

MONTEREY COUNTY

COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

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SPECIAL MEETING VIA ZOOM

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2022

MINUTES

I. Call to Order and Introductions

Chairperson Sugabo called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present – Cristy Sugabo, Nona Childress, John Gay, Henry Bergstresser, Lilia Chagolla, Krystal Rios-Harris, and Libby Sofer

Commissioners Absent – Johnny Morales and Jason Cameron

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

II. Public Comment

None.

III. Action Item: Consider finding, pursuant to AB 361 and in order for the Commission on Disabilities to continue to meet remotely, that the COVID-19 pandemic state of emergency declared by Governor Newsom is still in effect, that the Commission on Disabilities has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency; and that the Monterey County Health Officer continues to recommend social distancing measures for meetings of legislative bodies.

The Commission on Disabilities adopted and considered the findings of AB 361 to continue to meet remotely.

Commissioner Gay made a motion to adopt and consider the findings of AB 361; seconded by Commissioner Sofer; motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Sugabo, Sofer, Chagolla, Childress, Gay, Rios-Harris, and Bergstresser

NOES: None

ABSENT: Morales and Cameron

ABSTAIN: None

IV. Action Item: Approval of the Action Minutes of November 29, 2021 and December 17, 2021

Commissioner Gay made a motion to approve the action minutes of November 29, 2021, and December 17, 2021; seconded by Commissioner Sofer; motion passed by the following vote:

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

V. Action item: Nominate and Elect COD Chair and Vice Chair for 2022 – Chairperson Sugabo

Commissioner Childress was nominated and elected as COD Chairperson for 2022. Commissioner Sugabo was nominated and elected as COD Vice-Chairperson for 2022.

Commissioner Chagolla made a motion to approve the nomination and election of Chairperson Childress and Vice-Chairperson Sugabo for 2022; seconded by Commissioner Bergstresser; motion passed by the following vote:

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

VI. Receive, Discuss, and Approve Follow-up on COD Strategic Goals– Leeset Torres, CRO

Juan Rodriguez, Civil Rights Officer gave a follow-up presentation on COD Strategic Goals.

The COD provided their feedback and recommended the extension of the website timelines under Objective 1.3 to be completed by summer/fall 2022, and elimination of social media platform Instagram and Twitter.

Commissioner Gay made a motion to approve the changes to the Strategic Goals as noted; seconded by Commissioner Chagolla; motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Sugabo, Sofer, Chagolla, Childress, Gay, Rios-Harris, and Bergstresser

NOES: None
ABSENT: Morales and Cameron
ABSTAIN: None

VII. Action Item: Discuss and Approve Future Meeting Dates for AB 361 Special Compliance –CRO

The COD discussed and approved future meeting dates for AB 361 special compliance.

Commissioner Gay made a motion to approve the future meeting dates; seconded by Commissioner Sofer; motion passed by the following vote:

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

VIII. Future Agenda Items:

- In-Home Supportive Services Advisory Committee Report
- In-Home Supportive Services Presentation
- Commission on Disabilities Bylaws
- Annual Report
- Blue Zones Presentation

IX. Announcements and Events

Central Coast Alliance for Health will be opening their office for walk-ins so that members can access information and services starting February 1, 2022.

X. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:54 p.m.