COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting – Virtual – October 21, 2026 – 3:00 pm

Members Present: Chair Janette Shelton, Vice Chair Susan Madison, Laura Handzel, Michelle Krug (no video), Jessica Kramer, Ayesha Majid, Claudia Lopez de Nava, Luz Nuñez and Brennan Pearson

Members Absent: Paul Houston Sr.

County Staff: Todd Hood and Kate McKnight

Call to Order – Meeting was called to order at 3:03pm by the Chair.

Welcoming Remarks and Introductions

Statement (just cause) and/or Consideration of a Request to Participate Remotely (emergency circumstances)

Vote to Approve Meeting Minutes – September 16, 2026

- A motion was made and seconded to approve the September 2026 meeting minutes as amended; committee approved. Laura abstained.

Non-Agenda Comment

- Statement (just cause) and/or Consideration of a Request to Participate Remotely (emergency circumstances) will be removed from future agendas as it is not necessary while the committee is teleconferencing.
- Are committee members who don't have access to Zoom required to be available on camera in order to participate in votes?
- Michelle Krug - Board Meeting on 10/27/2026 has two items of interest for the committee members.
    - Safety Net Bridge

    - County Medical Services
- Laura Handzel - Invisible Disabilities Awareness Week

Site Evacuation of Persons with Disabilities

- Guest Speaker: David Sibbet, Fire Services Coordinator with Office of Emergency Services
- Discussed the importance of the coordination of fire drills
- Sue Madison requested explanation of how an individual using a wheelchair would evacuate from upper floors in case of an emergency. David shared several options.
- Committee recommendations:
    - Perform drills with individuals with various disabilities to identify different potential evacuation needs
    - Expand awareness and use of the blue envelope program in emergency response and considerations of people with disabilities
    - Provide floor wardens with common assistive aids that might be needed for people with disabilities during evacuations (light and sound sensitivity)
    - Train key individuals on evacuation procedures for people with disabilities, i.e., evacuation slides

Senior Housing Ordinance

- Guest Speaker: Morgan Angulo, Planner, Planning and Development Services
- Discussed Senior Housing and Small Lot Housing Zoning Ordinance Updates
- Reviewed Board direction and how they are incorporating accessibility, universal design and visitability standards, as well as incentives for developers
- Provided a timeline of project including opportunities for public input
- Committee recommendations:
    - Analyze where barriers exist in building code and zoning
    - Include ramps in accessibility considerations
    - Accessible parking for residents and caregivers
    - Include accessibility in conjunction with affordability wherever it is used
    - Broader categories than just senior housing for individuals with disabilities
        - Focus on housing for all
    - Mold prevention and process for receiving and addressing mold complaints
    - Sound proofing for individuals with noise sensitivities and those that make noise
    - Public green space for service animal needs
    - Position of toilet in center for hoyer lifts, etc.

- Grab bars
- Designated percentage requirements for accessible and affordable housing units
- Establish additional feedback channels (voice announcements, phone, etc.) to allow access for those who do not have access to computers
- Lever door handles
- Touch screen control panels
- Seek input from people with invisible disabilities (behavioral health services)
- Reach out to County housing program recipients, No Place Like Home
- Consider accessibility of amenities like laundry, mailboxes, clubhouse for social interaction

Strategic Focus Area - Housing

- Tabled until November meeting

Person First Letter of Support (VOTE)

- Jessica informed that the state of California is moving away from the term "Dependent Adult." Jessica has written a letter to support use of the term "Adult with Disabilities"
- Motion was made to send a letter regarding support of the language change to "Adult with Disabilities" to the County for Board review. Motion approved.
- Jessica will draft the letter and send to Todd for submission to OEC Director for EDGA to forward to Board of Supervisors

Committee Business

- Annual Report Review
  - Committee will review in advance of November's meeting for approval
- Secretary Election
  - Nominations:
    - Laura Handzel
  - A vote was taken. Laura Handzel was approved as new Secretary
- Sunset Review Submission
  - Todd has submitted and will share with Committee once it is available
- Teleconference Request
  - Motion was made to allow the committee to continue meeting via teleconferencing. Motion approved.

New Business – Future Agenda Items

- Speaker Opportunities
    - Continue engagement with Eric Rubio
    - Keep Housing Strategic Focus Area

Meeting Adjournment
The Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:00 pm.

Click the link below for a video recording of the meeting.
Committee for Persons with Disabilities Meeting – October 21, 2026

The next regular meeting will be held virtually via Zoom on Wednesday, November 18, 2026. The public may participate in the virtual meeting or see the location to meet in person listed on the public bulletin boards at:

County Administration Center
1600 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92101

Committee for Persons with Disabilities website:
https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hr/CPD.html

County of San Diego Accessibility Awareness website:
https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/cao/oec/accessibility/