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Meeting Minutes



Regular Meeting – Virtual – August 19, 2026 – 3:00 pm

Members Present: Chair Janette Shelton, Vice Chair Susan Madison, Laura Handzel, Jessica Kramer, Brennan Pearson, Ayesha Majid, Claudia Lopez de Nava, and Luz Nuñez

Members Absent: Secretary Julie Neward, Michelle Krug, and Paul Houston Sr.

County Staff: Todd Hood and Jaime G Monreal

Call to Order – Meeting was called to order at 3:02pm 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 – July 15, 2026

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

Non-Agenda Comment

- Janette informed the committee about the [211](#) network of providers, WorkReady Hub for people impacted by the new CalFresh and Medi-Cal requirements, and community calendar of events
- Jessica updated the committee about her ongoing work with California Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) producing videos for law enforcement training

Office of Emergency Services Hazard Mitigation/Emergency Plan

- Nick reviewed the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update presentation
- Nick invited committee to public comment meeting in October.

- The Hazard Mitigation plan will be at <https://engage.sandiegocounty.gov/hazard-mitigation-plan?preview=true>
- Nick will send invitations to the committee members for the Office of Emergency Services Access and Functional Needs working group - <https://engage.sandiegocounty.gov/oesafnwg>
- Nick confirmed plans are being made in preparation for El Niño

Supplemental Staff Committee Support

- Rachael provided an update regarding the staffing support concerns.
- Since the committee requires a long-term solution, interns may not be feasible
- In process of making the request to CAO Ebony Shelton for a full-time employee
- Laura clarified a short-term solution would be acceptable and Rachel will add scope to proposal
- Todd provided insight on the structure of the Office of Ethics, Compliance, and Labor Standards <https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/OLSE/our-team.html>
 - Todd summarized all disability related support staff throughout the county
 - Todd clarified the new position would focus on accessibility and support for the Committee

Annual Report 2025/2026 Update

- Janette will coordinate work on the annual report with Paul and Ayesha

Strategic Focus Area – Housing Accessibility

- The committee discussed the two SMART Goals, as drafted by Brennan and Michelle, and actions to be taken to achieve the goals
- Brennan made a motion to approve two SMART goals as the committee's plan for this fiscal year 2026/2027 regarding housing; committee approved.

Legislative Program

- Chrisy presented the timelines and dates for [current program current public comment 8/10 to 9/14](#) for the 2027 Legislative Program with the option of submitting comments via email at legislative.program@sdcounty.ca.gov, phone at 619-663-3896, and/or the Virtual Community Forum scheduled for 8/25
- Chrisy clarified committee members can provide input as both an individual constituent of the county as well as through the committee

- Laura recommended that legislative agenda input should be an annual process for the committee
- Sue requested two SMART goals, previously discussed, to be sent to the appropriate department for consideration
- Janette made a motion for committee members to provide input for legislative program to be reviewed by herself and Laura to be formatted sent to Todd by 9/14; committee approved.

New Business – Future Agenda Items

- Todd is working on having speakers provide an update on inclusionary housing, evacuation procedures, and an HHSA interactive ADA process
- Sue requested confirmation Options for All will be on the September agenda
- Sue requested the county and city committees for persons with disabilities meet and collaborate

Meeting Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:04pm.

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

[Committee for Persons with Disabilities Meeting – August 19, 2026](#)

The next regular meeting will be held virtually via Zoom on Wednesday, September 16, 2026. Public can attend in person 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/>