

**Department of Disability and Aging Services (DAS)
Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes -**

DATE: Wednesday, May 20, 2026

TIME: 10-11:30am

PLACE: 2 Gough Street 3rd Floor, Wisdom Room

Welcome: Call to order 10:00 am and welcome all Council Members and guests.

Roll Call/Secretary

Members Present: Marcy Adelman, Margaret Graf, Chris Dillon, Ivy Chang, Diane Lawrence, Daisy Jiminez, Lisa Cook, Allen Cooper, & Morningstar Vancil

Members Absent Excused: Harry Breaux, Juliet Rothman, Darlene Ramlose, Tia Small

Motion to approve the April 13, 2026 Meeting Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes was seconded and then voted to approve.

General Public Comment:

Executive Director's Report, presented by DAS Director Kelly Dearman:

Spoke a great deal on the upcoming budget hearings and thanked the entire DAS team for all their hard work. While Director Dearman used her report to project gratitude to her staff, the internal reality involves managing complex structural reductions. The fiscal strain directly shapes the upcoming budget in several core operational areas:

DAS explicitly had to identify significant program reductions to help meet city target cuts, leading to a delicate balancing act to ensure that the city's most vulnerable residents—older adults, veterans, and individuals with disabilities—are not entirely cut off from life-sustaining infrastructure.

President's Report, presented by Allen Cooper:

AB2283 which would've created a state public guardian has been suspended. This was the day the State announced they have a balanced budget. A report on IHSS in Sonoma County spoke on the reduction of housing despite the growing population on seniors, less services.

Article on Justice on Aging and happy to share with highlights the Mayor's response and non response to this situation.

Spoke on a report from UC Davis on

Spoke on rural communities and urban areas in terms of health care for seniors and persons with disabilities.

Director Dearman added that we are trying to bring more money into preventive care vs crisis care.

New Business:

Eli Gelardin Office on Disability and Accessibility:

ODA's Purpose: ensures equal access, inclusion, and equity in city services for people with disabilities.

Key Functions: The ODA acts as the city's overall Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) coordinator. It leads compliance with federal, state, and local disability access laws

Members spoke on accessibility issues such as broken elevators at Hallidie Plaza and how the city can address and fix these issues.

Listed Upcoming events.

Members spoke on accessibility issues on gave praise for this new department and all the work Eli and his team are working on. Also asked about this department budget and despite this being challenging times, we do receive capital funds, and accessibility has been good for city, tourism, and businesses.

Announcements:

Tomorrow is national Healthcare Decisions Day and there will be meeting at the City Hall Steps and at the Disability Cultural Center starting at 10:15am

Meeting Adjourned at 11:21am