

ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting Minutes

WEDNESDAY, July 9, 2025 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Location: <u>Civic Center Plaza</u>

1200 Third Ave

4th Floor Conference Room

San Diego, CA 92101

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Agenda

Item 1: Call to Order and Roll Call

Present: Chair Roosen, Vice Chair Sieglen-Perry, Members Jackson, Landon,

Koczur

Absent: Members Wolford and Pecora

Item 2: Non-Agenda Public Comment

None

- Item 3: Action: Approval of the draft minutes of June 11, 2025
 Chair Roosen requested changing item four verbiage from "Councilmembers" to "board members" for the invitation. Member Landon motioned to approve, member Cooluris seconded; passed unanimously with members Wolford and Pecora absent.
- Item 4: Information: Presentation of the New <u>Federal Rule for Accessibility of Web</u>
 <u>Content and Mobile Apps</u> (Ron Vazquez, Web Manager, IT Department, City of San Diego)

Web Manager Ron Vazquez presented on definitions and standards of WCAG and history of San Diego compliance. Mr. Vazquez stated that new www.sandiego.gov, built in 2015, meets WCAG 2.0 Level AA, that web compliance is ongoing, and compliance it part of IT governance to ensure all third-party apps are compliant. A Voluntary Product Accessibility Template (VPAT) is required for all third-party IT software and applications. WCAG 2.1 is new standard and this update covers mobile device usability.

New Federal regulations state municipality of our size must be compliant with WCAG 2.1 by April 24, 2026, discussed limited exemptions from regulations including archived web content and past social media posts.

Member Koczur asked how the City tests for compliance, if users with disabilities are used, Mr. Vazquez stated users are not used. Mr. Vazquez stated that reading level used is 8th grade, members stated that 5th grade is usually used.

- Item 5: Information: Open and Unfunded Complaints (Thyme Curtis, Program Manager, ADA Compliance and Accessibility, Engineering and Capital Projects, City of San Diego)

 Ms. Curtis discussed the status of ADA complaints.
- Item 6: Ad Hoc Committee Updates & Reports
 - a. Budget Ad Hoc Committee (Members: Roosen, Wolford, Koczur)
 - a. None
 - b. Disability Advocates Outreach & Recruit Ad Hoc Committee (Members: Wolford, Jackson, Koczur, and Roosen)
 - a. None
 - c. Day with a Disability Ad Hoc Committee (Members: Landon, Roosen, Sieglen-Perry)
 - a. Confirmed for November 13 and 14
 - b. Invitations need to be sent, will discuss further at August retreat
 - d. Accessible Transportation Advocacy (Members: Pecora, Koczur, Cooluris, and Jackson)

a. None

Item 7: Chair Report

- a. Board Retreat is confirmed for August 11, 2025, at the North Clairemont Rec Center, 4421 Bannock Av, from 10:30 AM 12:30 PM.
 - i. Focus on new fiscal year goals, ad hoc committees, and other development ideas.
 - ii. Board members are asked to prepare for ideas, more involved in providing information and analysis to Councilmembers and Mayor.

Item 8: City Liaison Report

- b. Leticia Zuno resignation
- c. Status of Federal Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Grant

Item 9: Old Business

Request for Liaison Curtis to provide Board with past goals spreadsheet

Item 10: Board Comments or Announcements

Item 11: Adjournment

Next Regular Meeting: September 10, 2025

The Accessibility Advisory Board is holding a Board Retreat August 11, 2025, at the North Clairemont Rec Center, 4421 Bannock Av, from 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM.

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