



Agenda Item No. 1.a.1.

To: Transportation Committee/Committee of the Whole
Meeting of July 13, 2006

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Subject: **APPROVE REVISIONS TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON
ACCESSIBILITY'S BUSINESS RULES**

Recommendation

The Transportation Committee recommends the Board of Directors approve the May 18, 2006, request of the Advisory Committee on Accessibility (ACA) to revise its business rules and procedures.

Summary

The following is a summary of the changes to ACA's Membership and Voting Requirements as documented in the minutes of its May 18, 2006 meeting. These changes were developed by ACA at their own initiative and are fully endorsed by the ACA members. Staff has reviewed these changes and has no problem with them as presented. These changes will update membership requirements established by the Board in 1989 in Resolution No. 89.-319 (attached).

1. Qualifying for Americans with Disabilities (ADA) paratransit services has been added to the list of criteria to be a member of ACA membership.
2. Being a user of Golden Gate Transit (GGT) or Marin County Transit District (MCTD) bus, paratransit or ferry service has been added to the criteria for being a voting member of ACA.
3. A category of Non-Voting Member (one who meets the criteria but does not use GGT or MCTD services) has been added.
4. What constitutes a quorum has been defined.
5. The number of unexcused absences before losing one's eligibility to vote has been increased from two to four within a 12-month period.
6. A section defining what constitutes a leave of absence has been added.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this recommended change.

Attachment

GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE, HIGHWAY and TRANSPORTATION DISTRICTRESOLUTION NO. 89-319DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
ADOPT RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING MEMBERSHIP POLICIES AND COMMITTEE PROCEDURES

December 22, 1989

WHEREAS the Rules, Policy and Industrial Relations Committee has so recommended, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Board of Directors hereby adopts the following membership and voting criteria and procedures as submitted by the District Advisory Committee on Services for Persons with Disabilities, and amends Resolutions 10,639 and 81-274:

- a. Official Meeting Date and Time: Third Thursday of each month at 11:00 a.m.
- b. Committee Membership: Individuals who wish to be a member of the Advisory Committee must so state their interest to the Committee and meet one of the following criteria:
 - (1) Qualify for a Regional Transit Connection Discount Card (RTCDC) under any of the elderly (Section 19) or disabled (Section 1-18) criteria for eligibility in the program. Changes in the RTCDC program will automatically be incorporated as changes in criteria for membership in the Advisory Committee;
 - (2) Represent an organization which serves the elderly or the disabled; or,
 - (3) If not eligible under "1" or "2", other individuals interested in the provision of transportation services to the elderly and disabled would be eligible for membership at large. An individual may be considered as a member at large if his or her membership would not result in the number of members at large exceeding one quarter of the representation on the Committee. The membership of members at large is subject to the vote of the Committee, and members at large may not hold office.

Other interested individuals and organizations may be on the mailing list to receive the agenda and the minutes (or agenda only) without being members.

- c. Eligibility to Vote: To become a voting member of the Committee, an individual must have attended at least three consecutive previous meetings (one excused absence allowed) and indicated his or her interest in becoming a new member at one of the previous meetings. Ongoing members will lose their eligibility to vote after two (2) unexcused absences during any one calendar year. An unexcused absence is defined as any time a member fails to attend a regularly scheduled meeting without prior consultation with the chairperson. The chairperson may approve three (3) excused absences per year for

members. Members who lose their eligibility will be eligible to again vote once they have attended two consecutive regular meetings. Exceptions to these attendance requirements for voting membership can be presented for consideration by the Committee on an individual case basis.

ADOPTED this 22nd day of December, 1989 by the following vote of the Board:

AYES (11): Directors Bettini, Bronkema, Castner, Cavanagh, Daubeneck, Giacomini, Kim, Leonoudakis, McDonnell, Ross, and President Stockwell

NOES (0): None

ABSENT (8): Directors Fraser, Greenslate, Harberson, Hongisto, Nelder, Spotswood, Walker and Ward


President, Board of Directors

Attest: 
Secretary of the District