**Sacramento County Disability Advisory Commission (DAC)**

**Meeting Minutes for August 5, 2025**

**Members Present:** Gene Lozano, Chair; Kathy Sachen, Vice Chair; Isabel Arreola. Yetta Brown, Patty Gainer (via Zoom), Joshua Green, Ex-Officio; Randy Hicks, Dustin Knott, Hang Nguyen, Ex-Officio; Angela Talent (via Zoom); Tremmel Watson, Rami Zakaria, Ex Officio

**Members Absent:** Troy Givans, Ex-Officio.

**Guests**;Jeffery Tardaguila, DAC Physical Access Subcommittee member.

**Staff: Cori Stillson, Cheryl Bennett,** Department of Personnel Services; **Garnik Mikayelyan, Department of Airports; Contessa Bunn, Margarita Minero, Senior & Adult Services;**; Mallory and Maggie**, American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters Cari, ASL Student Observer; Norma, CART captioner**.

**Call to Order and Introductions**

The Chair called the meeting to order, with a quorum present. Staff took roll call of members and guests introduced themselves.

**Approval of Individual Members’ Requests to Participate via Zoom**

It was moved and seconded (Hicks/Sachen) to allow Angela Talent to participate via Zoom. Approved, unanimously by roll call vote. It was moved and seconded (Arr~~r~~eola/Sachen) to allow Patty Gainer to participate via Zoom. Approved, unanimously by roll call vote.

**Approval of the Minutes**

**The June 3, 2025 meeting minutes and the May 28 Special Meeting minutes were adopted with minor amendments.**

**Public Comments**

**There were no public comments.**

**DAC Officer Elections – Vice Chair**

At the June meeting, Isabel Arreola was announced as the nominee for Vice Chair as determined by the Nominations Committee. Nominations were solicited from the floor. Tremmel Watson was nominated and accepted the nomination. A roll call vote had been conducted, resulting in a tie. Debate ensued regarding whether to reopen nominations, It was moved and seconded (Gainer/Hicks) to stay with the two original nominees. A roll call vote resulted in a unanimous adoption of the motion. Another roll call vote was held for the election. There were 5 votes for Ms. Arreola (Isabel Arreola, Patty Gainer, Gene Lozano, Kathy Sachen, Angela Talent) and 4 votes for Mr. Watson (Yetta Brown, Randy Hicks, Dustin Knott, Tremmel Watson), Ms. Arreola was elected Vice Chair. Gene Lozano, members and staff thanked Kathy Sachen for her term serving as Vice Chair for the past year.

**Disability Compliance Office (DCO) Report**

Cheryl Bennett provided updates from a recent Brown Act staff training, the Department of Personnel Services THRIVE community engagement event, an upcoming emergency preparedness exercise, and recent coordination with Public Health.

**Consider Nominations Committee Procedures and Guidelines Draft for Adoption**

Members reviewed and discussed the document drafted by Gene Lozano. Cori Stillson noted that County Counsel advised against adopting written procedural guidelines that were separate from the By-Laws. It was moved and seconded (Arreola/Hicks) to adopt the Nominations Committee Procedures and Eligibility Guidelines document. A roll call vote was taken. There were three (3) Aye votes (Isabel Arreola, Patty Gainer, Randy Hicks) and five (5) Abstentions (Yetta Brown, Dustin Knott, Gene Lozano, Kathy Sachen, Tremmel Watson). Angela Talent did not vote as she dropped off the meeting and did not return. The motion failed.

**Chair’s Report**

Gene Lozano noted the upcoming Department of Justice deadline of April 2026 for making state and local governments’ web sites and the documents posted on them fully accessible. He asked Rami Zakaria if the Department of Technology (DTech) could report on their activities toward this goal at the September meeting. Mr. Zakaria responded that he would forward the updated policy document. Mr. Lozano also briefly discussed Director Joseph Angelo’s response to the DAC Position Paper and noted that he had proposed that the DAC provide an outline for a five year action plan for the DCO. This will be a topic of discussion on a future Agenda. It was moved by Isabel Arreola and seconded by Kathy Sachen that the DCO create its own five-year work plan. A roll call vote was taken. The results were unanimous of the remaining members present.

**Ex-Officio Reports**

Joshua Green announced that the Department of General Service is conducting a utilization study of all County facilities. This process will take approximately one year.

**Programs and Services Access Subcommittee Report**

**Dustin Knott stated he is unavailable to attend the August meeting. Isabel Arreola volunteered to chair. They will start earlier at 4:00 for the next two meetings with the goal of completing the review of the Accessible Meeting Guidelines documents.**

**Human Services Coordinating Council Report (HSCC)**

**Randy Hicks stated the HSCC finalizing their By-Laws updates and beginning to recruit new members from human services organizations.**

**Physical Access Subcommittee Report**

**Gene Lozano recapped the Department of Transportation’s (SacDOT) update on Arden Way Phase 1 and the Department of General Services report on signage and other access updates to the Downtwon Parking Garage, He also noted that the SacDOT interviewed Subcommittee members to**

**Unfinished/New Business**

**There was no unfinished or new business.**

**Community Announcements**

**There were no community announcements.**

**Proposed Topics for Upcoming Agenda**

**The Airports representatives will return for an update.**

**DAC Member Comments**

**There were no additional comments.**

**Adjournment**

**The meeting was adjourned.**