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

**Special Meeting Minutes for May 28, 2025**

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

**Members Absent:** Tremmel Watson. Rami Zakaria, Ex Officio.

**Guest**;None

**Staff: Cori Stillson, Cheryl Bennett,** Mallory and Cari**, American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters;**

**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/Gainer) to allow Angela Talent to participate via Zoom. Approved, unanimously. It was moved and seconded (Hicks/Gainer) to allow Dustin Knott to participate via Zoom. Approved, unanimously.

**Public Comments**

**No members of the public were present..**

**Addressing Concerns Raised Regarding Potential Barriers to New Member Participation in DAC Officer Nominations Process** - **Review Draft Documents “DAC Nominations Committee Procedures and Guidelines” and “Proposal to Enforce Transparent and Bylaws-Based Officer Nominations Submitted by Commissioner Tremmel Watson”**

Gene Lozano noted that Tremmel Watson was not present due to an emergency and as such the review and discussion of the two proposed documents would be tabled until a future meeting. Mr. Lozano summarized the opinion of County Counsel regarding whether the DAC Officer Nominations process is discriminatory. It was determined not to be discriminatory against newer members due to the ability to nominate and vote on candidates that are not on the slate recommended by the Nominations Committee. Discussion ensued and members expressed strong concerns about some of the communication that brought us to this issue. The discussion became contentious and a member asked for a recess. Gene Lozano called for a brief recess. After the meeting resumed discussion continued. A robust conversation took place regarding maintaining an open, honest and fair process to ensure everyone is heard and creating an environment in which communication supports the ability of everyone to participate effectively.

**Nominations Committee Report**

**Kathy Sachen announced the slate of DAC Officer Candidates for the 2025-26 term. Gene Lozano is the nominee for Chair and Isabel Arreola is the nominee for Vice Chair. Ms. Sachen thanked Patty Gainer and Isabel Arreola for participating as Nominations Committee members. Gene Lozano reminded everyone that nominations will also be taken from the floor at the June 3 meeting.**

**Adjournment**

**It was moved and seconded (Arreola/Brwon) to adjourn the meeting. Approved, unanimously.**