



## Commission on Disability Minutes re February 11, 2026 meeting

North Berkeley Senior Center, Aspen Room  
1901 Hearst Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94709

### Preliminary Matters

1. Call to Order by Chair Pugh at 5:00pm
2. Land Acknowledgment recognizing Berkeley as the ancestral, unceded home of the Ohlone People
3. Roll Call by Secretary  
Commissioners present: Helen Walsh, Rena Fischer, Kathi Pugh, Mina Sun, Bonnie Lewkowicz, Jae Mann, and Valerie Coleman.  
Commissioner on a Leave Of Absence: Richard Paz.  
Commissioner absent (excused absence): Fred Nisen  
Staff present: Thomas Gregory, Terrence Salonga (presenter), and Cydney Chilimidos (Mayor's staff).  
Public members present: none.
4. Public Comments None.
5. Approval of draft minutes: January 21, 2026 meeting  
"...to accept the January minutes as drafted."  
Moved by: Fischer; seconded by: Lewkowicz.  
Abstention: Sun,  
Ayes: Walsh, Fischer, Pugh, Lewkowicz, Mann, and Coleman. The motion passes.
6. Approval: Order of Agenda  
"...to approve the agenda as drafted."  
Moved by: Lewkowicz; seconded by: Pugh.  
Ayes: unanimous The motion passes.

### Presentation

#### 7. **Five-Year Street Rehabilitation Plan: An Informational Briefing by Terrence Salonga, Assoc. Engineer, CoB Public Works**

The City has 213 miles of streets with a mid-50s Pavement Condition Index (PCI of Fair), aiming for a goal of 70/Satisfactory. Funding for this project is \$17 million annually, expected to increase to \$18.4 million by 2027 (excluding FF funds). The plan includes upgrading curb ramps and crosswalks. The City aims to maintain a balance between technical and policy-based approaches, prioritizing Equity Zones and City priorities like Vision Zero, and the Bike Plan. The plan includes evaluating curb ramps for ADA compliance and replacement where needed, and upgrading crosswalks to high visibility markings. The project does not include sidewalk repairs outside of curb ramps.

### Discussion/Action Items

#### 8 **Nomination and election of CoD officers: Chair and Vice-chair**

"...to nominate and elect Rena Fischer as Chair and to nominate and elect Kathi Pugh as

Vice Chair.”

Moved by: Lewkowicz; seconded by: Coleman.

Ayes (via a roll call vote): unanimous. The motion passes.

### **9. Accessibility at City Meetings, City-Sponsored & Permitted Events**

The Commission seeks support from the Mayor’s office implementing needed changes on these issues and Cydney Chilimidos from the Mayor’s staff attended.

The CoD seeks City use of uniform accessibility statements at City meetings and events, with a longer statement used by Council, commissions and board meetings, and a shorter version used at all other meetings and events. In addition, the CoD seeks City implementation of policies and practices that help to ensure City-sponsored events (those organized by City staff) and City-permitted events (organized by third-parties in City parks, buildings, streets, etc.) comply with accessibility mandates, including those in the ADA Amendments Act of 2008. To the greatest extent feasible, CoD seeks meetings and events that enhance accessibility by default (without a request for an accommodation), e.g., by including closed captioning. Members suggested development of an online ADA Accessibility Toolkit, similar to one used in SF, as a resource to facilitate the project.

### **10. Input to Vision Zero Advisory Committee (2026 Update)**

Commissioners and public are encouraged to offer any input they have regarding the City’s Vision Zero Plan update.

### **11. Updates from Commission subcommittees meeting with City staff:**

#### **a) Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG)**

Sun reported that a Cal student tech team developing an app that makes PDFs WCAG compliant was one of two winners at the Cal Civic Innovation Challenge, receiving money for additional app development. The team is now entered in the Big Ideas competition. If successfully developed, the app may be used to help the City meet WCAG-compliance on its website.

#### **b) Public-Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG)**

The committee is waiting to learn how the City intends to reference PROWAG compliance in relevant City bid documents.

### **Staff Updates**

13. Log of Access Complaints

14. Email and voicemail sent to the Commission – not applicable this month.

**Adjournment** at 7:13pm.

Minutes approved by CoD vote on: 3/11/26

Thomas Gregory

Thomas Gregory, Secretary to Commission