



**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
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Wednesday, November 18, 2015

1:00 PM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (15-5643)

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Call to Order. (15-5349)

1st Vice President Janet A. Neal called the meeting to order at 1:14 p.m.

President Carlos Benavides joined the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

Present: President Carlos Benavides, 1st Vice President Janet A. Neal, Treasurer Lourdes Caracoza, Commissioner Allan Buck, Commissioner Edward A. Colley, Commissioner Rosa Maria Chaturvedi, Commissioner Steve Miller, Commissioner Hector Ochoa, Commissioner Rita Tomassian-Hopkins, Commissioner John B. Troost and Commissioner Wan Chun Chang

Absent: 2nd Vice President Wendy Welt Narro, Commissioner John R. James, Commissioner Maria Mustelier-Parrish, Commissioner Dee Pinchbeck, Commissioner Peggie Reyna and Commissioner Sheila D. Wright

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Approval of Minutes from the meeting of October 21, 2015. (15-5352)

On motion of Commissioner John B. Troost, seconded by Commissioner Allan Buck, unanimously carried, this item was approved.

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II. CONSENT CALENDAR

2. Receive and file the Access Services, Incorporated Board of Directors meeting

report for November 2015. (15-5351)

Commissioner Ed Colley read the Access Services Incorporated Board of Directors meeting written report of November 2015 for Commissioner John B. Troost.

On motion of Commissioner Steve Miller, seconded by Treasurer Lourdes Caracoza, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

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3. Receive and File the monthly METRO Accessibility Report presented by Yvonne Price, Accessibility Programs Administrator for the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (METRO). (Continued from the meeting on September 16, 2015) (15-4377)

Yvonne Price provided that the METRO will not increase its fees for those with disabilities. She reported that METRO has an Annual Bus Rodeo Event that rate bus drivers on lap and shoulder belts securement, rate on customer service, timing, as well as wheelchair securement. Outreach activities held at Rancho Los Amigos Rehabilitation Center is ongoing. An Easter Seals fundraiser will be held in December. METRO is recruiting representatives for the Access Advisory Outreach Committee especially in the San Gabriel and San Fernando areas. METRO is in the process of creating customer information videos on how bus drivers are being trained to work with the disabled, constituents who are in wheelchairs and service dogs.

Commissioners John Troost and Rosa Maria Chaturvedi provided their comments.

Genevieve Clavreul, member of the public, addressed the Commission on sanitation issue.

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

4. Receive and File Access Services Incorporated report by Louis Burns, Access Services Customer Support Administrator. (15-5350)

Louis Burns reported to the Commission their processes for an emergency plan in preparation for El Nino. Additionally, Access Services does not have plans for El Nino storm. Access Services will no longer purchase small cars and sedans. If needed, purchases will be made for mini vans.

Proposals for dynamic fare increase are still on hold. In closing, he added Access does not offer discounts to students.

Commissioners Steve Miller, Janet Neal, Lourdes Caracoza and Allan Buck provided their comments on this item.

In response to Commissioners comment, a representative from Access will report on their emergency preparedness plan.

Therefore, by common consent, there being no objection, this item was continued to the December 16, 2015 meeting.

III. PRESENTATIONS

- 5. Presentation by the Department of Beaches and Harbors, on its responsibilities and/or direct services that substantially impact the lives of people with disabilities, as requested by the Commission.**

- Stefan Popescu, Executive Assistant - Department Mission, Vision, Strategic Plan (partial, "Access" goal), Outreach, Website Accessibility
- John Kelly, Deputy Director (Facilities) - Facility Accessibility
- Carol Baker, Division Chief, Community and Marketing Services Division - Program Accessibility (15-5269)

Stefan Popescu gave a brief introduction of the speakers and began the shared PowerPoint presentation on the Department of Beaches and Harbors.

Cesar Espinosa reported on the accessibility of docks, restrooms, ramps, view deck, parking lots and RV parking. He also reported there are 22 beach wheelchairs at 15 locations for beach and water access.

Carol Baker reported on beach shuttles and waterbus services. The Department provides Water Awareness Training, Water Education and Recreation Program for children with special needs. He also reported the Department holds public meetings on accessibility at Chase Park Community Room and assistive listening devices are available upon request. All information can be obtained through their website that is accessible.

President Carlos Benavides and 1st Vice President Janet A. Neal gave their comments.

Lolita Namukatkak, member of the public, addressed the Commission.

President Carlos Benavides thanked Mr. Popescu, Mr. Espinosa and Ms. Baker for their informative presentation and look forward to their written summary.

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

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IV. REPORTS

- 6.** President Report for the Month of November 2015. (15-5356)

President Carlos Benavides reminded Commissioners of their Strategic Plan Outline for the Commission on Disabilities which will be due in January 2016.

- 7.** Staff report as submitted by Emma De Jesus for November 2015. (15-5354)

Staff Emma De Jesus reminded Commissioners to submit their parking pass prior to its expiration. Also to facilitate committee meetings, staff can assist by providing a conference call number and/or a meeting space in the building, if requested. She asked that committee chairs provide staff with a summary of their notes to keep the President apprised of their activities. Lastly, she reminded Commissioners will be notified by Human Resources of training needed for 2016.

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

- 8.** Access Awards Luncheon and Year End Financial Report presented by the Treasurer. (15-5357)

Treasurer Lourdes Caracoza summarized the Treasurer's report and responded to questions posed by Commission members.

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

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V. DISCUSSIONS

- 9.** Discussion and Possible action regarding Total Recall Captioning costs for the Commission. (15-5368)

Commissioner Ed Colley requested the President and Treasurer obtain clarification and provide a recommendation for the Commission's approval regarding cost for Total Recall Captioning.

After discussion, by Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was continued for further discussion at the December 16, 2015 meeting.

- 10.** Discussion and possible action on Standing (Education, Transportation, Housing, Media, Recreation/Access), Event Committee and Proposed Ad-Hoc Committees for 2016 as requested by President Benavides. (15-4910)

During discussion, the Ad Hoc Committee on Policy amended their membership to include the following: 1st Vice President Janet A. Neal, Commissioner Lourdes Caracoza, Commissioner John James, Commissioner Rita Tomassian Hopkin and Steve Miller, as Chair.

President Carlos Benavides also stated Commissioner Hector Ochoa will be joining his Recreation/Access Committee.

After discussion, this item was continued to December 16, 2015 meeting for final formation of Committees for 2016.

VI. MISCELLANEOUS

- 11.** Discussion on possible collaboration with the Los Angeles City Department on Disability. (15-4390)

This item was continued without discussion to the meeting of December 16, 2015.

- 12.** Commissioner Announcements. (15-5355)

There were no Commissioners announcements.

Matters Not Posted

- 13.** 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. (15-4597)

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

- 13A.** Presentation by the Department of Public Social Services, on its responsibilities and/or direct services that substantially impact the lives of

people with disabilities, as requested by the Commission.

- Silvia Valencia, Director, CalWORKs Program
- Regina Adkins-Williams, Director GR - SSI Special Programs Section
- Maria Magallanes, HSA II, IHSS Program
- Estela Barrera, HSA II, CalFresh Program
- Sherise McDowell-English, Human Resources Division
- Charles Palmer, ASM III, Civil Rights Section (15-4900)

On motion of Commissioner Steve Miller, and by Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was continued to a future meeting.

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Public Comment

- 14.** Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (15-5353)

Genevieve Clavreul, member of the public, addressed the Commission on non-provision of her medications by Rancho Los Amigos Rehabilitation.

Adjournment

- 15.** Adjournment for the meeting of November 18, 2015. (15-5268)

On motion of Commissioner Steve Miller, seconded by Commissioner Rita Tomassian-Hopkins, unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 3:16 p.m.