



COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES MINUTES Thursday, November 19, 2020 5:30 PM

VIRTUAL MEETING
GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, 951-826-5427

MISSION STATEMENT

"The mission of the Commission on Disabilities is to promote greater awareness of, respect for, and the total participation of individuals with disabilities into all aspects of life."

State law restricts the Commission on Disabilities from taking action on an item unless it has been included on an agenda and posted at least 72 hours in advance of a meeting or unless the matter falls within one of the narrow exceptions. Consequently, any item not listed on this agenda will normally have to be delayed until the item can be made part of a posted agenda.

CALL TO ORDER: 5:30 pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ABSENT: Antonia Quezada and Don Coon.

Also in attendance was Analyst Jessica Spiking and Deputy General Services Director Shari Call.

1. **Public Comment Period** - This is the portion of the meeting specifically set aside to invite your comments regarding any matter within the Commission's jurisdiction. Individual audience participation is limited to 3 minutes.

There were no public comments.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION CALENDAR

This portion of the Commission on Disabilities Agenda is for all matters where staff and public participation is anticipated. Individual audience participation is limited to 3 minutes.

2. Approve minutes for the meeting of January 16, 2019

Commissioner Krick requested his name be corrected on page 5.
Motion to approve – Commissioner Nelson
Second – Commissioner Lewis
All in favor

3. Annual Election of Officers: Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

Commissioner Lewis nominated G. Alexander III for Chairperson
Second – Commissioner Lopez
All in favor

Commissioner Lewis nominated K. Lopez for Vice Chairperson
Second – Chair Alexander
All in favor

4. Commissioner A. Quezada's absence from January 16, 2020 meeting with no prior notice – excused/unexcused.

Commissioner Perkins made motion to designate the absence as unexcused
Second – Vice Chair Lopez
All in favor

Staff member Jessica Spiking was asked to attempt to contact Commissioner Antonia Quezada out of concern for her well-being during these trying times.

5. Review 2021 Commission on Disability Meeting Schedule

The Commission received this Informational item.

COMMUNICATIONS

6. Update Public Service Announcement regarding employment opportunities for disabled individuals.

Assigned to Vice Chair Lopez

7. Update on Brochures

Assigned to Commissioner Nelson

8. Updates on conferences, seminars, and regional meetings attended by Commissioners.

Commissioner Lewis reported on City Council declaring racism is a mental health crisis. Commissioner Krick reported that he was appointed to the Citizens Advisory Committee which works closely with the Riverside County Transportation Commission.

9. Updates for future items to be presented to City Council regarding Commission projects and events

Boards and Commission updates to the City Council on projects and events are currently on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

10. Update on Public Outreach to publicize the Commission

Commissioner Lewis requested that staff member Jessica Spiking look into publicizing the virtual meetings as well as the ecomments.

11. Items for future consideration as requested by Commission Members

- a. Commissioner Lewis requested guest speaker Attorney Lindsay Appell with Disability Rights California be invited to present at the next meeting.
- b. Chair Alexander will provide updates on special needs students and distance learning
- c. Commission Perkins requested an update from the Special Transportation Team at a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:15 pm

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Thursday, January 21, 2021 Virtually, 5:30 pm.