



Disability Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Jan 12, 2022
Via Zoom

Website : <http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/exec/EEO/DAC/Index.html>

DAC Members Present:

Peggy Blincoe (Chair), David DaSilva (Vice-Chair), Ron Nies (Sec), Casey Wolfe, Arima Kozma, Felipe Lerida, Evelyn Hernandez, John Martin, Justin Hopper

DAC Advisors Present:

Justin Hopper

Call to Order/Roll Call and Introductions:

1:35 pm

Report from OCR:

Justin Hopper-

- John Martin is our new OCR Program Manager and the new DAC Advisor
- Cathy D'Ambrosio is returning as a Retired Annuitant. She will be helping out with Reasonable Accommodations.
- New Bilingual Policy released. OCR is looking for a vendor that can certify translators in sign language.
- New Reasonable Accommodations policy coming soon. Some changes to religious and disability accommodations.
- OCR will advertise two new positions. One will act as the advisor to the DAC in addition to other duties.

Elections:

- Chairperson: Peggy Blinco
- Vice-Chairperson: David DaSilva
- Secretary/Treasurer: Ron Nies

Taskforce:

We will put together a list of organizations that we have contacted in the past and add any new ones. Members will act as a point of contact for one or two of these organizations.





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Karen Ross, Secretary

A subcommittee was formed to create a presentation of what the hiring process, LEAP Program, etc, would be like when someone with a disability seeks employment with CDFA.

Business:

Formed a subcommittee to create and schedule events. There was a discussion about past events and wanting to returning to more brown bag events.

Formed a subcommittee to coordinate with the DEI committee.

Membership. There was a discussion about the need to add members to the DAC. We can invite new members to join the next meeting.

Close:

2:16 pm

