

COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES, LOS ANGELES COUNTY

AUTHORITY

Chapter 3.28 of the Los Angeles County Code; Board Order No. 106 of February 28, 1989; Board Order No. 37 of April 9, 1991; Board Order No. 18 of April 11, 1995; Board Order No. 14 of August 25, 1998, Ordinance No. 98-0047; Board Order No. 51 of July 18, 2000, Ordinance No. 2000-0040; Board Order Nos. 25 and 82 of April 4, 2006; Board Order No. 42 of April 11, 2006, Ordinance No. 2006-0022 (extension of sunset review date); Board Order No. 9 of December 6, 2011; Board Order No. 38 of December 13, 2011, Ordinance No. 2011-0070 (extension of sunset review date).

SUNSET REVIEW DATE*

April 1, 2015

NUMBER OF MEMBERS

Eighteen

QUALIFICATIONS*

The Board shall seek individuals, insofar as possible, based on the following criteria:

- a. Members should themselves be people with disabilities or sensitive to the needs of people with disabilities.
- b. Members should have demonstrated leadership in their professions and have an interest in and knowledge of the needs of people with disabilities.
- c. Members should have the desire and ability to serve the overall needs of all people with disabilities.
- d. Members should have policy-making authority in the field which otherwise qualifies them for membership.

The Board may request recommendations for persons to be appointed to the Commission from organizations representing people with disabilities, professional organizations representing the various disciplines to be included on the Commission, and individuals known to each Supervisor who possess qualifications desired in Commission members.

Insofar as possible, members appointed to the Commission should represent the following disabling conditions or serve providers:

- a. Blind
- b. Deaf or hearing impaired
- c. Mute or speech impaired
- d. Developmentally disabled
- e. Wheelchair users
- f. Ambulatory with difficulty
- g. Energy limited
- h. Emotionally disturbed
- i. Psychology profession
- j. Legal profession
- k. Medical profession
- l. State Department of Rehabilitation
- m. Deaf before language acquisition (Age 3)
- n. Partially sighted
- o. Parent of a child with a disability
- p. Learning disabled
- q. Little People
- r. Youth (16 to 24 years of age)

*The Department Head, or their designee, of the following County Departments shall be advisory non-voting members:

- a. Department of Mental Health
- b. Department of Health Services
- c. Department of Public Social Services
- d. Office of the Chief Executive Officer*
- e. Director of Internal Services
- f. Superintendent of Schools

APPOINTMENT

By Board of Supervisors

TERM OF OFFICE

Two years, until a successor is duly appointed and qualified, at the pleasure of the Board.

No member of the Commission may serve more than two consecutive two year terms. The Board may, by order, extend the length of service or waive the limit for individuals or the Commission as a whole.

For the first two terms of office, the member representing Little People shall be nominated by the Supervisor for the Fifth Supervisorial District. Each such term of office shall be for two years. Thereafter, the appointment of said member shall be rotated to the next supervisorial district in ascending order every four years. (See rotational schedule)

COMPENSATION

\$25 per meeting, not to exceed one meeting per month.

MEETINGS*

Third Wednesday of each month at 1:00 p.m., in Room 374-A at the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, 90012.

Section 5.12.050 of the Los Angeles County Code provides that if any member (other than ex officio member) fails to attend three consecutive meetings, unless excused by the members thereof, that member's office becomes vacant. The secretary shall so notify the appointing officer who shall immediately appoint a member to fill such vacancy.

The Commission shall elect a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson and such other officers as it deems appropriate, and shall determine the terms of said officers and the procedures and methods by which they may be elected. The Commission shall enact bylaws or similar procedural guidelines, which may include provisions relating to the election of officers, their terms of office, and methods for voting.

The Commission's departmental coordination requirements and staff will be provided by the Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors.

DUTIES

The Commission shall:

- a. With the assistance of County departments and others, advise the Board on the unique needs of people with disabilities, including but not limited to, the areas of health, employment, education, public attitudes, barriers, and recreation.
- b. Conduct studies and make recommendations to the Board for improvement to policies, systems, and procedures in any areas the Commission feels are necessary, in the best interest of people with disabilities.
- c. Cooperate with organizations seeking to improve services to people with disabilities, promote activities for people with disabilities, and advise the Board on the efforts and activities being made for people with disabilities by other government agencies and private organizations.
- d. Evaluate the adequacy of existing laws and proposed legislation related to people with disabilities from the County's point of view, and suggest necessary legislation which the County may wish to sponsor.
- e. Study and report on matters referred for such review by the Board of Supervisors.
- f. Distribute scholarships to recipients deemed appropriate by a majority of the Commission, when funds are available in the determination of a majority of the Commission. Recipients may include, but are not limited to, high school, college, or trade school students with a disability who seek to further their education.

OATH

Not required.

ROTATIONAL SCHEDULE (LITTLE PEOPLE)
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Begin term July 1	<u>End term June 30</u>	Supervisorial District to make appointment
2003	2007	2
2007	2011	1
2011	2015	5
2015	2019	4
2019	2023	3
2023	2027	2
2027	2031	1
2031	2035	5
2035	2039	4
2039	2043	3

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END OF COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES, LOS ANGELES COUNTY