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Meeting Minutes - Final

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY Advisory Council on Equal Employment Opportunity

Friday, September 26, 2025

9:30 AM 2530 Arnold Drive, Martinez https://cccounty-us.zoom.us/j/81732410745? pwd=14aRy6xeNGrRRwXtG6K8kxaxb9Yooh.1 | Call-In: 1-214-765-0478 / Conference Code: 480778 / Meeting ID: 817 3241 0745 / Password: 400478

Agenda Items: Items may be taken out of order based on the business of the day and preference of the Committee

1. Roll Call and Introductions

Guests: Barbara Elliott and Eldar Akayev

Present Roosevelt Gipson Jr., Lynette Hart, Amrita Kaur, Rameet Kohli,

DeVonn Powers, and Oravanh Thammasen

Absent Lauren Traylor
Late Leonard Ramirez

- 2. Public comment on any item under the jurisdiction of the Committee and not on this agenda (speakers may be limited to two minutes).
- 3. Guest Speaker: Barbara Elliott (ADA Title I)

Barbara Elliott is the County's ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act and Amendments Act) Title I Program Manager and brings decades of experience working with individuals to help them with their work-related hurdles to Contra Costa County. It is the law for covered employers to provide reasonable accommodation to applicants or employees. "Each situation is it's own situation, because what works for one individual does not always work for others.

ADA is more recognized than FEHA (California Fair Employment and Housing Act). There are reportedly around 30,000 FEHA complaints a year. The biggest challenge of the department has been accessibility for transportation. Over the last fiscal year, more than 500 supervisors and managers were trained in ADA.

The ADA program encourages everyone to check out the resources that were provided on the county website. For supervisors and managers, the website, askjan.org, is full of useful tip sheets and recommendations to finding solutions to accommodation hurdles. There is never a downside to having an accommodation conversation.

4. <u>25-3960</u>

Attachments: ACEEO - Minutes - 08-22-2025

Motion: Thammasen

Second: Kohli

Aye: Gipson, Hart, Kohli, and Thammasen

Absent: Traylor

Abstain: Kaur and Powers

Late: Ramirez Result: Passed

5. <u>25-3959</u>

Attachments: Contra Costa County EEO mission statement (OFFICIAL) 2025

ACEEO By-Laws 08-22-2025

Motion: Gipson Second: Hart

Aye: Gipson, Hart, Kaur, Kohli, Powers, Ramirez, and Thammasen

Absent: Traylor Result: Passed

6. HR Offboarding sub-committee update

No developments as of yet. Sub-committee will need to meet to with HR to re-evaluate approach going forward.

7. Adjourn

The meeting has adjourned at 10:56 A.M.

The next meeting is currently scheduled for October 24, 2025.

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