



**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, May 21, 2014

1:00 PM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (14-2357)

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Call to Order. (14-2241)

**President Janet A. Neal called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.
Commissioner Wan Chun Chang joined the meeting at 1:18 p.m.
establishing a quorum.**

Present: President Janet A. Neal, 1st Vice President Winslow C. Reitnouer, 2nd Vice President John B. Troost, Commissioner Edward A. Colley, Commissioner Steve Miller, Commissioner Alexia Teran and Commissioner Wan Chun Chang

Absent: Treasurer Wendy Welt Narro, Commissioner John R. James and Commissioner Maria Mustelier-Parrish

Excused: Commissioner Michael Gureckas, Commissioner Kecia Brooke Weller and Commissioner Sheila D. Wright

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Approval of the Minutes from the meeting of April 16, 2014. (14-2242)

On motion of Commissioner Ed Colley, seconded by 1st Vice President Winslow C. Reitnouer, the minutes of April 16, 2014 was approved with the following vote:

Ayes: 6 - President Janet A. Neal, 1st Vice President Winslow C. Reitnouer, Commissioner Edward A. Colley, Commissioner Steve Miller, Commissioner Alexia Teran and Commissioner Wan Chun Chang

Abstentions: 1 - 2nd Vice President John B. Troost

Absent: 2 - Treasurer Wendy Welt Narro and Commissioner Maria Mustelier-Parrish

Excused: 4 - Commissioner Michael Gureckas, Commissioner John R. James, Commissioner Kecia Brooke Weller and Commissioner Sheila D. Wright

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2. Report by the Nominating Committee on the Bylaws, Slate of Officers, Declaration of Candidacy and open nominations of 2014-15 Commission on Disabilities' officers. (14-2243)

Commissioners John R. James and Wendy Welt Narro were not available to present the Slate of Officers. President Janet A. Neal spoke on their behalf and asked Commissioners if they had any questions regarding the Slate.

After discussion, on motion of President Janet A. Neal, seconded by Commissioner Ed Colley, Commissioner John R. James was nominated for Treasurer.

Staff was instructed to inform Commissioner John R. James of the nomination of which he would have 10 days from the date of the meeting to submit his Declaration of Candidacy.

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

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3. Recommendation to take off calendar: Discussion of Assembly Bill AB2714, which prohibits a local government from limiting any way the authority for all disabled persons to park a vehicle in any restricted parking zones. (14-1764)

President Janet A. Neal noted, initial discussion on Assembly Bill AB2714 was informational. Therefore, she requested this item be continued to a future date when available.

Genevieve Clavreul addressed the Commission and noted the Bill has been amended.

II. REPORTS

4. President's Report for May 2014 and Feedback on Mandatory Online Training. (14-2254)

President Janet A. Neal acknowledged 1st Vice President Winslow C. Reitnouer for joining her at the meeting of the City of Los Angeles, Department on Disability held May 7, 2014. 1st Vice President Reitnouer was very impressed with the City Council Chambers at the City Hall. Robert Gorski from the City of Pasadena will be attending a future Commission meeting.

Later in the meeting, President Janet A. Neal requested Commissioners to give their feedback on the Mandatory Online Trainings. She noted within the training, they are charged with assuring sensitivity in all issues regarding the disabled community, protected classes and to conduct the Commission in accordance with the Brown Act. She noted the training was too long and needed several personnel to assist her with the training. She encouraged all Commissioners to complete the training sessions, as it will assist Commissioners to be better equipped to serve the citizens and County of Los Angeles. She concluded by stating, although long, the training is very necessary to make Commissioners be more sensitive to the needs of the disabled community.

Commissioner Steve Miller will be taking the training soon.

Commissioner Edward Colley will be sending his training certification of AB1234 to Crystal in HR as proof of taking the class. He added after taking the first class all his other classes had disappeared and hoped that was an indication that he had finished all the classes.

2nd Vice President Troost had completed all the trainings but noted there were instances where he had to start over due to issues with his Apple MAC computer.

1st Vice President Winslow C. Reitnouer noted she was not aware that the online training would not be compatible for her as she had a MAC. She then had to come to the Hall of Administration for the training. She added the training reinforced everything already knew and it is a good refresher.

Commissioner Alexia Teran, stated the training was very long and the spoken version of the training did not coincide with the information that was written on the screen. This made it even more difficult when answering the questions. Additionally, if the answers were incorrect, she was told she had to start over, not knowing that she only had to start from where she left off.

Commissioner Wan Chun Chang suggested there be hard copies of the questionnaires in large print made available for the next set of trainings.

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

5. Monthly Report by Standing Committees:

- Education: Commissioners Troost (Chair), James, Neal
- Events: Commissioners Neal (Chair), Troost, Reitnouer, Teran, Wright
- Transportation: Commissioners Neal (Chair), Reitnouer, Troost, Teran (14-2246)

Education

No report was given by the Education Committee. President Janet A. Neal noted Sandy Driver-Gordon of the Los Angeles City Commission is interested in participating in the Committee.

Events

Chair Janet A. Neal reported, the Committee continues to work on the luncheon for 2014. The Committee still needs assistance with selling tickets, obtaining door prizes and requested Commissioners submit a list of leads for sponsorship for this event.

Staff, Emma De Jesus reported the Resnick Foundation has donated \$2,000 to the scholarship fund and asked how the Committee would be distributing the monies this year. During discussion, Chair Neal stated the Ruben Anthony Rios Creative Arts & Design Scholarship Program will not be implemented until next year; therefore, the amount received will be utilized only for the existing Scholarship Programs.

Transportation

Chair Janet A. Neal reported the Committee discussed their long and short range goals include, level sidewalks, curb cuts, blue curbs, gasoline refueling and taxi coupons. Tony Abraham, a representative of the City of Los Angeles, Department on Disability attended her Transportation Committee meeting and also spoke on the City's long term goals on blue

curbs, level sidewalks. There is currently a suspension on the installation of blue curbs throughout the City.

1st Vice President Winslow Reitnouer addressed the Commission and provided photographs of accessible gas pump stations that were lowered to accommodate the disabled.

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6. Receive and File the Access Services, Incorporated Board meeting report as submitted by 2nd Vice President John B. Troost. (14-2247)

1st Vice President Winslow C. Reitnouer read the Access Services, Incorporated meeting report on behalf of 2nd Vice President John B. Troost.

Commissioner Alexia Teran thanked 1st Vice President Winslow C. Reitnouer for assisting and 2nd Vice President John B. Troost for the report.

There being no discussion, this item was received and filed.

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7. Monthly Report by Louis Burns, Access Services Customers Support Administrator, Access Services Incorporated. (14-2248)

Louis Burns, Access Services Customers Support Administrator, Access Services Incorporated reported he will provide staff information on the decommissioned vehicles no longer used by Access Services, Inc (Access) and are sent out to auction for the Commission.

He stated Access would like to schedule presentations from Mike Greenwood, on their emergency preparedness measures for Los Angeles County and Kurt Hagen on the eligibility renewal processes for Access.

He also shared copies of the actual Access PCA (Personal Care Assistant) card that is still currently still being retrofitted to enhance the card such as larger print. Access is also looking to possibly create a separate card specific to Access.

Mr. Burns also responded to questions posed by the Commission and Linda Block a member of the public.

President Janet A. Neal thanked Mr. Burns for his informative report.

8. Monthly Report presented by Jess Segovia, ADA Manager, and Giovanna Gogreve, ADA Para-transit Program Administrator for the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (METRO). (14-2249)

No report was proved by Metro.

Commissioner Ed Colley requested staff follow-up with Metrolink on the PCA (Personal Care Assistant) charges that were discussed in March. Staff, Emma De Jesus noted the item is pending and will be added to an agenda as soon as a presentation is confirmed by Metrolink.

9. Monthly Staff Report by Emma De Jesus. (14-2244)

Emma De Jesus, Staff reminded Commissioners about the Annual Leadership Conference hosted by the Quality and Productivity Commission to be held on May 28, 2014 at the Music Center. She noted Commissioner Alexia Teran responded and her reservation to attend has been confirmed. Commissioners wishing to attend were requested to inform staff of their interest as soon as possible in order to reserve seating.

There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Outpatient Center on May 28, 2014 by Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas. If Commissioners would like to attend, an RSVP is necessary.

The City of Los Angeles Department on Disability's May 7 agenda will be included on the June meeting agenda.

The ADA Program for the Los Angeles World Airports will be having a public hearing forum on May 21, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. at the Flight Path Museum on Imperial Highway.

She concluded with a report on the Scholarship Sponsorship request. There was a donation of \$2,000 to the Commission for scholarships. The sponsorship letter and form were made available to Commissioners and members of the public.

III. MISCELLANEOUS**10. Commissioner Announcements. (14-2250)**

President Janet A. Neal announced the Commission on Disabilities is non-financial sponsorship of the Catch Wrestling Alliance event to be held in UCLA on June 7, 2014. She provided website information to interested Commissioners and members of the public. She also announced June 14, will holding their Annual Fundraiser event for Elizabeth Helm (Executive Director of A Head with Horses).

President Neal also announced, the radio stations, KTYM has been sold. There is a possibility that she would have her own radio station and broadcast it as the "Disability Network" with a minimal cost.

Commissioner Winslow C. Reitnouer announced an event that on May 20, 2014 she attended an event at Kidspace Museum in Pasadena. Volunteer staff was provided by staff from Tierra Del Sol.

Commissioner Alexia Teran reported that on June 1, 2014, there will be a Lummis Day Festival of the Northeast Los Angeles. She will be hosting a booth at the festival and representing the Commission. Her community will be hosting a "Summer Night Light" Program. Flyers for both events were distributed amongst Commissioners and members of the public.

She also announced the 2nd Annual Los Angeles County Wheelchair Basketball Tournament at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center event on June 21, 2014 at Downey Gymnasium at Apollo Park located at 12544 Rivers Avenue, Downey.

Commissioner Steve Miller reported the Disabled World Art Festival is coming up.

Matters Not Posted

11. 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. (14-2251)

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

- 11A. Discussion on State Budget to fund community-based organizations that provide support to people with disabilities, as submitted by Commissioner Steve Miller. (14-2392)

On motion of Commissioner Steve Miller, seconded by President Janet A. Neal, there being no objection, this item was introduced for discussion and placed on the agenda of June 18, 2014.

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. (14-2252)

Genevieve Clavreul addressed the Commission on the Martin Luther King Jr. Outpatient Center Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. She also shared an article she wrote called "The Problem with the Patient Safety Act of 2014" to everybody.

Kenn Small addressed the Commission on Access Services' riders card with visa logos and housing.

Dave Chiono addressed the Commission on his attendance to CCF meeting County client for the new fiscal year whereby accepting applications in English and Spanish.

Linda Block addressed the Commission on the upcoming Primary Election.

Adjournment

13. Adjournment of the May 21, 2014. (14-2253)

On motion of Commissioner Alexia Teran, seconded by 2nd Vice President John B. Troost, the meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.