



LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION FOR OLDER ADULTS

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MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

Monday, February 6, 2017

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

3175 W. Sixth Street, Los Angeles, CA 90020

COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE

District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4	District 5
Helen Romero-Shaw	Marva Cooper Bell	Kyo (Paul) Jhin	Jerry Gaines	Diana Love
Ruth Gonzales	Lonnie McNamee	Sheila Moore	Leonardo Pandac	Linda Yamauchi
Charles Treviño	Ron Jackson	Robert Boller	Mary Alice Sedillo	Peter McGrath
Elvia Torres	Lavada Theus	Oleeta Igar	Tanya Witt	Margaret Belton
Robert Jimenez		Peter Mezza	Candace Yee	Arlene Okamoto
Angelina Jauregui				

COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED ABSENCE

District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4	District 5
Denise Menchaca	Estella Beaver-Thomas	Anna Swett	Raymond Hall	Gayle McKinney
	Elizabeth Payne		Julia Rosenberg	

COMMISSIONERS NOT EXCUSED

District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4	District 5
	Alice Craft		Aziz Amiri	Dancingwater Taylor
	Charles Mitchell		Jung Ja Kim	
	Arvis Spriggs		Patricia Stanyo	
	Richard Wolfe			

Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services (WDACS) Staff in Attendance:
Corneitha Kirk, Human Services Administrator II; Vera Castillo, Chief Community Services Analyst; Guillermo Medina, Human Services Administrator I; Michael Gavigan, Human Services Administrator I; Agueda Covarrubias, Community Services Analyst III; Sheri Stanton, Community Services Analyst III; Pei Chang, Management Analyst; Keisha Stephens, Management Analyst; Monique Norman, Staff Assistant I; Nilda Anthony, Senior Typist Clerk.

1. Call to Order

President Linda Yamauchi called the Los Angeles County Commission for Older Adults (LACCOA) Meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Ron Jackson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Commissioner Jerry Gaines moved to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ron Jackson. The motion passed.

4. Approval of Minutes

Motion: Commissioner Peter McGrath moved to approve the January 3, 2017 minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jerry Gaines. The motion passed. Commissioner Margaret Belton requested an abstention.

5. President's Report

President Linda Yamauchi stated the following in her remarks:

- Announced the passing of Commissioner Zelda Hutcherson. The funeral service will be held on Friday, February 10, 2017. Guillermo Medina emailed the location and time to all Commissioners.
- Announced the passing of Edith Jasmine Norwood, mother of WDACS Director, Cynthia D. Banks.
- Welcomed Commissioner Lavada Theus to LACCOA. Commissioner Lavada Theus was appointed by Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, 2nd District. She spoke briefly about her work with the California Senior Legislature.
- Stated that after the meeting, she will travel to Sacramento, California to attend the quarterly Triple A Council of California (TACC) Meeting.

6. Finance Report

Commissioner Diana Love, Fiscal Officer, presented the Finance Report. The Finance Report included the following:

- Reminded Commissioners to submit their mileage by the 10th of each month for the preceding month.
- Total year-to-date for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 expenditures are \$10,940.78. LACCOA has a current balance of \$36,059.22. Expenses for the month of January 2017 included \$403.45 for refreshments and \$196.73 for office supplies.
- Informed Commissioners that the mileage rate changed from 51 cents per mile to 50.5 cents per mile effective January 1, 2017.

Motion: Commissioner Charles Treviño moved to approve the Finance Report. Commissioner Ruth Gonzales seconded the motion. The motion passed.

7. WDACS Department Report

Guillermo Medina elaborated on the following points in his WDACS report:

- Stated how helpful Commissioner Zelda Hutcherson was during the transition from the Advisory Council to LACCOA. She will be missed. Her memorial service will be held on Friday, February 10, 2017, at Macedonia Baptist Church, Los Angeles, California.
- Stated that the date of the Los Angeles Aging Advocacy Coalition (LAAAC) Summit on Aging was changed to June 2, 2017.
- Stated that he received an email from the office of Supervisor Janice Hahn, 4th Supervisorial District. Supervisor Janice Hahn is removing all 4th District Commissioners from their current Commission or Board. A letter notifying

Commissioners of this decision was mailed to their home address. This will effect Commissioners Aziz Amiri, Jerry Gaines, Jung Ja Kim, Leonardo Pandac, and Candace Yee. Commissioners may reapply to LACCOA by notifying the office of Supervisor Janice Hahn.

- Reminded Commissioners to submit their bios and pictures before leaving.
- Reminded Commissioners that the Housing Rights Summit will be held on April 20, 2017, at the California Endowment in Los Angeles, California.
- Reminded Commissioners that the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a) Conference will be held July 29, 2017 – August 2, 2017, in Savannah, Georgia. Commissioners interested in attending the conference should notify Guillermo Medina via email.
- The Older Americans Recognition Day (OARD) event will be held on May 31, 2017 at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion Grand Hall. Honorees from all five Supervisorial Districts will be recognized, therefore space will be limited.
- Save the Date flyers for the Older Adult Summit will be finalized and distributed by Thursday, February 16, 2017. The Summit will be held on April 12, 2017 at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Angels, Los Angeles, California. AARP is handling registration. Commissioners will be notified once registration is opened.
- Guillermo Medina committed to checking the availability of Human Resources to process LACCOA Identification Badges for new Commissioners following the meeting. .
- Business cards are on hold until the new WDACS logo is finalized.

Vera Castillo elaborated on the following points in her Legislative Report:

- Local:
 - There will be two measures on the March 7, 2017 ballot that addresses homelessness.
 - Measure S: “Neighborhood Integrity Initiative” addresses homelessness for the City of Los Angeles.
 - Measure H: County of Los Angeles voters will vote on a quarter-cent sales tax for homelessness programs.
- State:
 - Governor Jerry Brown released the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018.
 - AB 15: This bill would require the State Department of Health Care Services to increase Denti-Cal provider reimbursement rates for the 15 most common prevention, treatment, and oral evaluation services effective January 1, 2018.
 - SB177: This bill would allocate an additional \$3.3 million to statewide Caregiver Resource Centers (CRC) to reinstate much needed respite care services for unpaid family members who provide any type of physical and/or emotional care for an ill or disabled loved one at home.
- Federal:
 - Senate Bill S.81: To establish an advisory office within the Bureau of Consumer Protection of the Federal Trade Commission to prevent fraud targeting seniors, and for other purposes.
 - The Trump Administration is slated to release a preliminary budget today.
 - Congressman Tom Price has been nominated for Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services. No nominee was named for Assistant Secretary on Aging.

- Handouts/Articles
 - Senate Bill 177 (SB177)
 - Senate Bill 81 (S.81)
 - Federal Spending in California
 - California Directory of Representatives
 - “Who Will Care for the Caregivers” - the New York Times
 - “Raising Medicare’s Eligibility Age” – the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare
 - 2017-2018 Proposed Budget: Impact on California’s Older Adults and People with Disabilities

8. Ad Hoc Committees

- 1st Vice President Paul Jhin opened the floor for nominations to the Nominating Committee. The Committee assignment is as follows:

Committee	Commissioners
Nominating Committee	Margaret Belton Paul Jhin Diana Love Mary Alice Sedillo Helen Romero-Shaw

Motion: Commissioner Charles Treviño moved to approve the nominations. Commissioner Jerry Gaines seconded the motion. The motion passed.

- 1st Vice President Paul Jhin opened the floor for nominations to the OARD event. The Committee assignment is as follows:

Committee	Commissioners
Older Americans Recognition Day (OARD)	Angelina Jauregui, 1 st District Lavada Theus, 2 nd District Paul Jhin, 3 rd District Sheila Moore, 3 rd District Leonardo Pandac, 4 th District Tanya Witt, 4 th District Margaret Belton, 5 th District

Motion: Commissioner Jerry Gaines moved to approve the nominations. Commissioner Leonardo Pandac seconded the motion. The motion passed.

9. Committee Updates

Committee	Update
Area Plan	<p>Commissioner Robert Boller reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee will meet following the meeting. • At the January 3, 2017 meeting, the committee discussed holding the Joint City/County Public Hearings at five senior centers. It was suggested that a County Public Hearing take place at the Monterey Park Senior Center. • The committee is focusing on ways to increase participation and feedback at the Public Hearing, and ways to increase involvement from the Asian Community.

Committee Updates cont'd

Communications	<p>Commissioner Angelina Jauregui reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee will meet following the meeting. • The committee is currently focusing on updating the Speakers Bureau and LACCOA video.
Health, Nutrition, and Long-Term Care	<p>Commissioner Tanya Witt reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No meeting held in January 2017. • The committee will meet after the meeting to discuss the selection of articles for National Nutrition Month.
Housing and Transportation	<p>Commissioner Peter Mezza reported the following:</p> <p>A letter in support of the elderly residents evicted from the apartment complex at 947 South Tiverton Avenue, Westwood, California, was drafted and will be sent to the Board of Supervisors, City Attorney, City of Westwood Planning Department, and Councilmember Paul Koretz, 5th Council District.</p>
Legislative and Advocacy	<p>Commissioner Jerry Gaines reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supervisor Sheila Kuehl encouraged LACCOA to support the residents that were evicted in Westwood. <p>Motion: Commissioner Jerry Gaines moved to approve that a copy of the letter in support of the residents be sent to the Board of Supervisors. Commissioner Leonardo Pandac seconded the motion. The motion passed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee and staff are compiling a list of Elected Officials based on the home addresses of each Commissioner. The list will be distributed when finalized.
Membership	<p>Commissioner Oleeta Igar reported the following:</p> <p>The committee voted to add Bernard Weintraub to the Emeritus status list. The list has been submitted to the Executive Board for review.</p>

10. Supervisorial Districts

District	Update
First	<p>Commissioner Elvia Torres reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The District Lead is in the process of scheduling a follow-up meeting with Deputy Mary Lopez from the office of Supervisor Hilda L. Solis.
Second	No report
Third	<p>Commissioner Robert Boller reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Met with Deputy Genethia Hudley-Hayes to discuss the eviction of the elderly residents in Westwood, California. • Discussed the implementation of “Silver Alerts” in California.
Fourth	<p>Commissioner Jerry Gaines reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Met with Deputy Kelvin Driscoll to introduce him to the mission of LACCOA. • Discussed how to track older adults when a “Silver Alert” is issued.
Fifth	<p>Commissioner Diana Love reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Lancaster Senior Center is preparing for their building expansion. The expansion should be complete by July 2017. • Meeting scheduled with Supervisor Kathryn Barger next month.

11. California Senior Legislature (CSL) Update

Commissioner Diana Love elaborated on the following points:

- CLS is in the process of securing a Legislator to carry the proposed bill that would require pharmacies to list the cause of a patients' illness on the label of their medications.

Commissioner Lavada Theus elaborated on the following points:

- Stated that she is the new Chairperson for CSL.
- CSL is in the process of refocusing its energy and will accept any input or suggestions from LACCOA.

12. Initiative Updates

Commissioner Jerry Gaines elaborated on the following during his presentation:

- The Board of Supervisors, in collaboration with AARP, City of Los Angeles, UCLA, and USC, will institute a five-year project called the Purposeful Aging Initiative.
- A survey is being developed by AARP that will gather data to assess the effectiveness of resources and services throughout Los Angeles County.

13. Speakers Bureau PowerPoint

President Linda Yamauchi presented the Speakers Bureau LACCOA PowerPoint to give LACCOA Commissioners an example of what would be expected of them if they join the Speakers Bureau.

14. Unfinished Business

None

15. New Business

None

16. Informational Announcements

None

17. Public Comments

None

18. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday, March 6, 2017.

19. Adjourn

President Linda Yamauchi adjourned the meeting at 12:03 p.m.