



City of Arts & Innovation

COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES MINUTES

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 2025, 5:30 P.M.
PUBLIC COMMENT IN PERSON/TELEPHONE
ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER
3900 MAIN STREET

PRESENT: Chair Tedra Trimm, Vice Chair Leah Stuart, and Commissioners Shelly Dunston, Gilbert Lee, Sandy Tarmo, Bryn Pellegrino, John Krick, and Thomas Cleary

ABSENT: Commissioner Tim Hennessey

STAFF PRESENT: Fred Tobar and Minuet McArtor

Chair Tedra Trimm convened the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Commissioner Krick joined the meeting at 5:39 p.m.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There was no one wishing to address the Commission.

PRESENTATION

RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM WELLNESS AND DISABILITY EQUITY ALLIANCE (WADE)

Following discussion and without formal motion, the Commission received and ordered filed the presentation from Wellness and Disability Equity Alliance (WADE).

CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Commissioner Tarmo and seconded by Commissioner Lee to approve the Consent Calendar as presented below affirming the action appropriate to the item. The motion was carried with Commissioner Hennessey absent.

MINUTES

The minutes for the meeting of July 2025 were approved as presented.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

DISCUSS EVENTS THAT THE COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES CAN ATTEND FOR OUTREACH AND PARTICIPATION

Following discussion and without formal motion, it was decided to postpone the formation of any future ad hoc or standing committees to the next meeting until staff receive further clarification.



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COMMUNICATIONS

UPDATES ON CONFERENCES, SEMINARS AND REGIONAL MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Lee shared his meeting with the Blue Envelope Program on July 29th, which provides resources for disabled or neurodivergent adults who drive.

Commissioner Tarmo brought up the upcoming Planes and Treats and Goeske Health Center Health Fair as events Commissioners may be interested in attending.

Commissioner Stuart suggested attending the wellness event held by the Riverside Medical Clinic Charitable Foundation on September 29th.

Commissioner Krick contacted the state commission for a standing list of commissions on disabilities but was informed that such a list does not exist; he suggested that the Commission could assist in assembling a list of similar groups in Southern California.

Commissioner Cleary attended the Inland Empire Abilities fair in July and found that none of the attendees were aware that the Commission on Disabilities existed in Riverside.

Commissioner Dunston also attended the Inland Empire Abilities fair and passed out cards to see if any attendees would be interested in attending or presenting at a future Commission on Disabilities meeting.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

Commissioner Lee suggested reaching out to Romeo & Friends for a future Commission presentation.

Chair Trimm, Commissioner Stuart, Commissioner Pellegrino, Commissioner Tarmo, and Commissioner Dunston expressed concern over a lack of outreach and suggested forming an Ad Hoc Committee for upcoming future events. Commissioner Krick suggested creating a new Standing Committee instead.



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Chair Trimm suggested a presentation on the abilities of the Commission and an overview on Ad Hoc Committees.

Chair Tedra Trimm adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Tobar

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Administrative Analyst