



**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
<http://laccod.org>**

Wednesday, September 21, 2016

1:00 PM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (16-4805)

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Call to Order. (16-4602)

President Carlos Benavides called the meeting to order at 1:09 p.m.

Present: President Carlos Benavides, 1st Vice President Janet A. Neal, Treasurer Lourdes Caracoza, Commissioner Allan Buck, Commissioner Rosa Maria Chaturvedi, Commissioner John R. James, Commissioner Steve Miller, Commissioner Hector Ochoa, Commissioner Dee Pinchbeck, Commissioner Ramon Pizarro, Commissioner Peggie Reyna and 2nd Vice President John B. Troost

Absent: Commissioner Edward A. Colley, Commissioner Maria Mustelier-Parrish, Commissioner Rita Tomassian-Hopkins and Commissioner Wan Chun Chang

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

1. Approval of Minutes from the meeting of August 17, 2016. (16-4609)

On motion of 1st Vice President Janet A. Neal, seconded by Commissioner Peggie Reyna, the Minutes of August 17, 2016 were 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 Ramon Pizarro, Commissioner Peggie Reyna and 2nd Vice President John B. Troost

Abstentions: 1 - Commissioner John R. James

Absent: 4 - Commissioner Edward A. Colley, Commissioner Maria Mustelier-Parrish, Commissioner Rita Tomassian-Hopkins and Commissioner Wan Chun Chang

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II. PRESENTATION

2. Presentation by Cynthia Banks, Los Angeles County Community and Senior Services, on the Department's responsibilities and direct services that substantially impact the lives of people with disabilities. (16-4603)

Ms. Cynthia Banks provided a Power Point presentation that highlighted workforce development services, Adult Protective Services, Human Relations programs and emergency planning for individuals with disabilities. The population that is served consist of youth and seniors. The workforce development programs and their senior programs provide individuals a continuum of service at each phase of their lives. The Area Agency on Aging is responsible for delivering programs that promote the health, dignity and well-being of older adults and adults with disabilities. These programs identify the unmet needs of older adults, primary funded by the Older Americans Act.

Ms. Banks responded to questions posed by the Commission and provided the Commission with an Emergency Preparedness kit and reference numbers for use by the Commission and members of the public.

Dr. Genevieve Clavreul addressed the Commission.

After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Steve Miller, seconded by 1st Vice President Janet A. Neal, there being no objection, the Department was requested to report back to the Commission on their Adult Protective Services, Workforce Development and Human Relations

Division at a future meeting.

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III. REPORTS

3. Receive and File the Access Services, Incorporated Board of Directors meeting report for September 2016. (16-4680)

2nd Vice President John B. Troost provided a written Access Services Inc. Board report for September 2016.

After discussion, on motion of President Carlos Benavides, and by Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

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4. President's Report for the month of September 2016. (16-4605)

President Carlos Benavides thanked Mr. Louis Burns and Access Services for their continued efforts to address concerns brought before the Commission.

After discussion, on motion of President Carlos Benavides, and by Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

5. Receive and File the Events Committee Report as submitted by Chair, Janet A. Neal. (16-4606)

Chair Janet A. Neal provided an update of the upcoming Access Awards Luncheon to be held at the Omni Hotel, October 17, 2016. She encouraged Commissioners to attend and posed a challenge for Commissioners seek advertisements for the souvenir program. She also asked Commissioners to review their biographies and provide staff with any updates.

Commissioner Ramon Pizarro noted he will be submitting a Business Card Ad from Pushrim. Commissioner Dee Pinchbeck will be providing staff with Silent Auction items for the event.

Staff, Emma De Jesus noted the deadline for ads in the souvenir program is September 26, 2016 and online registration is still available.

After discussion, by Common Consent, there being no objection, this

item was received and filed.

6. Receive and File the Access Services Incorporated report by Louis Burns, Access Services Customer Support Administrator. (16-4610)

Louis Burns, Access Services Community Liaison, noted Access Services, Inc. (Access) was well represented at the annual American Public Transportation Association (APTA) meeting where four individuals from Access were recognized. Mr. Burns also spoke on their new pilot program, W.M.R, "Where's My Ride", that provides customers access to their pick-up location via cell phone. The pilot program is schedule to launch in January of 2017. Customers will still have the option to contact the Customer Service line for the location of their pick-up vehicle and approximate time of arrival.

Commissioner Allan Buck inquired about strategies that Access may have to make the community aware of the upcoming election. Mr. Burns will speak with thier operations department and provide the Commission with an update report at the next Commission meeting.

Mr. Burns responded to questions posed by the Commission.

Elaine Williams and Shiela Washington, members of the public, addressed the Commission.

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

7. Receive and File the monthly Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (METRO) Report by Joanna Lemus, Accessibility Programs Administrator. (16-4611)

Metro's Darlene Williams, Accessibility Program Analyst reported on Metro's First Older Adult Expo that will be taking place in October. Metro will be participating at this year's Access Awards luncheon. They have purchased a table and will be providing the Commission with 250 Metro bags and pens to be given away.

Stephanie Burke, Senior Analyst for Metro reported on the Homelessness Task Force currently operated by Metro. The Task Force's comprehensive strategy is to connect homeless individuals and families in and around Metro stations to housing and support services. This past summer, Metro hired consultants from Communities in Motion based on their extensive experience within Los Angeles County on

homeless issues. Metro is working to develop a strategic plan to address homelessness that will include an outreach to the community and stakeholders. In response to 1st Vice President Janet A Neal's concerns on the Crenshaw line, Metro is working to try to provide services to those who are out in that area. Grace Weltman from Community in Motion also noted their agency will be going out to every region in the County to engage constituents and the disability community and to gain input and involvement in developing strategies.

Ms. Williams, Ms. Burke and Ms. Weltman also responded to questions posed by Commissioners Lourdes Caracoza, 1st Vice President Janet A. Neal and President Carlos.

Dr. Genevieve Clavreul addressed the Commission.

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

8. Report and possible action on accessible voting poles for the disabled and the developmentally disabled as submitted by Ad Hoc Policy Committee. (16-4612)

Commission Steve Miller provided an overview of his Committee's ongoing work discussions regarding employment and job descriptions.

The Committee is working with the Voter Access Advisory Commission to report before the Commission in an effort to increase disability voter engagement and voter accessibility.

Dr. Genevieve Clavreul addressed the Commission to speak on pain management.

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IV. MISCELLANEOUS

Matters Not Posted

9. 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. (16-4613)

No matters were posted.

Public Comment

10. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (16-4614)

Commissioner Hector Ochoa noted the First Annual Disability Pride Parade to be held on October 9, 2016.

Dr. Genevieve Clavreul and Linda Block, members of the public, addressed the Commission.

Adjournment

11. Adjournment for the meeting of September 21, 2016. (16-4615)

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m. in memory of former Supervisor Edmund Edelman, who formed the Commission and J. Richard Leyner.