

Commissioner Dorene M. Giacomini

Dorene M. Giacomini was appointed to the Commission in August 1995 representing the U.S. Department of Transportation. She is the first person with disabilities to serve on the Commission.

Commissioner Giacomini has a strong commitment to the advancement of children and adults with disabilities, and she has served on the boards of directors of many organizations that are equally dedicated. Currently, she works as a mediator for the California Special Education Hearing Office, where she previously served as a special education hearing officer.

For three years, she served as a field representative in the office of former U.S. Representative Norman Y. Mineta, then chair of the Surface Transportation Subcommittee of the House Public Works and Transportation Committee.

Commissioner Giacomini is a cum laude graduate of Harvard University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in history. She received her law degree from Boalt Hall School of Law at the University of California, Berkeley.