

Sacramento County Disability Advisory Commission (DAC)

Meeting Minutes for May 5, 2026

Members Present: Gene Lozano, Chair; Isabel Arreola Vice Chair; Joshua Green, Ex-Officio; Randy Hicks, Dustin Knott, Tremmel Watson, Rami Zakaria, Ex Officio.

Members Absent: Yetta Brown, Troy Givans, Ex-Officio; Hang Nguyen, Ex-Officio; Kathy Sachen, Angela Talent.

Guests; Garnik Mikayelyan, Department of Airports; Michael Voorhies, Airport Consultant; Melissa Jacobs, Senior and Adult Services.

Staff: Cori Stillson, Cheryl Bennett, Disability Compliance Office; Stephanie and Mallory, American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters; Cindy, ASL Student Observer; 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.

Approval of the Minutes

The April 7 meeting minutes were approved unanimously as submitted.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Nominations Committee Report: Announcement of the Slate of Officer Candidates for 2026/27

Tremmel Watson, Nominations Committee Chair, thanked the Committee members Yetta Brown and Isabel Arreola for their participation. He announced the slate of officer candidates: Isabel Arreola for Chair, and Tremmel Watson for Vice Chair.

Review of Draft DAC Expected Conduct Document

Members reviewed and discussed the document. Minor amendments were proposed. It was moved and seconded (Arreola/Knott) to adopt the document as amended. Approved by majority of members via roll call vote.

Review/Adoption of Draft Proposed DAC Application

Members reviewed and discussed the document. Significant changes were recommended. The amended document will be placed on the June agenda for reconsideration.

Chair's Report

Gene Lozano asked for confirmation of attendance at the June 2 meeting. Based on responses of members present, it appears there will be a quorum. He then asked staff to poll the members regarding cancellation of the July 7 meeting. It was unanimously agreed to cancel. Mr. Lozano deferred the rest of his report to Garnik Mikayelyan, ADA Coordinator for the Airports

Mr. Mikayelyan provided updates on activities at Sacramento International Airport (SMF). The drawings for the new concourse are 30% complete. He described the various accessibility features that are included. The planned Sunflower Program media event has been postponed. An "airport experience" event was held for autistic youth and their families to help them familiarize themselves with the airport prior to travelling for a less stressful experience. They have purchased a number of sensory kits to give to travelers with autism and other sensory processing conditions, and a sensory room has also been proposed. DAC members who had recently traveled shared their

positive experiences using the Sunflower Program and AIRA for Deaf. Mr. Mikayelyan pledged to return with more updates when they are available.

Disability Compliance Office (DCO) Report

Cori Stillson stated that she had not had further communication with County Counsel regarding the pending amendments to the DAC By-Laws. Cheryl Bennett noted that she had sent an email with the link to the Boards and Commissions application form to all members whose terms are ending June 30. Two members, Kathy Sachen and Angela Talent, have responded that they will not reapply. Patty Gainer has resigned.

Ex-Officio Reports

The Ex-Officio members deferred their reports.

Programs and Services Access Subcommittee Report

This item was deferred due to time constraints.

Health and Human Services Coordinating Council Report (HSCC)

This item was deferred due to time constraints.

Physical Access Subcommittee Report

This item was deferred due to time constraints.

Unfinished and New Business

This item was deferred due to time constraints.

Community Announcements

This item was deferred due to time constraints.

Proposed Topics for Upcoming Agenda

Next month's topics are to be determined.

DAC Member Comments

This item was deferred due to time constraints.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.