

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

June 4, 2019

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 approximately 10:00 a.m. at the CCDA Hearing Room, 400 R Street, Conference Room 300, 3rd Floor, Sacramento, 95811.

The off-site meeting location for teleconference was 9601 Ridgehaven Road, San Diego, 92123.

Roll Call

Staff Member Ochoa called the roll and announced a quorum was not yet present. A quorum was achieved after Commissioner Allen arrived.

<u>Commissioners Present:</u>	<u>Staff Present:</u>
Michael Paravagna, Chair	Angela Jemmott, Executive Director
Tiffany Allen	LaCandice Ochoa, Operations Manager
<u>Commissioner Absent:</u>	
Celia McGuinness	

Also Present:

Gary Layman, Chief Building Inspector, City of Oroville
Representative, City of Los Angeles Counsel

2. Approval of Minutes (December 10, 2018) – Action Item

Motion: Commissioner Allen moved to approve the December 10, 2018, California Commission on Disability Access Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes as presented. Chair Paravagna seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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

No members of the public addressed the Committee.

4. Legislative Bill Tracking – Update and Discussion

Corrina Roy, Legislative Consultant, Office of Administrative Affairs, Department of General Services (DGS), summarized the CCDA Legislative Bill Tracking Report on the bills staff is tracking, which was included in the meeting packet.

a. AB 63 (Fong) – State government.

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This bill has failed to clear the Assembly Appropriations Committee on May 15th. It is now a two-year bill. Staff will continue to watch this bill.

b. AB 999 (Patterson) – Disability access: statutory damages: small businesses: technical violations.

This bill has failed to pass out of its first policy committee. It is now a two-year bill. Staff will continue to watch this bill.

c. AB 1351 (Lackey) – Transit operators: paratransit and dial-a-ride services.

This bill has passed out of the Assembly and is now pending assignment to a policy committee in the Senate.

d. SB 53 (Wilk) – Open meetings.

This bill has passed out of the Assembly and has been assigned to the Senate Committee on Government Organizations but has not yet been assigned a hearing date.

Questions and Discussion

Chair Paravagna referred to Senate Bill (SB) 53 and stated there are certain logistical things that need to happen sometimes between Commissions to coordinate schedules and travel, which require phone conversations. He stated the assumption that those kinds of things would be exempted from the Bagley-Keene requirements.

Ms. Roy stated the bill does not define the parameters and is part of current analyses.

5. External Legislative Projects – Update and Discussion

a. CCDA Research Effort on Statewide ADA Coordination

Chair Paravagna reviewed the background of looking into the creation of statewide ADA coordination.

Executive Director Jemmott stated there are three universities that have agreed to be a part of this effort and research professors who have embraced the idea of supporting CCDA on this research effort. The two-phase research process is planned. A new survey will be sent out to ADA Coordinators statewide. She asked if there are organizations that would like to support the CCDA in this effort.

Chair Paravagna stated one of his visions is that there would be a deliverable on this study in the form of information going to the Legislature so that they could be advised about how well enacted legislation is impacting government within the state that they are responsible for. This would be an invaluable service from this Commission to the California Legislature.

6. CCDA Strategic Plan Goal 6: Explore the Development of a State-Level Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Access Office – Update and Discussion

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a. Review of Corresponding Statute(s): Government Code sections 14985.4, 14985.6, 14985.9, and 14985.10

b. SWOT Analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats)

Executive Director Jemmott stated the next Legislative Committee meeting is scheduled for August 28th and will focus on this agenda item. Today is an introduction to that discussion prior to the operational strategic planning strategy meeting.

Executive Director Jemmott stated the CCDA Strategic Plan Goal 6 is to explore the development of a state-level ADA access office. She stated this has been generally but not specifically stated in Government Code sections 14985.4, 14985.6, 14985.9, and 14985.10. She asked this Committee to review those code sections along with going through a SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) Analysis today.

Staff recommendation:

- The Commission continues this goal in 2019 and carries it forward to a new strategic plan. This goal is also aligned with the CCDA's one-year strategic goal for the DGS to conduct a research study on State accessibility and compliance coordination efforts.

Questions and Discussion

Chair Paravagna stated the need to look at the existing CCDA authority to do this.

Executive Director Jemmott stated Government Code section 14985.4 gives the Commission that authority. She stated the Commission has the authority to work with other state agencies, but she stated the need to be more specific than just that the Commission is looking for the gaps in ADA coordination at the state level. The vagueness of this language is part of the reason why state agencies try to do it in differing ways, which is a challenge.

Chair Paravagna stated this challenge will come under the CCDA's role to advise the Legislature on issues.

Commissioner Allen asked if this office will be independent regardless of state leadership or elected officials.

Chair Paravagna stated, although his preference would be that the office will be independent so that it would not be subject to political tides, the Commission would have no control over that.

Commissioner Allen asked if there is a pulse on this outside of CCDA or if this subject has yet to be broached outside of CCDA.

Chair Paravagna stated there is a lack of continuity and depth of knowledge but there is also a hunger for more information because individuals want to do a good job. One of the state's responsibilities is to give individuals the tools to do that. The Division of the State Architect and the Disability Access Section of the Department of Rehabilitation

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provide information, but there is no overriding base of authority to look at continuity, format, technical assistance, etc. He stated the need to get more empirical data before reporting this to the Legislature.

7. Future Agenda Items

No future agenda items were offered.

8. Adjourn

Chair Paravagna adjourned the meeting at 10:37 a.m.

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