



**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, February 15, 2012

1:00 PM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (12-0767)

Attachments: [AUDIO](#)

Call to Order (12-0684)

The meeting was called to order by President Troost at 1:15 p.m.

Present: President Troost, Vice President Neal, 2nd Vice President James, Treasurer Weller, Commissioner Chang, Commissioner Colley, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Mustelier-Parrish, Commissioner Teran and Commissioner Wright

Absent: Commissioner Welt Narro

Excused: Commissioner Gureckas, Commissioner Reitnouer and Commissioner Rios

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Approval to purchase a quarter page ad and two tickets to the Los Angeles County Commission for Women's, 2012 Annual Women of the Year Awards Luncheon to be held March 12, 2012 at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel in the amount not to exceed \$330; to promote the Commission on Disabilities activities and events. (12-0662)

Commissioner Colley requested information regarding the event. Staff, Rhonda Rangel noted that the request was made by President Troost and that the event is well attended by various County Departments and Department Heads.

By attending the event, the Commission would have the opportunity to outreach, network, and promote the Commission on Disabilities 2012 Annual Access Awards Luncheon. Staff added that the Commission will also be provided a resource table to promote the Commission.

On behalf of the Commission, Commissioners Neal and Weller volunteered to attend the event and host a resource table .

After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Neal, seconded by Commissioner Weller, item was approved.

2. Approval of Minutes from the meeting of January 18, 2012. (12-0663)

Commissioners Weller and Mustelier-Parish requested the Roll Call vote be changed to reflect them as being Excused.

After discussion, on motion of Commissioner James, seconded by Commissioner Neal, this item was approved with the following vote:

Ayes: 9 - President Troost, Vice President Neal, 2nd Vice President James, Treasurer Weller, Commissioner Colley, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Mustelier-Parrish, Commissioner Teran and Commissioner Wright

Abstentions: 1 - Commissioner Chang

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Welt Narro

Excused: 3 - Commissioner Gureckas, Commissioner Reitnouer and Commissioner Rios

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II. SET MATTER

3. SET ITEM 1:30 P.M.

Southern California Edison presentation by Marlyn Denter, Manager, Consumer Affairs Outreach. (11-5528)

Ms. Linda Yamauchi, Edison Consumer Affairs Manager, and Marlyn Denter Edison Consumer Affairs Outreach Manager presented an overview of the Southern California Edison Consumer Affairs Outreach Department.

Ms. Yamauchi and Ms. Denter responded to questions posed by the Commission and look at more efficiency during emergencies. The Commission thanked the presenters and invited them to speak on the Disabilities Network Radio Program.

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

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III. REPORTS

4. President's Report for the Month of February 2012. (12-0304)

President Troost submitted his report for February and expressed his gratitude to Commissioners for their input with the Board of Supervisors memo regarding Access Services, Inc.

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

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5. Report by Events Committee on meeting held February 8, 2012. (12-0664)

Commissioner Neal submitted the Events Committee meeting report held February 8, 2012.

In her efforts to bring disability-related issues forward, Commissioner Neal announced that she was awarded the Pinnacle Professional of the Year Award and is a Lifetime Member of Continental Who's Who 2012.

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

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6. Report by Chip Hazen, ADA Compliance Administrator for Los Angeles County Transportation Authority (METRO). (12-0665)

Prior to his verbal report, Mr. Hazen gave reference information for Commission use:

- **The LACTOA (Los Angeles County Transit Operators Association) has identification cards for disabled operators. These cards are filled out and renewed yearly. Each time it is renewed there is a \$2.00 cost. These costs can be avoided if the physician notes the following on the application: 1. the condition is permanent and 2. request the length of eligibility to be extended past the three year allotment.**
- **The Department of Labor has a new Notice to Provide Role making (NPR). This requires all Federal contractors to have 7 percent of their group or employees as disabled. This means 7 percent of MTA's drivers need to be disabled. This requirement is creating problems within Metro (MTA), as it is contrary to the requirements of the State Department of Transportation. Even if there is work contracted out, 7 percent of those employed must be disabled.**

Mr. Hazen then posed a question to the Commission. What can Metro do to prevent wheelchair accidents on the platforms? Metro has posted additional signage at all locations and will be working with regional centers within Los Angeles County for additional training for wheelchair users.

Commissioners suggested the following:

- 1. Written notification be provided to wheelchair vendors for safety suggestions.**
- 2. Rehabilitation Centers and hospitals provide wheelchair evaluations and when Metro develops their informational brochures, there be an listing of locations of rehabilitation centers and hospitals where someone can have their wheelchair evaluated.**
- 3. Public announcements at all locations to give safety warnings.**

Ms. Phyllis Coto, member of the public, addressed the Commission and suggested more signage and volunteers at the larger stations.

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

7. Monthly report by Louis Burns of Access Services, Inc. (12-0666)

Matthew Avancina, Manager of Planning and Coordination provided a verbal report on behalf of Mr. Louis Burns and Access Services, Inc. The following was reported:

- 1. There will be a number of Community meetings to be held throughout Los Angeles County. The meetings will address concerns of the community and serve as a way to obtain feedback on the services being provided by Access Services, Inc.**
- 2. The Annual membership meeting is scheduled for March 28, 2012 at the California Endowment Center. There will be a consultant at the event to present survey results of services provided by Access Services, Inc. (ASI). Those surveyed were active ASI riders.**
- 3. There are approximately 20,000 Transit Access Pass (TAP) cards that will be distributed.**

Mr. Avancina responded to questions posed by the Commission and stated that the survey results would not be available for a few months. Commissioner Colley requested Access Services report back at a meeting with the results of the survey.

Mr. Eric Haack of Access Services did not speak but was available for questions.

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

8. Report by Kurt Hagen, Commission on Disabilities appointed Access Board representative on Access Board meeting held for the month of February 2012. (12-0667)

Mr. Hagen provided an update of the Access Board meeting held for the month of February 2012. He highlighted the newly appointed CAC (Community Advisory Committee) members on page 8 and 9, of which 7 of the 15 members are actual riders. He announced one of the members, Ms. Phyllis Coto, was present at today's meeting. His report also highlighted the TPAC (Transportation Professionals Advisory Committee) members and the entities they represent.

Mr. Hagen responded to questions posed by the Commission.

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

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III. MISCELLANEOUS

- 9.** Announcements by Commissioners. (12-0711)

In honor of Black History month, Commissioner Neal shared a brief history of her father as one of the first African American Fire Fighters.

Matters Not Posted

- 10.** 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. (11-4822)
- 10A.** Recommendation as submitted by Commissioners Colley and Miller: Make a finding pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(b)(2), that there is a need to take immediate action and that need for action came to the attention of the Commission subsequent to the agenda being posted as specified in subdivision (a); to discuss the opposition of the anticipated elimination of funding for Adult & Career Education Programs by the Los Angeles Board of Education; and direct staff to draft a letter to be signed by the President of the Commission to LAUSD and the Board of Education to fully support current levels of adults with disabilities in their adult education program. (12-0769)

On motion of Commissioner Colley, seconded by Commissioner Miller, this item was approved with the following vote:

Ayes: 8 - President Troost, Vice President Neal, 2nd Vice President James, Treasurer Weller, Commissioner Colley, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Mustelier-Parrish and Commissioner Wright

Abstentions: 1 - Commissioner Chang

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Welt Narro

Excused: 3 - Commissioner Gureckas, Commissioner Reitnouer and Commissioner Teran

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

- 10B.** Recommendation by Commissioner Colley: Report back at a future date on customer service survey of active Access Services, Inc. riders. (12-0806)

On motion of Commissioner Colley, and by Common Consent, there being not objection, this item was continued to a future meeting.

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. (12-0668)

**Phyllis Coto addressed the Commission on innovation in recovery.
Sandra Clayton addressed the Commission regarding sign language classes.**

Sawako Nitao addressed the Commission on the danger of sports injuries.

Adjournment

- 12.** Adjournment for the meeting of February 15, 2012. (12-0669)

The meeting was adjourned at 3:07 p.m.

On motions duly seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned in memory of the following persons:

**Paul Despol
Barbara Stephens
Ernest T. Hamilton, Jr.
Etta James
Don Cornelius
Whitney Elizabeth Houston
Zina Bethune
Randy Horton**