

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
CITIZENS' ADVISORY
COMMISSION ON
DISABILITIES MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2019
SECOND THURSDAY, CITY COUNCIL
CHAMBER
333 W. OCEAN BOULEVARD, 1:00 PM**

Deaka McClain, Chair
Nubia Flores Cedeno, Secretary
Alice Bruns, Member
Ciara Calsita, Member



Sherry Diamond, Member
Connie Gutierrez, Member
Chris Karadjov, Member
Jamone Pili, Member

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair McClain at 1:10 pm.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Alice Bruns, Ciara Calsita, Sherry Diamond, Chris Karadjov and
Present: Deaka McClain

Commissioners Connie Gutierrez, Jamone Pili and Nubia Flores Cedeno
Absent:

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Commissioner Karadjov.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Diamond, seconded by Commissioner Bruns, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Alice Bruns, Ciara Calsita, Sherry Diamond, Chris Karadjov and Deaka McClain

Absent: 3 - Connie Gutierrez, Jamone Pili and Nubia Flores Cedeno

2. [19-019CA](#) Recommendation to approve minutes from the April 11, 2019 meeting of the Citizen's Advisory Commission on Disabilities.
3. [19-020CA](#) Recommendation to approve minutes from the May 9, 2019 meeting of the Citizen's Advisory Commission on Disabilities.

A motion was made by Commissioner Diamond, seconded by Commissioner Karadjov, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Alice Bruns, Ciara Calsita, Sherry Diamond, Chris Karadjov and Deaka McClain

Absent: 3 - Connie Gutierrez, Jamone Pili and Nubia Flores Cedeno

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

4. [19-021CA](#) Recommendation to receive and file monthly report by the Youth, Employment & Programs standing committee or adopt any recommendations this committee would like to make.

Commissioner Calsita reported that the committee met in April and discussed a timeline for recommendations regarding statement of inclusion. The committee plans to bring their recommendations to the whole commission in October.

A motion was made by Commissioner Calsita, seconded by Commissioner Karadjov, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Alice Bruns, Ciara Calsita, Sherry Diamond, Chris Karadjov and Deaka McClain

Absent: 3 - Connie Gutierrez, Jamone Pili and Nubia Flores Cedeno

5. [19-022CA](#) Recommendation to receive and file monthly report by the Accessibility, Transportation & Services standing committee or adopt any recommendations this committee would like to make.

Commissioner Diamond reported that the committee discussed the PRM catalogue analysis regarding adaptive and accessible programming.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bruns, seconded by Commissioner Calsita, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Alice Bruns, Ciara Calsita, Sherry Diamond, Chris Karadjov and Deaka McClain

Absent: 3 - Connie Gutierrez, Jamone Pili and Nubia Flores Cedeno

NEW BUSINESS

6. [19-023CA](#) Recommendation to receive and file a report from Commissioner Karadjov regarding his visit to the assistive technology lab at the CSULB College of Engineering.

Commissioner Karadjov reported that the College of Engineering includes a lab that students use to test different accessibility designs, including mock airplane cabins and kitchens. Commissioner Karadjov said he was encouraged by his visit to the lab and suggested that the commission/City work to collaborate on things in the future and utilize the work that takes place at CSULB.

A motion was made by Commissioner Calsita, seconded by Commissioner Diamond, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Alice Bruns, Ciara Calsita, Sherry Diamond, Chris Karadjov and Deaka McClain

Absent: 3 - Connie Gutierrez, Jamone Pili and Nubia Flores Cedeno

7. [19-024CA](#) Recommendation to discuss and adopt any recommendations this commission would like to make to the city manager regarding the City's Economic Blueprint shared in March 2019 by John Keisler, Director of Economic Development. Any recommendations adopted will be sent to the city manager via a letter of recommendation.

A motion was made by Commissioner Karadjov, seconded by Commissioner Bruns, to laid over. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Alice Bruns, Ciara Calsita, Sherry Diamond, Chris Karadjov and Deaka McClain

Absent: 3 - Connie Gutierrez, Jamone Pili and Nubia Flores Cedeno

8. [19-025CA](#) Recommendation to discuss and adopt any recommendations this commission would like to make to the mayor, city council and city manager regarding Aira services. Any recommendations adopted will be sent via a letter of recommendation.

There was discussion on the floor that if a letter of recommendaton is sent to the city council it would be to request review and consideration of Aira's proposal, also to include background of the presentation. Suggested pilot sites to consider would be the new civic center, library branches and the colleges serving Long Beach.

A motion was made by Commissioner Calsita, seconded by Commissioner Bruns, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Alice Bruns, Ciara Calsita, Sherry Diamond, Chris Karadjov and Deaka McClain

Absent: 3 - Connie Gutierrez, Jamone Pili and Nubia Flores Cedeno

9. [19-026CA](#) Recommendation to elect officers to the CACoD executive board for the July 2019 to June 2020 term, including chair, vice chair and secretary.

For the 2019/2020 term, the commission elected Commissioner Diamond as secretary, Commissioner Bruns as vice-chair and Commissioner McClain as chair.

A motion was made by Commissioner Karadjov, seconded by Commissioner Calsita, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Alice Bruns, Ciara Calsita, Sherry Diamond, Chris Karadjov and Deaka McClain

Absent: 3 - Connie Gutierrez, Jamone Pili and Nubia Flores Cedeno

STAFF REPORT

Staff liaison Heather Blackmun reported the following:

- blue line has re-opened from downtown Long Beach to the Compton station
- new civic center would be celebrating it's public grand opening on Monday, July 29th
- City's Access Request Program had just about hit its cap for FY19
- City continues to build new curb ramps and sidewalks
- the draft transition plan has been handed over to plaintiff's attorneys for review

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Karadjov reported that he visited with Congressman Lowenthal at his Washington D.C. office and discussed various topics specific to the disability community.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

DEAM and Mentoring Day ad-hocs

CLOSING REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chair McClain at 2:07 pm.