**State of California**

**Department of Rehabilitation (DOR)**

# Assistive Technology Advisory Committee (ATAC)

# Meeting Notice and Agenda

## Wednesday, August 13, 2025, from 1:00pm – 4:30pm

### Public Participation Options

#### In-Person

Department of Rehabilitation

721 Capitol Mall, Room 301

Sacramento, CA 95814

#### Join by [Zoom](https://dor-ca-gov.zoom.us/j/89983217817?pwd=XKt7fB8T47g8a7isXlZ5OXW3TKn2iY.1)

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1-408-638-0968 or 1-669-900-6833

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### Agenda

*Please note*: Times are listed on the agenda items to assist attendees joining the meeting virtually and by telephone. The order and time estimate of agenda items are considered approximate and may be subject to change.

##### Welcome and Call to Order

(5 minutes)

Larry Grable, ATAC Chair

The Chair will bring the meeting and attendees to attention and call the meeting to order.

##### Roll call and Introduction of guests.

(10 minutes)

Larry Grable, ATAC Chair

The Chair will review housekeeping notes, conduct a roll call of ATAC members, followed by introduction of DOR staff and members of the public.

##### Committee updates

(15 minutes)

Larry Grable, ATAC Chair

ATAC Chair will invite Committee members to share updates about their communities and related efforts. Members are encouraged to discuss any projects or initiatives they are working on.

##### Review ATAC Meeting Minutes

(15 minutes)

Elizabeth Wood, AT Program Administrator

Discussion and approval of Meeting Minutes from April 3, 2024, July 16, 2024, October 22, 2024, and March 19, 2025. (included in invitation packet).

##### Department of Rehabilitation Updates

(15 minutes)

Sarah Harris, Section Chief, Independent Living and Assistive Technology  
The Chief for the Assistive Technology Program will provide general updates from the Department of Rehabilitation, including any State, legislative, Independent Living, and employee updates.

##### Voice Options Program Success Story

(30 minutes)

Sheeyee Ntuj, VOP Program Manager

How is the Voice Options Program a life-changing, vehicle for independence? Come hear straight from a program participant.

##### Break (15 minutes)

##### AT Program Updates

(10 minutes)

Elizabeth Wood, AT Program Administrator

Provide a status update for the Assistive Technology Program, discuss progress on the AT RFP, and address ATAC membership.

##### Ability Tools

(30 minutes)

Kathrine Crowley, Deputy Director

CFILC’s Deputy Director will provide an overview of Ability Tools and lead a discussion for future planning. Come and answer the question: What do I want to learn about Assistive Technology in 2026 and beyond?

##### Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Assistive Technology

(45 minutes)

Elizabeth Wood, AT Program Administrator

The ATAC, DOR staff, and the Public will have an open discussion about how AI is opening doors and increasing opportunities for people with disabilities in everyday life, employment, and education. How will DOR support this innovation?

##### Future Agenda Items

(10 minutes)

ATAC Members will recommend any future meeting agenda items to be covered at the next meeting.

##### Public Comment

(10 minutes)

Members of the public are invited to share comments, questions, or concerns to the AT Advisory Committee.

##### Adjourn

(4:30pm)

Larry Grable, ATAC Chair

ATAC Chair will adjourn the meeting.

### Public Comments

Public comment relating to a specific agenda item will be taken at the end of the applicable agenda item or prior to a vote. Public comments on matters not on the agenda are taken at the beginning of the meeting. A speaker will have up to three minutes to make public comments and may not relinquish their time allotment to another speaker. Non-English speakers who utilize translators to make public comment will be allotted no more than six minutes unless they utilize simultaneous translation equipment. The ATAC is precluded from discussing matters not on the agenda; however, ATAC members may ask questions for clarification purposes.

### Meeting Materials

This Meeting Notice and Agenda and any supplemental meeting materials may be accessed on the [ATAC](http://www.dor.ca.gov/boards-and-committees/ATAC) website.

### Reasonable Accommodations

ASL Interpreters and live captioning will be made available. Should you require additional accommodations, please contact [Elizabeth.Wood@dor.ca.gov](mailto:Elizabeth.Wood@dor.ca.gov) or call 916-322-2256.

Providing your accommodation request at least seven (7) business days before the meeting will help ensure availability of the requested accommodation. Any requests received after this date will be given prompt consideration, but logistical constraints may not allow for their fulfillment.

### Committee Members

* Larry Grable, Chair
* Kathleen Barajas, Vice Chair
* Gloria Cervantes
* Keith Ellis
* NickoleRenee Mensch

### Department of Rehabilitation Staff

* Sarah Harris, Chief, Independent Living and Assistive Technology Section
* Sheeyee Ntuj, Manager I, Voice Options Program
* Elizabeth Wood, Assistive Technology Program Administrator
* Maria Gonzalez, Office Technician

### California Foundation for Independent Living Centers (CFILC) Staff

* Kathrine Crowley, Deputy Director