

# MONTEREY COUNTY

## COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

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## MONTEREY COUNTY COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES MEETING

MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2020

Monterey County Government Center  
168 W. Alisal Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor - Monterey Room  
Salinas, CA 93901

## MINUTES

### I. Call to Order and Introductions

Chairperson Sugabo called the meeting to order at 2:11 p.m.

**Commissioners Present** – Libby Sofer, Neville Pereira, Cristy Sugabo, Jason Cameron, Nona Childress, John Gay, Esmeralda Ortiz, and Johnny Morales

**Commissioners Absent** – Susan Osorio, Henry Bergstresser, James Bogan, Stephanie Lyon, Krystal Rios-Harris, and Lilia Chagolla

**Staff Present** – Civil Rights Officer, Juan P. Rodriguez; Deputy County Counsel, Marina Pantchenko; and Administrative Secretary-Confidential, Ruby Jacinto

### II. Public Comment

None.

### III. Approval of Action Minutes of November 18, 2019

Commissioner Gay made a motion to approve the minutes of November 18, 2019; seconded by Commissioner Childress; motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Sofer, Sugabo, Ortiz, Childress, Gay, Cameron, and Morales

NOES: None

ABSENT: Lyon, Chagolla, Osorio, Bergstresser, Bogan, and Rios-Harris

ABSTAIN: None

### IV. Action Item: Nominate and Elect Chair and Vice Chair of the Commission on Disabilities for 2020-2021

Commissioner Sugabo expressed interest to serve as Chair for 2020-2021. The Commission held an election and appointed Commissioner Sugabo as Chair.

Commissioner Sofer made a motion to approve the appointment of Commissioner Sugabo as Chair; seconded by Commissioner Childress; motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Sofer, Ortiz, Childress, Gay, Cameron, and Morales  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Lyon, Chagolla, Osorio, Bergstresser, Bogan, and Rios-Harris  
ABSTAIN: Sugabo

Commissioner Childress expressed interest to serve as Vice Chair for 2020-2021. The Commission held an election and appointed commissioner Childress as Vice Chair.

Commissioner Cameron made a motion to approve the appointment of Commissioner Childress as Vice Chair; seconded by Commissioner Gay; motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Sofer, Sugabo, Ortiz, Gay, Cameron, and Morales  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Lyon, Chagolla, Osorio, Bergstresser, Bogan, and Rios-Harris  
ABSTAIN: Childress

V. **Action Item: Review, Discuss, and Approve the 2019-2020 Commission on Disabilities Goals - Chairperson Sugabo**

The Commission approved the following 2019-2020 Commission Goals:

- Goal 1: Recognize Entities that show Exemplary Support to Individuals with Disabilities**
- Goal 2: Increase Public Awareness and Participation of the Commission**
- Goal 3: Invite Organizations to Present to the Commission**
- Goal 4: Training for Commissioners**
- Goal 5: Review and Revise Bylaws of the Commission**

Commissioner Gay made a motion to approve the 2019-2020 Commission on Disabilities Goals; seconded by Commissioner Sofer; motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Sofer, Sugabo, Ortiz, Gay, Cameron, Childress, and Morales  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Lyon, Chagolla, Osorio, Bergstresser, Bogan, and Rios-Harris

ABSTAIN: None

**VI. Action Item: Review, Discuss, and Approve Letter to the Board of Supervisors in Support of Universal Accessibility – Chairperson Sugabo**

The Commission reviewed, discussed, and revised the Letter to the Board of Supervisors in Support of Universal Accessibility.

Commissioner Gay made a motion to approve the Letter to the Board of Supervisors as revised by the Commission; seconded by Commissioner Sofer; motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Sofer, Sugabo, Ortiz, Gay, Cameron, Childress, and Morales

NOES: None

ABSENT: Lyon, Chagolla, Osorio, Bergstresser, Bogan, and Rios-Harris

ABSTAIN: None

**VII. Receive the Civil Rights Office Standing Report – Civil Rights Staff**

Juan P. Rodriguez, Civil Rights Officer, presented the Civil Rights Office Standing Report.

**VIII. Future Agenda Items:**

- Appoint Representative to In-Home Supportive Services Advisory Committee
- In-Home Supportive Services Advisory Committee Report
- Annual Report
- Elections Presentation
- Presentation on Census Activities
- Discuss Meeting Locations

**IX. Announcements and Events**

- Commissioner Sugabo announced MST will be providing bus transportation services to 1441 Schilling Building beginning February 2020
- Arts Committee Awards Ceremony – February 1, 2020

**XI. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 3:12 p.m.