



**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, August 19, 2015**

**1:00 PM**

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (15-4006)

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

Call to Order. (15-3802)

**President Carlos Benavides called the meeting to order at 1:16 p.m.**

**2nd Vice President Wendy Welt Narro joined the meeting at 1:23 p.m.,  
establishing a quorum.**

Present: President Carlos Benavides, 1st Vice President Janet A. Neal,  
2nd Vice President Wendy Welt Narro, Treasurer Lourdes  
Caracoza, Commissioner Rosa Maria Chaturvedi, Commissioner  
John R. James, Commissioner Steve Miller, Commissioner  
Hector Ochoa, Commissioner Peggie Reyna and Commissioner  
John B. Troost

Absent: Commissioner Edward A. Colley, Commissioner Michael  
Gureckas, Commissioner Maria Mustelier-Parrish, Commissioner  
Dee Pinchbeck, Commissioner Sheila D. Wright and  
Commissioner Wan Chun Chang

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

1. Approval of Minutes from the meeting of July 15, 2015. (15-3731)

**On motion of 2nd Vice President Wendy Welt Narro, seconded by 1st Vice  
President Janet A. Neal, the item was approved.**

**Attachments:** [SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS](#)

2. Receive and file Commission Trust Fund Report as of July 31, 2015 as submitted by Treasurer Lourdes Caracoza. (15-3784)

**Treasurer Lourdes Caracoza submitted the Commission Trust Fund Report as of July 31, 2015.**

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

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3. Discussion and recommendation for approval to fund an amount not to exceed \$700 for promotional items as requested by President Benavides. (15-3889)

**President Benavides noted lanyards would be one of the promotional items to be purchased. He added the promotional items will help the Commission with their outreach efforts.**

**Following discussion, on motion of 2nd Vice President Wendy Welt Narro, seconded by 1st Vice President Janet A. Neal, and unanimously carried, this item was approved.**

4. President Report for August 2015. (15-3732)

**President Carlos Benavides provided an outline of his goals and an overview of the following expectations from Commissioners during his tenure. He will be forwarding a letter to each Supervisor of such goals and expectations that he hopes will assist the Commission to accomplish their directive.**

- **Prior to the October meeting, each Commissioner should review their District gaps in services for the disabled;**
- **Provide input for solutions within their District at the October meeting;**
- **Work with newly formed Committee(s) or participate in existing Standing Committees;**
- **Each Committee Chair is to provide a Statement of Need (Scope) report at the October meeting;**

- **By January 2016, each Committee is to provide a proposal (workplan) with a goal;**
- **By June 2016, each Committee is to provide a Final Report to be included in the Annual Report to the Board of Supervisors of Committee accomplishments.**

**Later in the meeting President Benavides introduced Omri Malka, a recipient of Commission on Disabilities Scholarship for 2015, and presented him with his scholarship check and scroll signed by each Supervisor.**

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

## **II. SET MATTERS**

5. Presentation by Dennis Murata, Director for the Department of Mental Health, on its responsibilities and/or direct services that substantially impact the lives of people with disabilities, as requested by the Commission. (15-3786)

**The Department of Mental Health (DMH) utilized a Power Point presentation to provide an overview of the services and responsibilities given to DMH along with their Budget and funding sources. Most fundings come from State revenues, local funds received from taxes, and allocated funds from realignment.**

**Dennis Murata, Deputy Director; Dr. Irma Castaneda, Mental Health Clinical District Chief; Karen Fullner, Support Bureau Administrative Chief; and Rakdy Khlok, Senior Disaster Services Analyst responded to questions posed by the Commission and members of the public.**

**Dr. Irma Castaneda highlighted their Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with seven (7) Regional Living Centers. She outlined improvements on accessing individuals with developmental disabilities or mental illness. As part of the MOU, the Department meets quarterly to address conflict resolutions to assess Countywide and local level issues and set priorities for resolution. Karen Fullner noted DMH provides the public a procedure to respond to complaints regarding accessibility to ensure ADA compliance.**

**Rakdy Khlok highlighted the Department's emergency planning efforts to have an inclusive emergency planning report that will include people with disabilities, the six year collaboration project with the County and City Departments, shared best practices in disaster planning, raise awareness about people with disabilities and others with access and functional needs.**

**Daniel Garcia and Genevieve Clavreul, members of the public, addressed the Commission.**

**President Benavides and 1st Vice President Neal thanked the speakers for their informative presentation.**

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

**Attachments:**    [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)  
[COUNTY COMPLAINT FORM](#)

- 6.** Presentation by Jaime Beltran-Gomez, Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, on its responsibilities and/or direct services that substantially impact the lives of people with disabilities, as requested by the Commission. (15-3785)

**Jaime Beltran-Gomez, Building Manager of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMV), gave a brief overview of the Department.**

**Maggie Sanchez, Administrative Intern, provided a Power Point presentation on the Department's services provided to veterans at Bob Hope Patriotic Hall, Los Angeles.**

**Daniel Garcia, member of the public, addressed the Commission.**

**Mr. Gomez suggested that the Commission submit a motion to the Board of Supervisors requesting a Countywide, all inclusive evacuation plan. At the request of the Commission, he will report back on the veteran Section 8/homeless programs at a future meeting.**

**President Carlos Benavides thanked Mr. Beltran-Gomez and Ms. Sanchez for their informative presentation.**

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

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### **III. REPORTS**

7. Receive and File Events / Standing Committee Reports of August 2015.  
(15-3734)

**Events Chair Janet A. Neal reported the 24th Annual Access Awards Luncheon and ADA25 Anniversary Celebration is tentatively scheduled for October 19, 2015 at a cost of \$70 each person. This is contingent upon a confirmation of a title sponsor for the event. President Benavides added the \$70 was for advanced purchases. Commissioners were encouraged to support the event by selling tickets, gain advertisements for the souvenir program and obtain donations.**

**There were no reports submitted by the Transportation, Media, Education and Recreation Committees.**

**Housing Committee Chair, Wendy Welt Narro requested there be a speaker from Operation Hope added to an upcoming agenda. She will provide staff with contact information for the presentation.**

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

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8. Receive and file the Access Services, Incorporated Board of Directors meeting report for August 2015. (15-2888)

**2nd Vice President Wendy Welt Narro read the Access Services, Incorporated Board of Directors meeting report for August 2015.**

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

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9. Monthly Report presented by Louis Burns, Access Services Customer Support Administrator, Access Services Incorporated. (15-3787)

**Louis Burns reported the vote for the new fare structure will be held at the end of the year.**

**Giovanna Gogreve added there were 64 Access riders who were provided services at the Special Olympic Games. Access vehicles were also available in case of emergencies.**

**Commissioner Lourdes Caracoza and Daniel Garcia, a member of the public, addressed the Commission.**

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

10. Receive and File the Monthly Report presented by Giovanna Gogreve, ADA Para Transit Program Administrator for the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (METRO). (15-3796)

**Giovanna Gogreve provided an update on METRO's participation at the Special Olympic Games held July 22 through August 2, 2015.**

**Commissioner Rosa Maria Chaturvedi noted that METRO does not currently provide information in braille for the visually impaired constituents at stations.**

**Daniel Garcia, Genevieve Clavreul and Kenneth Howard, members of the public, addressed the Commission.**

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

11. Commissioner Announcements. (15-3797)

**There were no Commissioner announcements.**

**IV. MISCELLANEOUS****Matters Not Posted**

- 12.** Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting of the Committee, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (15-3340)

**The following items were introduced for discussion and placed on the agenda for consideration at a future meeting.**

- 12A.** Presentation by Operation HOPE on housing and financial literacy for people with disabilities, as submitted by 2nd Vice President Wendy Welt Narro. (15-4081)

**On motion of 2nd Vice President Wendy Welt Narro, and by Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was introduced for discussion and placed on the agenda for future meeting.**

- 12B.** Report back by the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs on Section 8 and homeless programs for disabled veterans, as requested by the Commission. (15-4085)

**By Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was introduced for discussion and placed on the agenda for a future meeting.**

**Public Comment**

- 13.** Opportunity for members of the public to address the Committee on items of interest that is within jurisdiction of the Committee. (15-3800)

**John Rodriguez, a member of the public, addressed the Commission on Los Angeles City Department on Disability.**

**Sawako Nitao, a member of the public, addressed the Commission on housing issues.**

**Kenneth Howard, a member of the public, addressed the Commission on METRO Tap program.**

**Daniel Garcia, a member of the public, addressed the Commission on lack of signage at the entrance of Special Olympic Games event.**

**Chanh To, a member of the public, addressed the Commission on housing.**

**Greg King, a member of the public, addressed the Commission on METRO.**

**Adjournment**

- 14.** Adjournment for the meeting of August 19, 2015. (15-3801)

**On motion of 2nd Vice President Wendy Welt Narro, seconded by 1st Vice President Janet A. Neal, the meeting was adjourned at 3:59 p.m. in memory of Julian Bond, an American Social Activist.**