



**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, December 21, 2016**

**1:00 PM**

AUDIO FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (16-6315)

**Attachments:** [AUDIO](#)

Call to order. (16-6031)

**President Carlos Benavides called the meeting to order at 1:23 p.m.**

**1st Vice President Janet A. Neal and Commissioner Dee Pinchbeck joined the meeting at 1:25 p.m. and 1:35 p.m., respectively establishing a quorum.**

Present: President Carlos Benavides, 1st Vice President Janet A. Neal, 2nd Vice President John B. Troost, Treasurer Lourdes Caracoza, Commissioner Allan Buck, Commissioner Dee Pinchbeck, Commissioner Ramon Pizarro, Commissioner Peggie Reyna and Commissioner Rita Tomassian-Hopkins

Absent: Commissioner Edward A. Colley, Commissioner Rosa Maria Chaturvedi, Commissioner John R. James, Commissioner Steve Miller, Commissioner Maria Mustelier-Parrish, Commissioner Hector Ochoa and Commissioner Wan Chun Chang

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

1. Recommendation to Take Off Calendar: Presentation by Operation HOPE on housing and financial literacy for people with disabilities, as submitted by 2nd Vice President Wendy Welt Narro. (Continued from the meeting of September 16, 2015) (15-4081)

**President Carlos Benavides noted the discussion with Operation hope was initially brought before the Commission by past Commissioner Wendy Welt Narro.**

**Since her resignation, the Housing Committee has not met; however, Commissioner Peggie Reyna will be continuing the Committee moving forward.**

**Commissioner Peggie Reyna agreed to follow-up with Operation HOPE and see if the Committee should continue discussions or move forward with other concerns regarding housing.**

**After discussion, on motion of President Carlos Benavides, and by Common Consent, there being no objection, the item was continued to the meeting of January 18, 2017.**

2. Recommendation to Take Off Calendar: Report on possible collaboration with the Los Angeles City Department on Disability (Continued from the meetings of 9/16/15, 10/21/15, 11/18/15 and 03/16/16). (15-4390)

**1st Vice President Janet A. Neal reported, she is scheduled to meet with Stephen Simons, Executive Director of the Los Angeles City Department on Disability (LACDOD) to address this matter and report back at the January 18, 2017 meeting.**

**After discussion, on motion of President Carlos Benavides, and by Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was continued to the meeting of January 18, 2017 with a report back by 1st Vice President Janet A. Neal.**

3. Approval of Minutes from the meeting of November 16, 2016. (16-6112)

**On motion of 1st Vice President Janet A. Neal, seconded by Commissioner Rita Tomassian-Hopkins, and unanimously carried, the minutes of November 16, 2016 were approved.**

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## **II. REPORTS**

4. Receive and File the Access Services, Incorporated Board of Directors meeting report for December 2016. (16-6113)

**By Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed without discussion.**

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5. Receive and File the Access Services Incorporated report by Louis Burns, Access Services Customer Service Administrator. (16-6118)

**Louis Burns updated the Commission on the following projects: the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA); finalization of the "Where's My Ride" cellphone application; implementation of an internet software to track and book rides; and the consideration of taxi coupons.**

**After discussion, by Common Consent, there being no objection, the verbal report was received and filed.**

6. Receive and File the monthly Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (METRO) Report by Darlene Williams, Accessibility Program Analyst. (16-6119)

**1st Vice President Janet A. Neal noted, that although MTA's parking lots were still being used by the homeless; she was pleasantly surprise to see that METRO has addressed the displacement of homeless from Leimert Park due to their train expansions.**

**Alexia Teran, member of the public, addressed the Commission.**

**By Common Consent, there being no objection, the item was filed without further discussion.**

7. President's Report for the month of December 2016. (16-6114)

**President Carlos Benavides wished everybody a Happy Holiday Season. He presented Certificates of Appreciation to Commissioners and volunteers, and thanked them for their continued support of the Commission.**

**By Common Consent, there being no objection, the item was filed without further discussion.**

8. Receive and File the Transportation/Events Committee Report as submitted by Chair, Janet A. Neal. (16-6117)

**1st Vice President Janet A. Neal reported that the Transportation and Event Committees had their last meeting for the year and discussed the timelines for each Committee. She noted she would like to continue to be the Chair of the Events Committee.**

**After discussion, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.**

### **III. DISCUSSION**

9. Discussion and possible action on Photographer Invoice from the 2016 Access Awards Luncheon. (16-6145)

**President Carlos Benavides noted he has tried to speak with Mr. Kidston regarding the invoice to maybe purchase the pictures only but not for the full services that the County Fiscal guidelines regarding payments of invoices for services rendered. President Benavides has already consulted with the District office where he was reminded of the County Fiscal guidelines.**

**During discussion, 1st Vice President Janet A. Neal stated, Mr. Kidston has in the past rendered services pro bono due to budget constraints, but has also, in the past, submitted a statement from him and a purchase order was approved and included in the budget. Commissioners Allan Buck, Rita Tomassian-Hopkins and Treasurer Lourdes Caracoza provided input and posed their concerns about the \$700 amount.**

**After discussion, President Carlos Benavides offered to speak with Mr. Kidston regarding the invoice and come to a possible solution to purchase the pictures at a reduced price. 1st Vice President Janet A. Neal stated that the Commission should consider paying Mr. Kidston the amount he requested.**

**Genevieve Clavreul, member of the public, addressed the Commission.**

**After further discussion, by Common Consent, there being no objection, the item was continued the meeting of January 18, 2017 for further discussion.**

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### **IV. MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **Matters Not Posted**

10. 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**

11. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (16-6120)

**Alexia Teran, Maritza Lebron, Jo Ann Freeman, members of the public, addressed the Commission.**

**Adjournment**

12. Adjournment for the meeting of December 21, 2016. (16-6121)

**On motion of 1st Vice President Janet A. Neal, seconded by Commissioner Peggie Reyna, the meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.**