



# Commission on Disability

Minutes re February 19, 2025

## Preliminary Matters

1. Call to Order by Chair Fischer at 5:03pm
2. Land Acknowledgment recognizing Berkeley as the ancestral, unceded home of the Ohlone People
3. Roll Call by Secretary

Commissioners present: Vice Chair Walsh, Chair Fischer, Commissioner Pugh, Commissioner Lewkowicz, Commissioner Paz, Commissioner Mann, and Commissioner Holloway.

Commissioner on a Leave Of Absence: Commissioner Sun

Staff present: Thomas Gregory, Guillermo Campus, Dani Dynes, and Eric Anderson

Public members present: Chris Kidd (presenter), Betsy Morris, Nancy Rader, David Cook, Donna Diemar, Cam Crolick, Christopher Hamilton, Michaela Seetu, Michai Freeman, Erik Knaresboro, Daveed Mandell, and Anonymous x 3.

## 4. Public Comments

The public may comment about any item not on the agenda. Public comments on agenda items will be heard while the Commission is discussing the item. Public comments are limited to three minutes per speaker.

- Anonymous made a comment regarding the failure of some private landlords in Berkeley to comply with access laws and the difficulty/impossibility of getting relevant support from City government or local CBOs.
- Betsy Morris, from the Grey Panthers, spoke in favor of the City's decision to place a public toilet at the corner of University and San Pablo, which benefits people with disabilities, unhoused people, and others.

## 5. Approval of draft minutes re January 8, 2025 meeting

"...to approve the January minutes as drafted."

Moved by: Chair Fischer; seconded by Commissioner Pugh.

Abstention: Vice Chair Walsh

Ayes: Chair Fischer, Commissioners Pugh, Lewkowicz, Paz, Mann, and Holloway.

Nays: none. The motion passes.

## 6. Approval: Order of Agenda

"...to eliminate Item #8 from agenda, to move the existing Item #11 to where Item #8 used to be, and to swap the order of Items # 12 and #13.

Moved by: Chair Fischer; seconded by: Commissioner Lewkowicz.

Ayes: unanimous. The motion passes.

## Presentations

7. Updates (2025) to the City Bike Plan: Christopher Kidd (Senior Planning Associate, Alta Planning + Design, Inc.) and Dani Dynes (Associate Planner, CoB Public Works Dept.) – 30 minutes

Public comment from Betsy Morris re bikes, e-bikes, charging stations, and other topics.

8. ~~Update on City's traffic and parking design, including bike and transit lanes: Charmine Solla~~

~~(Traffic Engineer, Consultant to CoB Public Works Dept.) - 30 minutes~~

This agenda item, cancelled prior to the meeting, was eliminated as per Item 6, above.

### **Commissioner Reports/Announcements** - 5 minutes

### **Discussion/Action Items**

#### 11. Nominations and Elections for Chair and Vice Chair - 20+ minutes

Roll call vote "...to elect Kathi Pugh as Chair."

Moved by: Commissioner Lewkowicz; seconded by: Chair Fischer.

Ayes: Vice Chair Walsh, Chair Fischer, Commissioner Pugh, Commissioner Lewkowicz, Commissioner Mann, and Commissioner Holloway.

Abstention (by virtue of early departure from meeting): Commissioner Paz.

Nays: none. The motion passes; Chair Pugh's tenure begins.

Roll call vote "...to elect Rena Fischer as Vice Chair."

Moved by: Chair Pugh; seconded by: Commissioner Holloway.

Ayes: Vice Chair Walsh, Commissioner Fischer, Chair Pugh, Commissioner Lewkowicz, Commissioner Mann, and Commissioner Holloway.

Abstention (by virtue of early departure from meeting): Commissioner Paz.

Nays: none. The motion passes; Vice Chair Fischer's tenure begins.

#### 12. Community-initiated Letter to City Council on Measure FF\* - 15 minutes

Public comments from Nancy Rader, Anonymous, David Cook, Betsy Morris, Donna Diemar, Michai Freeman, Michaela Seetu, Cam Crolick, and Christopher Hamilton.

Most public comments wanted the CoD to explicitly support the Berkeleyans for Accessible Rights-of-Way (BAROW) letter and their recommendations regarding Measure FF. CoD decided to hold off on endorsing the BAROW letter and to create a process at the March 2025 meeting for CoD to make recommendations regarding Measure FF.

#### 13. ~~Notification of Accommodations at City Meetings and Events~~ - 15 minutes

### **Staff Updates**

#### 14. ~~Log of Access Complaints~~ - 5 minutes

This item moved as per Item #6, above.

#### 15. ~~Email and voicemail sent to the Commission~~ - 5 minutes

This item moved as per Item #6, above.

**Adjournment** by unanimous vote at 7:45pm.

(Items 13-15 were postponed until the March meeting.)

Minutes approved by CoD vote on: \_\_\_\_\_ 4/9/2025 \_\_\_\_\_

*Thomas Gregory*

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Thomas Gregory, Secretary to Commission