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COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES  
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LAURA HANDZEL  
VICE CHAIR

## Meeting Minutes



Regular Meeting – February 18, 2026 – 3:00 pm

**Members Present:** Vice Chair Laura Handzel, Secretary Susan Madison, Janette Shelton, Brennan Pearson, Paul Houston Sr., Julie Neward and Jessica Kramer (teleconference)

**Members Absent:** Michelle Krug

**County Staff:** Todd Hood and Jaime G Monreal

**Call to Order** – Meeting was called to order at 3:01pm by the Vice Chair.

### Welcoming Remarks and Introductions

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

- Jessica Kramer via teleconference per ADA Modification Request

### Vote to Approve Meeting Minutes – January 21, 2026

- A motion was made and seconded to approve the January 2026 meeting minutes; committee approved. Julie Neward abstained.

### Non-Agenda Comment

- Introduction by some applicants for the At Large position.
- Wilderness Rose spoke about her experience at the Oceanside Live Well Center regarding a request for accommodation
  - Todd Hood will provide process for reporting concerns
- Jessica Kramer informed the committee she's working with the Sheriff's Office as a subject matter expert on training

## **Officer Nominations/Elections – Vote**

- Chair
  - No nominations from the floor.
  - Brennan Pearson withdrew his nomination
  - A motion was made and seconded, and voted by acclamation, to elect Janette Shelton as Chair.
- Vice Chair
  - No nominations from the floor.
  - Brennan Pearson withdrew his nomination.
  - A motion was made and seconded, and voted by majority, to elect Susan Madison as Vice Chair.
- Secretary
  - No nominations from the floor.
  - Brennan Pearson and Jessica Kramer withdrew their nominations.
  - A motion was made and seconded, and voted by acclamation, to elect Julie Neward as Secretary.

## **Committee Business**

- At-Large Member Election – Vote
  - Applications for the At-Large position were discussed.
  - Kate Pecora (D4-KP) withdrew her application.
  - A motion was made and seconded, and voted by majority, to elect Susan Madison (D3-SM) to the At-Large position. Paul Houston Sr. abstained.
  - Applicants were encouraged to apply for other open seats on the committee.
- Teleconference Plan
  - Todd informed the committee they're approved to be eligible for remote meetings and will provide the documents to the Chair to be executed and sent to the Clerk of the Board.
- Review Bylaws
  - Vice Chair Laura reviewed the Bylaws
  - The committee showed specific interest in grants and workshops
  - Julie requested three successful projects the committee has accomplished
    - Janette is drafting an annual report, which will be provided to the committee shortly, and contain the three successful projects
  - Vice Chair Laura requested the committee's letterhead be edited to contain all the committee members
    - Todd referenced County branding guidelines which need to be considered

- Working Group Topic – Transportation Accessibility
  - Vice Chair Laura directed the committee to review the [2026 Legislative Program](#)
  - Sue requested Todd to invite the county staff who drafts state legislation to a committee meeting to provide information and their perspective on the four key areas
  - The committee requested to table the agenda item until the March meeting
- Accessibility Resource Document
  - Todd shared an example of a resource document used by Office of Ethics and Compliance
  - The committee agreed to create a centralized resource document to provide to the community

### **New Business – Future Agenda Items**

- Public Comment Requests
  - Vice Chair Laura has been communicating with Sergio Padilla regarding his parking issue

### **Meeting Adjournment**

The Vice Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:51pm.

Click the link below for a video recording of the meeting.

[Committee for Persons with Disabilities Meeting – February 18, 2026](#)

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday March 18, 2026, at the following address:

County Administrative Center  
Room 306A  
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/>