TRACKING – UPDATE AND DISCUSSION

- a. AB 150 (Mathis R) Disabled Persons: Rights: Liability**
- b. AB 913 (Gray D) Construction-Related Accessibility Claims: Extremely High-Frequency Litigants**
- c. AB 1148 (Steinorth R) Commercial property: disclosures: disability access**
- d. AB 1379 (Thurmond D) Certified access specialist program: funding**
- e. AB 1553 (Gomez D) Economic development: Capital Access Loan Program**

Executive Director Jemmott directed the Committee's attention to the Legislative Bill Status Report provided in the meeting packet and summarized the status of bills currently being tracked by staff.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner McGuinness suggested including a discussion on the next Town Hall meeting topic or following up on the placard issue in Northern California.

Chair Paravagna shared his vision of hosting Listening Sessions as an ongoing series to help establish a constituency base, create interest for meetings, and make the CCDA more relevant to California.

9. ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.