



**SUMMARY OF NOTES 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, November 19, 2014

1:00 PM

AUDIO FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (14-5519)

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Call to Order. (14-4607)

President Janet A. Neal called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

Emma De Jesus, Commission Staff, called roll and noted that a quorum was not established.

Present: President Janet A. Neal, 1st Vice President Wendy Welt Narro, 2nd Vice President John B. Troost, Treasurer Winslow C. Reitnouer, Commissioner Carlos Benavides and Commissioner Alexia Teran

Absent: Commissioner Maria Mustelier-Parrish and Commissioner Wan Chun Chang

Excused: Commissioner Edward A. Colley, Commissioner Michael Gureckas, Commissioner John R. James, Commissioner Steve Miller, Commissioner Kecia Brooke Weller and Commissioner Sheila D. Wright

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- 1. Approval of the Minutes from the meeting of September 17, 2014 (Continued from the meeting of October 15, 2014). (14-4171)**

In the absence of a quorum, this item was continued without discussion to the next meeting.

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2. Receive and file the Summary of Notes from the meeting of October 15, 2014. (14-5276)

In the absence of a quorum, this item was continued without discussion to the next meeting.

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3. Discussion and take appropriate action on the Commission on Disabilities non-financial support of “Janet’s Planet” Radio Show airing on KTYM, as requested by the Commission at the meeting of September 17, 2014. (14-3886)

Jason Carnevale, County Counsel, provided clarification on what President Janet A. Neal can let listeners know about the Commission. Also, he will be providing President Janet A. Neal with a disclaimer for her to read prior to making announcements regarding the Commission on the Janet's Planet Radio Show.

Mr. Carnevale responded to questions posed by 1st Vice President Wendy Welt Narro, 2nd Vice President Winslow Reitnauer, and Commissioners Carlos Benavides and Alexia Teran.

After discussion, 2nd Vice President Winslow Reitnauer thanked Mr. Carnevale for taking time to meet and put a disclaimer together.

After discussion, this item was taken off calendar.

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4. Approval of letter in support of Community Based services as drafted by Commissioner Steve Miller. (14-5130)

After discussion, this item was continued to the meeting of January 21, 2015.

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II. REPORTS

5. President's Report for November 2014.
- Community Outreach
 - Summary of ADA25 Access Reception (14-5277)

President Janet A. Neal reported on her community outreach on September 7, 2014 that she attended the Captioners Association (CA) meeting to evaluate the performance differences between CA and Total Recall, Inc. Additionally, on October 2, she spoke at the California Commission on Disabilities Access Workshop about community outreach. On November 5, she participated at the Los Angeles City Disability Commission meeting and discussed transportation issues. On November 13, she spoke at the LA Help meeting focusing on the need for pro bono legal work. The LA Help meeting audience was attended by lawyers. She encouraged Commissioners to do more outreach.

About the summary of ADA25 Access Reception, President Janet A. Neal reported there was a little under 100 attendees. The event net profit is estimated to be \$3,000.

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6. Monthly staff report by Emma De Jesus. (14-5278)

Staff Emma De Jesus reported that K-Life and the State of California will host an event called, Creating Policy and System Change for Independent Living to be held on December 2-3, 2014 at the California Endowment located at 1000 N. Alameda St. in Los Angeles.

Elba Guzman, a member of the public, addressed the Commission on HIV.

7. Monthly Report by Standing Committees:
Education: Commissioners Troost (Chair), James, Neal
Events: Commissioners Neal (Chair), Reitnouer, Teran, Troost, Wright
Transportation: Commissioners Neal (Chair), Reitnouer, Troost, Teran
Housing: Commissioners Welt Narro (Chair), Teran (14-5279)

A. Education

No report was submitted by Chair John B. Troost.

President Janet A. Neal requested staff to draft scholarship forms for distribution in January. At the reception, she would also like to include a short film about the legacy of Tom Bradley.

B. Events

Chair Janet A. Neal reported there will be no Events Committee meeting for the month of November.

Transportation

Chair Janet A. Neal reported that in the City of Westchester, between Sepulveda and Manchester Blvd., the sidewalks have been repaired. Also, she reported that she met Officer Oday at the City of Westchester, who was working diligently to enforce disabled parking placard violations.

Housing

No report was given by Chair Wendy Welt Narro.

Ken Small, a member of the public, addressed the Commission.

8. Receive and File the Access Services, Incorporated Board of Directors meeting of November. (14-5280)

Treasurer Winslow Reitnouer read the November Access Services Board of Directors report for 2nd Vice President John B. Troost.

After discussion, no action was taken by the Commission, the report was received and filed.

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9. Monthly Report by Louis Burns, Access Services Customer Service Support Administrator, Access Services Incorporated. (14-5281)

Louis Burns, Customer Support Administrator of Access Services, reported the Access Services Safety Awards was held to promote customers outreach to seniors. He also reported that Access riders with no shows will be penalized and implementation will be soon. Access Services is not perfect but any mistakes can be corrected. Mr. Burns will invite someone from Access Services to speak on the regulation on no show riders.

Ken Small, a member of the public, addressed the Commission on Access Services riders and their policy regarding "no shows".

10. 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). (14-5282)

Giovanna Gogreve reported that their Rancho to Rail Ridership program had increased from 160 to 730 riders in October. METRO will add a second vehicle to the program in the next few months due to riders increase and will be working to make informative videos for riders with disabilities.

III. MISCELLANEOUS

11. Commissioner Announcements for the Month of November. (14-5295)

Treasurer Winslow Reitnouer shared a newspaper report from the Los Angeles Times dated November 19, 2014 regarding South Los Angeles 100th sidewalk repair through Councilman Bernard Parks' partnership with the public. She stated this issue was a victory article.

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 Commission, 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. (14-5266)

No matters were posted.

Public Comment

13. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission of items or interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (14-5274)

The following members of the public addressed the Commission:

Kimberly Whyte addressed the Commission, on behalf of Sherman Abney, who is a disabled student with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) symptoms. She said that Mr. Abney was going to LA Trade Tech Community College, and is not receiving services from the Disabled Student Services Program. Also, Mr. Abney was unable to access MTA bus because there was no curve cut on 89th and Vermont.

Linda Block addressed the Commission and suggested Access Services drivers notify constituents if they will be late on pick up time.

Neal Richman, Westside Center for Independent Living, announced the City Commission's Department of Public Works holds a meeting every first Wednesday on Medicare and Medi-Cal changes.

Jacob Cohen, Los Angeles Client Coalition, addressed the Commission about their meeting with mental health clients and invited a speaker on acupuncture and mental health to be held on December 19, 2014 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. located at 550 Vermont St., 2nd Floor, Los Angeles.

Adjournment

14. Adjournment for the meeting of November 19, 2014. (14-5275)

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m. in memory of Joan Rivers and Arnett Hartsfield, Jr.