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

**Meeting Notes for September 2, 2025**

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

**Members Absent:** Yetta Brown, Hang Nguyen, Ex-Officio; Tremmel Watson, Rami Zakaria, Ex Officio

**Guests**; Joseph Angelo, Director, Department of Personnel Services; **Garnik Mikaleyan, Colm Marmion, Department of Airports; Austin Smiley, Damon Brown, BlueDAG Inc.; Cerissa Brown, Community Advocate**

**Staff: Cori Stillson, Cheryl Bennett,** Mindy Scates-Gonzalez, Department of Personnel Services; **Sherri Thompson-Duarte, Friedan McClain, Joe Conklin, Chris Martin, Department of Airports;** Mallory and Kim**, American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters; Norma, CART captioner**.

**Call to Order and Introductions**

The Chair called the meeting to order. Staff took roll call of members and guests introduced themselves**. A quorum was not present.**

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

Lacking a quorum, this item was deferred.

**Approval of the Minutes**

Lacking a quorum, this item was deferred.

**Public Comments**

**There were no public comments.**

**Introduction of Joseph Angelo, Director, Department of Personnel Services**

Mr. Angelo introduced himself and pledged the support of his department and staff for the DAC.

**Update: Airports ADA Transition Plan and Construction Projects**

Garnik Mikaleyan gave a status report on the current construction projects and the access features that have been included. Garnik Mikaleyan provided an overview of some planned new programs to support travelers with disabilities. Austin Smiley and Damon Brown explained how accessibility information including complaints from the public are tracked through the BlueDAG program.

**Request for Ratification of Reappointment of Gene Lozano** (ACTION)

Lacking a quorum, no action could be taken.

**Disability Compliance Office (DCO) Report**

Cheryl Bennett noted that some of the planned activities for the upcoming full scale disaster preparedness exercise. She asked members to participate in a survey from the Office of Emergency Services that would be sent out later this week.

**Chair’s Report**

Gene Lozano shared highlights from his meeting with Director Angelo, Deputy County Executive Sylvester Fadal, Mindy Scates-Gonzalez and Cori Stillson. Mr. Lozano briefly referenced the proposed Bylaw amendment that will address the need to develop operational documents, which will be considered under New Business at the October meeting. He reminded members Patty Gainer, Isabel Arreola and Randy Hicks that it is time to submit their reapplication for membership. Ms. Arreola noted that the Boards and Commissions application is an inaccessible document.

**Ex-Officio Reports**

No Ex-Officio members wished to report.

**Programs and Services Access Subcommittee Report**

**Dustin Knott stated the subcommittee did not have a quorum last month but will continue revieing the draft Accessible Meeting policy.**

**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 stated that last month’s meeting was cancelled.**

**Unfinished/New Business**

**There was no unfinished business. The first reading of the new bylaw amendment under New Business was deferred due to lack of quorum.**

**Community Announcements**

**Members shared items of interest to the disability community.**

**Proposed Topics for Upcoming Agenda**

**Gene Lozano will request an update on accessibility in the coming election.**

**DAC Member Comments**

**There were no additional comments.**

**Adjournment**

**The meeting was adjourned.**