



DISABILITY AND COMMUNICATION ACCESS BOARD

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DRAFT MINUTES

Standing Committee on Facility Access Meeting

Location: Virtual Location Via Zoom
Date: January 9, 2026
Time: 10:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Michael Nojima, Chairperson; Scott Fleming, Dayne Greene, Teri Spinola-Campbell, Board Members; Kristine Pagano, Rodney Kanno, Glenn Arakaki, Staff

ABSENT: Ron Awa, Board Member

I. Chairperson Michael Nojima called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m. and reviewed the Virtual Meeting Procedures.

II. Roll was called and Board members and staff introduced themselves.

III. Statement from the Public and Written Testimonies Submitted

No public statements or written testimonies were submitted.

IV. Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes of April 22, 2025.

The April 22, 2025 meeting minutes were approved as circulated (M/S/P Spinola-Campbell/Greene).

V. Old Business

A. Document Reviews and Implementation of Fee Schedule – Update Report on review fees collected and the number of document reviews conducted between April 22, 2025 to January 8, 2026.

Rodney Kanno informed Committee members that the Facility Access Unit (FAU) reviewed seven hundred sixty six (766) projects from April 22, 2025 to January 8, 2026 of which three hundred forty four (344) were new submittals. FAU collected \$704,453.07 in fees during that same time period. Rodney Kanno shared that during the same time period from April 22, 2024 to January 8, 2025, FAU conducted eight hundred three (803) project reviews of which four hundred ten (410) were new submittals and collected \$809,696.02 during that time period.

VI. New Business

A. Interpretive Opinion

DCAB 2026-01 Slope of Walking Surfaces – Clarifies that where a change in direction occurs within an accessible route, the cross slope of the change in direction surface in each direction shall be measured perpendicular to the direction of entry and direction of exit.

Rodney Kanno explained to Committee members that Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG) section 403.3 of the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design requires that cross slopes are to be no greater than 1:48. In a scenario where two (2) pedestrian walkways with two percent (2%) cross slopes meet at a right angle, the diagonal slope from one corner to the opposing diagonal corner exceeds two percent (2%).

Rodney Kanno explained that ADAAG section 403.3 is silent about diagonals at a change in direction condition at walking surfaces.

The guidance received from U.S. Access Board was that the only cross slopes of concern are those measured perpendicular to the direction of pedestrian travel. The Department of Justice could not provide any guidance since there is no documentation that addresses the condition DCAB inquired about.

Rodney Kanno explained to Committee members that staff's recommendation is to review the cross slope that is perpendicular to the direction of entry and direction of exit where change in direction occurs within accessible routes.

Chairperson Michael Nojima asked Committee members if they had questions or comments regarding the interpretive opinion. Chairperson Michael Nojima had a question about the slopes shown in one of the illustrations which was included in the documentation that was provided to Committee members. Rodney Kanno clarified the slopes shown on the illustration. There was no further discussion. The Committee approved the recommended ruling (M/S/P Fleming/Spinola-Campbell).

VII. Open Forum

No items were raised.

VIII. Announcement of Next Meeting

The next meeting is TBD.

IX. Adjournment

X. The meeting was adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

NOTE: All votes were unanimous unless otherwise noted.

Respectfully submitted,

RODNEY KANNO