

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

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2021
TELECONFERENCE VIA ZOOM, 1:00 PM**

Victor A. Garate, Vice Chair
Gretchen Swanson, Secretary
Stephen Adams, Member
Jeremy Hill, Member



Chris Karadjov, Member
Nubia Flores, Member
Kim Vuong, Member

TELECONFERENCE

By order of Assembly Bill 361, this public meeting is being held via Zoom.

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CALL TO ORDER

Chair Garate called the meeting to order at 1:03 pm.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Jeremy Hill, Chris Karadjov, Nubia Flores , Stephen Adams, Kim
Present: Vuong, Gretchen Swanson and Victor Garate

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jennifer Kumiyama, former CACoD Chair, addressed the commission during public comment.

GUEST PRESENTATION

Job developers from Disabled Resources Center, Inc., Lupe Gracian, Zaid Moges and Lisa Nation presented in honor of National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. [21-061CA](#) Recommendation to approve minutes from the September 9, 2021 meeting of the Citizen's Advisory Commission on Disabilities.

Attachments: [CACoD Minutes.September 9 2021.pdf](#)

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

Yes: 7 - Jeremy Hill, Chris Karadjov, Nubia Flores , Stephen Adams, Kim Vuong, Gretchen Swanson and Victor Garate

Absent: 1 - Jennifer Kumiyama

STANDING COMMITTEES AND AD-HOC REPORTS

2. [21-062CA](#) Recommendation to receive and file after-action report from the Disability History Day ad-hoc committee.

Heather Van Wijk reported that the event had 119 registrants, and 54 participants. She reported that feedback has been positive and that it seemed to be a good time of day (11-12:30).

Commissioner Swanson commended the ad-hoc committee on a well thought-out event and hope it continues.

Commissioner Flores proposed doing a recording completely in Spanish.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Secretary Swanson, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Jeremy Hill, Chris Karadjov, Nubia Flores , Stephen Adams, Kim Vuong, Gretchen Swanson and Victor Garate

Absent: 1 - Jennifer Kumiyama

3. [21-063CA](#) Recommendation to receive and file monthly report from the Accessibility, Transportation & Services standing committee.

Attachments: [ATS Report.October 2021.pdf](#)

Commissioner Adams reported that the ATS standing committee met on Wednesday, October 8th at 1:00 pm. Commissioners Adams, Garate and Vuong were present; Commissioner Karadjov was absent.

Discussions included: beach mats status; continued planning for an Accessibility & Transportation Fair, possibly in March 2022, at Cabrillo High School in collaboration with LBUSD; Covid vaccines; and airport accessibility.

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

Yes: 7 - Jeremy Hill, Chris Karadjov, Nubia Flores , Stephen Adams, Kim Vuong, Gretchen Swanson and Victor Garate

Absent: 1 - Jennifer Kumiyama

4. [21-064CA](#) Recommendation to receive and file monthly report from the Youth, Employment and Programs standing committee.

Commissioner Hill reported that the YEP standing committee met on September 9th, Commissioners Flores, Hill, Kumiyama, and Swanson in attendance. Commissioner Swanson was elected chair of the this standing committee and Commissioner Hill elected secretary.

A second meeting was held on September 23, Commissioners Hill, Kumiyama and Swanson were in attendance.

Discussions around equity in the public space continues. Meetings with district 5 and district 8 are in the works, as well as a meeting with the city manager. The committee remains committed to the Cities for All Initiative.

The library audit discussion in on hold for now.

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

Yes: 7 - Jeremy Hill, Chris Karadjov, Nubia Flores , Stephen Adams, Kim Vuong, Gretchen Swanson and Victor Garate

Absent: 1 - Jennifer Kumiyama

5. [21-065CA](#) Recommendation to receive and file report from the DEAM 2021 ad-hoc committee.

Heather Van Wijk reminded that the commission that the NDEAM event was coming up on Thursday, 11/21 from 12:00-1:30. Confirmed speakers are Department of Rehabilitation, Disabled Resources Center, Pacific Gateway, and Salvation Army. The event is being held on Zoom, registrations required,

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

Yes: 7 - Jeremy Hill, Chris Karadjov, Nubia Flores , Stephen Adams, Kim Vuong, Gretchen Swanson and Victor Garate

Absent: 1 - Jennifer Kumiyama

STAFF REPORT

Heather Van Wijk reported the following:

- time sheets should be submitted each month after the commission meeting
- UberWAV will be presenting in November
- Beach Mats TFF will be released soon with next steps
- Discussions have begun around a possible paratransit stop at Long Beach Airport
- Office of Equity and ADA Coordinator are in early discussions with World Enabled around disability justice and disability inclusion; additionally Katie Balderas has left the City
- Redistricting draft maps have been released to the public
- Future Pride Tower uses as a community connection point - what does that look like?

AGENCY REPORTS

Commissioner Adams reported that The Children's Clinic continues vaccine PODS 4 days a week.

Commissioner Flores reported that there would be a vaccine clinic and information sharing at Lincoln Elementary on October 30th, hosted by a few community organizations.

Commissioner Vuong reported that Tichenor Clinic is having a virtual disability awareness event on October 23rd from 10:00-12:00.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CLOSING REMARKS

Commissioner Flores asked about a new chair and vice chair given the departure of Commissioner Kumiyama, stating the importance of keeping all three roles filled.

Commissioner Swanson stated that the YEP committee will continue the work started by Jennifer Kumiyama

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

December meeting

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Garate adjourned the meeting at 2:16 pm.