



COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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Meeting Minutes



Regular Meeting – May 20, 2026 – 3:00 pm

Members Present: Chair Janette Shelton, Vice Chair Susan Madison, Laura Handzel (teleconference), Brennan Pearson, Michelle Krug (teleconference), and Secretary Julie Neward

Members Absent: Jessica Kramer and Paul Houston Sr.

County Staff: Todd Hood and Jaime G Monreal

Call to Order – Meeting was called to order at 3:04pm by the Chair.

Welcoming Remarks and Introductions

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

- Michelle Krug and Laura Handzel via teleconferenced per ADA Modification Request

Vote to Approve Meeting Minutes – March 25, 2026

- A motion was made and seconded to approve the March 2026 meeting minutes; committee approved.

Non-Agenda Comment

- Julie informed the committee regarding a wheelchair bound individual, without a cell phone, who had to wait to be evacuated and importance of education for private enterprises.
- John with Lived Experience Advisors informed the committee of a housing retention issue affecting persons with disabilities requiring his organization to assist
 - Todd offered to connect John with the appropriate department for escalation
- Michelle wanted to make the committee aware of how new revised state budget cuts to medical programs may impact persons with disabilities, seniors, and

immigrants.

- A moment of silence was held for individuals affected by the recent Islamic center shooting

Legislative Program

Guest Speaker: Christina “Chrisy” Hennrichs, Legislative Policy Advisor, Economic Development and Government Affairs

- Chrisy presented an overview of EDGA, its processes, and role in state and federal policy direction in relation to impacts to persons with disabilities
- Sue requested clarification about advocacy letters from federal, state, groups, committees, etc.
 - Chrisy confirmed the committee could utilize advocacy letters to inform EDGA about legislation they should monitor
- Chrisy agreed to keep Todd in the loop regarding the fall agenda
- Michelle requested information on the county’s position on Senator Durazo’s [SB1422](#)
 - Chrisy agreed to follow up and provide Todd an update
- Sue requested status updates on bills AB308, SB84, AB1561 and AB1861
 - Chrisy agreed to follow up and provide Todd an update
- Chrisy recommended sending letters to local delegation as another means of advocating and providing input

Annual Report Review

- Janette presented the annual report and the committee recommended minor edits
- A motion was made and seconded to approve the annual report as amended; committee approved

Strategic Focus Area – Housing Accessibility

- Janette recommended having a tangible goal related to housing accessibility
- Julie advocated for single story duplexes and intergenerational housing with independence
- Julie recommended a score card with resources for new builds to get developers thinking about accessibility and modifications
- Laura recommended pursuing another educational video or panel with lived experiences for the next Live Well Advance Conference and School Summit
- Sue and Janette recommended a housing affordability and accessibility one page fact sheet with numbers, dates, and personal stories

- Michelle and Brennan agreed to work on a proposal using the SMART framework for actionable steps, including all disabilities to present at the next meeting

Agency Resource Listing

- The committee provided several resources to be added to the [agency resource list](#)
- A motion was made and seconded to distribute a list of all the recommendations, with links, to the committee to be voted on next month; committee approved

Teleconferencing Vote

- A motion was made and seconded to conduct committee meetings via teleconference; committee approved

At-Large Seat Vote

- A motion was made and seconded to nominate applicant D4-AM, Ayesha Majid, to the At-Large seat; committee approved

Incoming Correspondence

- Janette informed the committee regarding an email from an individual reporting accessibility issues at Snapdragon Stadium
- Julie will respond that the inquiry is out of the Committee's authority

New Business – Future Agenda Items

- Public Comment Requests
 - None
- CAC Evacuation Update
 - Todd is working to find the appropriate resource for a future CPD meeting

Meeting Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:55pm.

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

[Committee for Persons with Disabilities Meeting – May 20, 2026](#)

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 17, 2026, at the following address:

County Administrative Center
Room 302
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/>