



# MINUTES

## IRVINE RESIDENTS WITH DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD REGULAR MEETING

**November 12, 2024**  
**Sweet Shade Ability Center**  
15 Sweet Shade  
Irvine, CA 92606

### CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Irvine Residents with Disabilities Advisory Board (Board) was called to order at 6:03 p.m. on November 12, 2024, at Sweet Shade Ability Center, 15 Sweet Shade, Irvine, California; Chair Kim presiding.

### ROLL CALL

Present:	7	Board Member:	Katherine Claxton
		Board Member:	RJ De Rama
		Board Member:	Andrea Drayer
		Board Member:	Tala Fazeli
		Board Member:	Janie Mulrain
		Board Member:	Pamela Torres
		Chair:	Jennifer Kim

Absent:	1	Vice Chair:	Liza Krassner
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### PARTICIPATION IN BOARD MEETING

Robert Espinosa, Community Services Supervisor, provided instructions on how to participate in the Board meeting for those attending via Zoom or in person.

### INTRODUCTIONS

Supervisor Espinosa introduced the following new staff:

- Ebony Robinson, Community Services Leader III-Extended Part Time
- Elisa Jiang, Community Services Senior Leader

### 1. PRESENTATIONS

#### ***1.1 Disability Friendly Community Member Award – Dr. Robin Steinberg-Epstein & The Center for Autism & Neurodevelopmental Disorders***

Two awards were presented, one to Dr. Robin Steinberg-Epstein and one to The Center for Autism & Neurodevelopment Disorders, for providing exceptional and

impactful service to persons with disabilities through clinical care, research, education, training, and community engagement.

### **1.2 HOPE Center for the Arts**

Kristina Rakosh, Acting CEO, and June McLaughlin, HOPE's Board Chair, presented on the HOPE Center for the Arts nonprofit organization. Presentation highlights included the mission and vision statements, history of the organization, a new Tailored Day Services (TDS) program, and program benefits.

Discussion included: seeking partnerships and community collaborators; ages of job coaches; and goals of the job coaches based on individualized need.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS – NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS**

There were no public comments on non-agendized items.

## **2. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **2.1 Staff Announcements**

Supervisor Espinosa made the following announcements:

- Sweet Shade Universal Playground Grand Opening scheduled for November 14, 2024.
- Makapo Aquatics Project was added to the Disability Services City resource page under Recreation Resources.
- Staff conducting a full assessment and update of the Disability Services resources webpage.

### **2.2 Board Member Announcements**

Board Member De Rama highlighted the Irvine Global Village Festival and the opportunity for Makapo Aquatics to display its 40-foot canoe to share organization's mission and information about the Board and Disability Services at their booth.

### **2.3 Board Subcommittee Reports**

#### **2.3.1 Community Advocacy and Outreach**

Chair Kim reported the following:

- Acknowledged updating of the City resource webpage.
- Requested an update on the floor height for wheelchair access on the Irvine Connect shuttle vehicles. Ryan McGraw, Community Services Superintendent, responded as follows:
  - Community Services is looking into adjusting the floor height.
  - Wheelchairs are securable, but they are working on in-service trainings with the contracted drivers.
  - The City is looking into adding other routes.

#### **2.3.2 Access and Functional Needs – No report.**

### **2.3.3 Special Projects and Collaborations**

Board Member Claxton announced Ryan Vande Wydeven, Irvine Swim League Coach, will be presented the Disability Friendly Community Member Award at the next regular meeting.

Chair Kim suggested a presentation by Irvine Connect staff for the next regular meeting.

## **ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

## **3. BOARD BUSINESS**

### **3.1 MINUTES**

#### **ACTION:**

Moved by Board Member Claxton, seconded by Board Member Mulrain, and unanimously carried by those members present (Vice Chair Krassner absent) to approve the minutes of a regular meeting of the Irvine Residents with Disabilities Advisory Board held on August 6, 2024.

### **3.2 IRVINE RESIDENTS WITH DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025**

#### **ACTION:**

Moved by Board Member Claxton, seconded by Board Member Fazeli, and unanimously carried by those members present (Vice Chair Krassner absent) to approve the Irvine Residents with Disabilities Advisory Board Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2025.

### **3.3 ELECTIONS FOR IRVINE RESIDENTS WITH DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM COMMENCING UPON ELECTION THROUGH OCTOBER 2026.**

#### **ACTION:**

Nominated by Board Member Claxton, moved by Chair Kim, seconded by Board Member Drayer, and unanimously carried by those members present (Vice Chair Krassner absent) to elect Board Member De Rama as Chair.

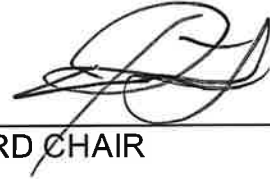
#### **ACTION:**

Nominated and moved by Board Member Claxton, seconded by Board Member Mulrain, and unanimously carried by those members present (Vice Chair Krassner absent) to re-elect Vice Chair Krassner.

## **END OF BOARD BUSINESS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Board Member Mulrain, seconded by Board Member Fazeli, and unanimously carried by those members present (Vice Chair Krassner absent) to adjourn the regular Board meeting at 7:06 p.m.**



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BOARD CHAIR



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Kelsey Lester  
Community Services Specialist  
Recording Secretary

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Date Approved