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*Chairperson*

**Commission on Disabilities Minutes**  
**April 11, 2011**

Present: Dana Canevari, David Hicks, Elaine Quinn, Matthew Ranelli, Jason Gomez

Staff: Michelle Duprey

Public: William Long, Jack Tsai

Meeting was called to order at 5:15pm.

February minutes were reviewed, correction was made to name of school. Moved to accept by Elaine and seconded by David. Approved unanimously, Jason abstained.

March minutes were reviewed. Moved to accept as is was made by David and seconded by Jason. Approved unanimously.

Chairman's report

David provided a detailed update on legislation under consideration at the Capitol.

Department Report

Budget hearing went fine. Taxi issues moving along, waiting for DOT's ruling. Also waiting to hear from the Governor's office on an accommodation request for the allowance of the taxis. Met with the Lieutenant Governor about various disability issues.

Old Business

HB 6486, unionization of personal care assistants' legislations was considered. David moved to oppose the bill, seconded by Dana. Approved unanimously.

All the transportation bills that the Commission was monitoring have died in committee.

David moves to oppose the elimination of the handicapped driver's training program, seconded by Jason. Approved unanimously.

Update on Faun project, Marc Gallucci will be contacted by David.

New Business

Elaine discussed the upcoming performances by Hillhouse Opera Company, which was written by individuals with mental illness.

Jason got to test drive the natural gas MV-1 vehicle that will become the accessible taxis. Discussion of a letter to DOT commissioner about changing regulations for taxis to insure that more taxi companies get accessible taxis along with making DOT and DMV statutes and regulations consistent.

Other Business

None

Public Comment  
None

Motion to adjourn was made by David seconded by Jason, Approved unanimously.