



**COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING
May 13, 2026, CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Called to order at 6:30 PM.

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Mullings, Vice Chair Bonsmith, Commissioner Beehler, Commissioner Knoedler, Commissioner Lipp, Commissioner Schmitz

Absent: Commissioner Lyons

Staff: Secretary Lilian Jewell

2. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

- Speaker Erin Smith, City of Alameda Public Works Director, informed the Commission of an upcoming Infrastructure Bond to be voted on by City Council to be added to the next public election ballot.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

3-A 2026-6007 MINUTES to approve 3/11/2026

- Consent Calendar adopted by 5-0 vote, Commissioner Lipp abstained due to absence from previous meeting.

4. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

4-A 2026-6008 Parking Enforcement and Accessible Parking in the City of Alameda

- Information Staff Presentation: Ricardo Delatorre, City of Alameda Parking Manager
- Also in attendance, Calvin Wong, Lead Parking Technician
- Public Works 2022-2026 parking program highlights, accessibility emphasis, ticketing and enforcement measures
- Future goals include additional enforcement, community education and engagement
- Motion by Commissioner Beehler to recommend a parking “ambassador” and community education highlighted in the presentation to the City Council. Seconded by Commissioner Knoedler.
 - Adopted by unanimous vote.

4-B 2026-6010 Commissioner Participation in Local Events, Boards, and Commissions

- Items provided: lists of upcoming Library events, Commission and Board meetings, City Event Calendar

- Commissioners to review agenda and/or attend Library, Recreation & Parks, Historical Advisory, Transportation, Public Utilities boards and commissions
- Event Participation: planning details of July 24th Film Screening of *Crip Camp* for Disability Pride Month at Main Library; July 4th Parade attendance and representation
 - July 4th Parade remote meeting scheduled for May 27, 2026 at 6PM; Commissioners Schmitz and Knoedler, and Vice Chair Bonsmith will attend.
- Brainstorming visual aids to inform community members about accessibility and the range of disability.
- Possible participation in Alameda Farmer's Market one Saturday per month

5. COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS

- Vice Chair Bonsmith shared the Hearing Loss Association of America holding annual Bay Area Walk for Hearing, May 30th, to raise awareness about hearing loss and for people to come together to raise money for the D/deaf and hard of hearing programs in our community
- Commissioner Lipp made motion to agendize a report from ARPD and Public Works, if relevant, about herbicides and pesticides at public areas in the City of Alameda.
 - i. Commissioner Beehler seconds the motion. Motion was adopted unanimously.

6. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

- Sarah Henry resigned from City of Alameda to move to the team at City of Oakland.
- July 24th *Crip Camp* film screening at Alameda Main Library.
- Met with representative from AUSD about possible event participation; there are no current events that would be open to the Commission for attendance. An option is to share information in future AUSD newsletters.
- Sensory kits are available at all library branches in response to community needs.
- Department of Justice Digital Accessibility Compliance Rule extended to April 26, 2027
 - i. DocAccess added to all websites for PDF html transcription

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.