



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON
DISABILITIES
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 374A
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012
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Wednesday, July 20, 2016

1:00 PM

AUDIO FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (16-3739)

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Call to Order. (16-3519)

President Carlos Benavides called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

Present: President Carlos Benavides, 1st Vice President Janet A. Neal, Treasurer Lourdes Caracoza, Commissioner Allan Buck, Commissioner Rosa Maria Chaturvedi, Commissioner Steve Miller, Commissioner Hector Ochoa, Commissioner Dee Pinchbeck, Commissioner Peggie Reyna, Commissioner Rita Tomassian-Hopkins and Commissioner John B. Troost

Absent: Commissioner Edward A. Colley, Commissioner John R. James, Commissioner Maria Mustelier-Parrish and Commissioner Wan Chun Chang

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Approval of Minutes from the meeting of May 18, 2016. (Continued from the meeting June 20, 2016.) (16-2998)

On motion of Commissioner Peggie Reyna, seconded by Commissioner Steve Miller, the Minutes of May 18, 2016 were approved by the following vote:

Ayes: 10 - President Carlos Benavides, 1st Vice President Janet A. Neal, Treasurer Lourdes Caracoza, Commissioner Allan Buck, Commissioner Rosa Maria Chaturvedi, Commissioner Steve Miller, Commissioner Hector Ochoa, Commissioner Dee Pinchbeck, Commissioner Peggie Reyna and Commissioner Rita Tomassian-Hopkins

Abstentions: 1 - Commissioner John B. Troost

Absent: 4 - Commissioner Edward A. Colley, Commissioner John R. James, Commissioner Maria Mustelier-Parrish and Commissioner Wan Chun Chang

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2. Receive and File the Summary of Notes from the meeting of June 15, 2016. (16-3520)

On motion of Commissioner Steve Miller, seconded by Treasurer Lourdes Caracoza, the Summary of Notes from the meeting of June 15, 2016 was received and filed with corrections as follows:

On page 6, Item 14, third paragraph, should read: Genevieve Clavreul, member of the public, addressed the Commission on drug issues and overdose and an update on AB2602 (Gatto) - Disabled Parking Placards.

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3. Election of Officers for the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year. (16-2999)

President Carlos Benavides opened the floor for election of officers for the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year.

Staff Emma De Jesus, reported in the April and May meetings, nominations and declarations of candidacy were submitted to the Nominating Committee. The Slate of Officers was submitted as follows:

**President Carlos Benavides
1st Vice President Janet A. Neal
2nd Vice President John B. Troost
Treasurer Lourdes Caracoza**

After discussion, the Slate of Officers was received by the Commission. On motion of Commissioner Steve Miller, seconded by Commissioner Peggie Reyna, the election of officers was approved with the following vote:

Ayes: 11 - President Carlos Benavides, 1st Vice President Janet A. Neal, Treasurer Lourdes Caracoza, Commissioner Allan Buck, Commissioner Rosa Maria Chaturvedi, Commissioner Steve Miller, Commissioner Hector Ochoa, Commissioner Dee Pinchbeck, Commissioner Peggie Reyna, Commissioner Rita Tomassian-Hopkins and Commissioner John B. Troost

Absent: 4 - Commissioner Edward A. Colley, Commissioner John R. James, Commissioner Maria Mustelier-Parrish and Commissioner Wan Chun Chang

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4. Discuss and take appropriate action on the Access Services Incorporated report on its C.A.R.E. (Comprehensive Assessment Restorative Evaluation) Program, Customer Service Training and letter submission to the Board of Supervisors. (Continued from the meeting of June 20, 2016.) (16-1415)

Louis Burns, Access Services, Inc. provided a brief introduction of Interim Executive Director for Access Services, Inc., Andre Colaiace.

Mr. Colaiace stated that he would like to work collaboratively with County Commissions to move Access Services, Inc. forward in the years ahead and to resolve any issues regarding Access Services, Inc.

President Carlos Benavides thanked Mr. Colaiace for coming to the meeting.

President Carlos Benavides stated that he would like to send a letter to Mr. Colaiace on his appointment.

After discussion, on motion of Treasurer Lourdes Caracoza, seconded by Commissioner Peggie Reyna, there being no objection, a letter to Mr. Colaiace will be drafted and signed by President Carlos Benavides on behalf of the Commission.

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5. Installation of Officers. (16-3623)

Staff Emma De Jesus provided the Oath of Office to the following newly elected officers:

**President Carlos Benavides
1st Vice President Janet A. Neal
2nd Vice President John B. Troost
Treasurer Lourdes Caracoza**

By Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

II. REPORTS

6. Receive and file summary report by the Department of Health Services and review and address answer to questions posted by the Commission. (16-1991)

On motion of 1st Vice President Janet A. Neal, and by Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed without discussion.

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7. Receive and file the Access Services, Incorporated Board of Directors meeting report for July 2016. (16-3524)

2nd Vice President John B. Troost provided a written Access Services Board report.

On motion of Commissioner Allan Buck, seconded by Commissioner Rita Tomassian-Hopkins, this item was received and filed without discussion.

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8. Receive and possible action on the President's report for the Month of July 2016. (16-3525)

President Carlos Benavides thanked everyone for their support and presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the following:

**1st Vice President Janet A. Neal, Chair of Events/Transportation Committee
2nd Vice President John B. Troost, Chair of Education Committee**

**Commissioner Steve Miller, Chair of Ad Hoc Policy Committee
Louis Burns, Access Services, Inc.
Theresa De Vera, Los Angeles City Department on Disability**

After discussion, by Common Consent, and there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

- 9.** Discussion and take appropriate action on reports from the following Committees for 2015 -2016 Annual Report to the Board of Supervisors as requested by President Benavides:
- Ad-Hoc Policy Committee
 - Education Committee
 - Events Committee
 - Transportation Committee
 - Housing Committee
 - Media Committee
 - Recreation/Access Committee
 - Transportation Committee
 - Executive Committee (16-3030)

Ad Hoc Policy Committee

Chair Steve Miller reported his new project on internship and employment for developmentally disabled persons. He would like Commissioner Wan Chun Chang of the State Department of Rehabilitation be invited to the next meeting to provide input on the aforementioned project. Chair Steve Miller also announced that there will be changes on new Federal laws by 2019. He will monitor and provide the Commission with updates.

Education Committee

Chair John B. Troost provided a gratitude remark on the Scholarship Awards presentation.

Events Committee

Chair Janet A. Neal requested more donations for the Awards Luncheon event.

Transportation Committee

Chair Janet A. Neal reported the long-term goal on gas refueling request for a local ordinance which is enforced. As an unfunded mandate, its enforcement through Weights and Measures has to go through the Department of Rehabilitation. This issue is awaiting County Counsel's directive. The Department of Public Works will get back to the

Commission on the blue curbs policies. The Committee is exploring some options on the taxi coupons.

Chair Janet A. Neal and Commissioner Steve Miller requested a report back by Access Services on an infrastructure setup for emergency preparedness and transportation for people with disabilities during elections.

Housing Committee

Commissioner Peggie Reyna is still awaiting additional information from past Chair Wendy Welt Narro.

Media Committee

No report was submitted.

Recreation/Access Committee

President Carlos Benavides is still working on a project proposal to provide accessible beaches throughout Los Angeles County.

Executive Committee

President Carlos Benavides announced the Executive Committee will meet on August 17, 2016 to discuss goals for the coming year following the regular Commission meeting.

After discussion, and by Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

III. PRESENTATION

- 10.** Presentation by Rosemary Gutierrez, Child Support Services Department, on the Department's responsibilities and direct services that substantially impact the lives of people with disabilities. (16-3522)

Adriana Payan, representative of Child Support Services Department provided a brief overview of the Department's various programs to help parents, guardians and families understand how to access child support services. She shared a Child Support Handbook with the Commissioners as reference.

Ms. Payan reported that Child Support Services handles establishment

and child support orders when a child receives public assistance or parent/guardian requests services. The Department represents children and assists in locating parents and establishes the legal support and financial support for the children. This is done with little or no cost to the participant.

As the Department celebrates its 15th year in service, the goal is to move away from the criminal aspect of cases to a more customer service oriented Department. It is the largest Child Support agency that handles over 300,000 cases in Los Angeles County. The Department follows Federal, State and local laws and is overseen by the California Child Support Department. The Department provides child support services including citizens with disabilities, serving seven (7) locations which are Americans with Disabilities Act compliant. Some services include writing tablets for those with hearing and speech impediments. The Department has a full service Customer Contact Center that handles over 50,000 calls a month and can provide assistance with the use of online services and Tella services. The Department is willing to explore alternative ways to improve its buildings and emergency plans especially for citizens with disabilities.

Commissioner Peggie Reyna noted the use of a video phone should be used for deaf people instead of the current TTY (TeleTyperwriter) devices currently being utilized by most government offices. She suggested the use of video phones would be more accessible as an interpreter is used to assist the caller.

Treasurer Lourdes Caracoza and 1st Vice President Janet A. Neal also provided their comments.

Ms. Payan provided answers to questions posed by the Commission.

President Carlos Benavides thanked Ms. Payan for her informative presentation and looked forward to their summary report.

After discussion, by Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

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IV. MISCELLANEOUS**Matters Not Posted**

11. Matters not posted on the agenda, to be discussed and (if requested), placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting of the authority, of matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (16-3622)

The following item was introduced for discussion and placed on the agenda for consideration at a future meeting.

Recommendation as submitted by Commissioner Steve Miller: Creation of a Committee to provide accessible voting poles for the disabled and the developmentally disabled. (16-3757)

On motion of Commissioner Steve Miller, and by Common Consent, there being no objection this item was introduced for discussion and placed on the agenda for a future meeting.

Public Comment

12. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (16-3621)

Dr. Genevieve Clavreul, member of the public, addressed the Commission AB2602.

Sheila Washington, member of the public, addressed the Commission on transportation issues.

Linda Block, member of the public, addressed the Commission on unqualified judges.

Daniel Handle, member of the public, addressed the Commission on the METRO's North Hollywood train station elevator.

Adjournment

13. Adjournment for the meeting of July 20, 2016. (16-3620)

On motion of 1st Vice President Janet A. Neal, seconded by Commissioner Steve Miller, and there being no objection, the meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.