

Sacramento County Disability Advisory Commission (DAC)

Meeting Minutes for March 1, 2022

Members Present:, Gene Lozano, Chair; Randy Hicks, Vice Chair; Bill Fallai, Patty Gainer, Mahavir “Kalli” Kallirai, Carol Moss, LaTasha Richardson. Kathy Sachen, Doug Sloan, Ex-Officio; Angela Talent, Gwen Wilson.

Members Absent: Jeff Gasaway, Ex-Officio; Troy Givans, Ex-Officio; Reggie Nelson,

Guests: Dr. Sylvester Fadal, Personnel Services Director; Jeffery Tardaguila, Physical Access Subcommittee member.

Staff: Cori Stillson, Cheryl Bennett, Disability Compliance Office (DCO).

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 the Minutes

The meeting minutes for February 2022 were reviewed and adopted with a minor amendment.

Public Comments

Jeff Tardaguila noted safety hazards and access barriers created by construction at the Watt/I-80 Light Rail Station.

Introduction of Dr. Sylvester Fadal, Personnel Services Director

Sylvester Fadal spoke briefly about his background and experience. He has been Personnel Services Director since December 13, 2021 and he shared his thoughts regarding his vision for the department and addressing upcoming changes and challenges. He expressed support for the DAC and pledged to continue attending meetings as his schedule permits. Gene Lozano requested that Dr. Fadal consider the visibility of the Disability Compliance Office and the resources needed to implement the ADA Self Evaluation and Transition Plan county-wide.

Annual Report Task Force - Approve Draft Report to the Board of Supervisors – Discussion/ACTION

Members reviewed the contents of the draft Annual Report. The Disability Compliance Office encountered some administrative barriers in moving the report forward. The Department of Personnel Services is not willing to sponsor this report as a Board of Supervisors timed Agenda item at this time. Cori Stillson outlined some possible alternatives for moving the report forward and a lengthy discussion ensued. MOTION: It was moved (Gainer) and seconded (Hicks) that Ms. Stillson meet with Personnel Services Director ASAP to identify specific concerns and issues and present them to the Executive Committee for consideration, with the goal of meeting the March 15 submission deadline. Approved, unanimously. MOTION: The Annual Report Task Force Chair moved (Lozano) and seconded (Talent) to adopt the draft DAC Annual Report to the Board of Supervisors as amended and authorized the Task Force and staff to make final edits as needed. Approved, unanimously.

Chair's Report

Gene Lozano asked for an update on when in-person meetings are expected to resume. There is no new information regarding the anticipated date. Mr. Lozano asked Cori Stillson to investigate options for providing clear face masks for in-person meetings to ensure accessibility for those who may read lips or rely on facial expressions for effective communication.

Ex-Officio Reports

This report was deferred in the interest of time.

Disability Compliance Office (DCO) Report

The DCO deferred their report.

Programs and Services Access Subcommittee Report

This report was deferred due to time constraints.

Human Services Coordinating Council Report (HSCC)

This report was deferred due to time constraints.

Physical Access Subcommittee Report

This report was deferred in the interest of time.

Unfinished/New Business, Announcements

This item was deferred due to time constraints.

Proposed Topics for Upcoming Agenda

This was deferred due to time constraints.

DAC Member Comments

This item was deferred due to lack of time.

Adjournment

It was moved (Hicks) and seconded (Sachen) to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously.