

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

**May 23, 2018**

**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 10:00 a.m. at the CCDA Hearing Room, 400 R Street, Room 300, Third Floor, Sacramento, 95811.

The off-site meeting location for teleconference was 9601 Ridehaven Court, San Diego, 92123.

Chair Paravagna reviewed the meeting protocols.

**Roll Call**

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

Commissioners Present:

Michael Paravagna, Chair  
Tiffany Potter

Staff Present:

Angela Jemmott, Executive Director  
LaCandice Ochoa, Operations Manager  
Matthew Wang, Staff Services Analyst

Commissioners Absent:

Walter Hughes  
Celia McGuinness

Also Present:

Lewis Bronte), Legislative Director, California housing agency  
Pia Basudev, Department of Rehabilitation (Teleconference)  
Russell Rawlings, Director of Advocacy Services, Resources for Independent Living  
Corrina Roy, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of General Services  
(Teleconference)  
David Peters, California Justice Alliance (Teleconference)

**2. Approval Of Meeting Minutes (January 24, 2018) – Action**

This agenda item was not heard due to the lack of a quorum.

**3. Comments From The Public On Issues Not On This Agenda**

No members of the public addressed the Committee.

**4. ADA Coordinator Survey - Update and Discussion**

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Chair Paravagna stated a few months ago this Committee examined the concept of sending a short questionnaire to California state government entities to measure Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance. Chair Paravagna shared the survey and it was sent out to 87 ADA Coordinators, yet there was an astonishingly low response rate. He encouraged the Committee not to abandon this project but to reshape it. The goal today is to consider next steps. He asked the committee for suggestions.

Commissioner Potter suggested that including a short explanation of why the Commission is asking these questions may alleviate reticence to respond to the survey. The survey is meant to be an information-gathering tool.

Chair Paravagna suggested sending it to department directors with a carbon copy to agency secretaries. He stated the combination of better explaining its purpose to make it as nonthreatening as possible and sending it to department heads and secretaries may yield a better result. He stated there should be continuity within state government that departments should be looking at the same ADA notice, grievance procedure, and format for self-evaluation and transition plans to better coordinate CCDA efforts to support the entities within state government that need it.

Executive Director Jemmott suggested a Q&A conference call with department chairs in preparation for sending out the survey.

Chair Paravagna suggested also meeting with the State Disability Advisory Council to let them know that the Commission is working on this. The Advisory Council represents a network of individuals within departments that may be supportive of the survey.

Commissioner Potter suggested attaching a frequently asked questions sheet with the survey based on the feedback received from the first round.

**5. External Legislative Projects - Update and Discussion**

**a. Report to Legislature on July 2017 and March 2018 Listening Forums**

Executive Director Jemmott stated the CCDA held successful listening forums on parking placard reform in July of 2017 and March of 2018. The July forum included legislative support from Senators Allen and Hill's offices via teleconference. The March forum included an afternoon chat with Assembly Members Frazier and Lackey and a representative from Senator Pan's office. The report has been posted to the website.

**b. Proposed CCDA Outreach Efforts of 2018-19**

Executive Director Jemmott stated the focus for outreach efforts this year is the restaurant industry. The Checklist Committee is building a tool for consumers to increase access. The discussion with the restaurant industry will include the consumer tool along with the topic of service animals.

Executive Director Jemmott summarized the Proposed CCDA Educational Outreach Efforts of 2018-29 document, which was included in the meeting packet.

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**c. Listening Forum – Service Animals**

Executive Director Jemmott stated the next listening forum topic will be service animals. The goal is to hold a series of listening forums: Northern California in October of 2018, Central California in November of 2018, and Southern California in June of 2019. She stated staff is securing legislative support for these forums.

**Commissioner Questions and Discussion**

Commissioner Potter asked how the panel members are chosen for the listening forums. Executive Director Jemmott stated diversity of thought is imperative for this type of format to provide learning opportunities. She stated the upcoming forums will allow more time to ask questions of the panel members. She welcomed suggestions for panel members.

Commissioner Potter suggested that someone speak about disaster response and service animals.

Chair Paravagna stated a future listening forum topic, with Commission approval, will be emergency management.

Commissioner Potter stated it might make sense to speak on the topic at both forums with a focus on emergency management for animals at the upcoming service animal forums.

**Public Comment**

Russell Rawlings, Director of Advocacy Services, Resources for Independent Living, asked about other listening forum topics that have been identified.

Chair Paravagna stated there is a list of suggested topics, such as website access. Additional suggestions are welcome.

Mr. Rawlings suggested the topic of housing access.

Lewis Bronte, Legislative Director, suggested the topic of active transportation with a focus on disability rights such as bicycle parking facilities.

**6. Legislative Bill Tracking - Update and Discussion**

Executive Director Jemmott reviewed the CCDA Legislative Status Report on the following bills, which was included in the meeting packet.

- a. AB 1547 (Quirk-Silva) – California Americans with Disabilities Act Small Business Capital Access Loan Program
- b. AB 2263 (Friedman) – State historical buildings: parking spaces
- c. AB 2531 (Gallagher) – Access to judicial and nonjudicial proceedings: hearing impaired
- d. AB 2806 (Obernolte) – Vehicles: disabled parking
- e. AB 2958 (Quirk) – State bodies: meetings: teleconference
- f. AB 2994 (Holden) – Building standards: public restrooms: grab bars

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- g. AB 3002 (Grayson) – Commercial property leases
- h. AB 3158 (Mathis) – Disability access: construction-related access barrier: civil actions
- i. SB 984 (Skinner) – State boards and commissions: representation: women
- j. SB 1038 (Leyva) – California Fair Employment and Housing Act: violations: personal liability
- k. SB 1376 (Hill) – Transportation network companies: accessibility for persons with disabilities
- l. H.R.620 (Poe) – ADA Education and Reform Act of 2017

**7. Future Agenda Items**

No future agenda items were offered.

**8. Adjourn**

Chair Paravagna adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.