



# LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION FOR OLDER ADULTS

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Guillermo Medina

## MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

Monday, March 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	Patricia Stanyo	Diana Love
Ruth Gonzales	Lonnie McNamee	Sheila Moore	Tanya Witt	Linda Yamauchi
Elvia Torres	Lavada Theus	Robert Boller	Mary Alice Sedillo	Peter McGrath
Robert Jimenez	Alice Craft	Oleeta Igar		Margaret Belton
Angelina Jauregui	Charles Mitchell	Peter Mezza		Arlene Okamoto
	Elizabeth Payne	Anna Swett		Dancingwater Taylor
	Arvis Spriggs			Gayle McKinney
	Richard Wolfe			

### COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED ABSENCE

District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4	District 5
Charles Treviño	Estella Beaver-Thomas		Raymond Hall	
			Julia Rosenberg	

### COMMISSIONERS NOT EXCUSED

District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4	District 5
Denise Menchaca				

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; Sheri Stanton, Community Services Analyst III; Pei Chang, Management Analyst; Keisha Stephens, Management Analyst; Monique Norman, Staff Assistant I; Nilda Anthony, Senior Typist Clerk.

### Guests

Kathryn Kietzman, Jung Ja Kim, Candace Yee

**1. Call to Order**

President Linda Yamauchi called the Los Angeles County Commission for Older Adults (LACCOA) Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Commissioner Charles Mitchell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

**Motion:** Commissioner Margaret Belton moved to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lavada Theus. The motion passed.

**4. Approval of Minutes**

**Motion:** Commissioner Gayle McKinney moved to approve the February 6, 2017 minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anna Swett. The motion passed.

**5. President's Report**

President Linda Yamauchi stated the following in her remarks:

- Attended the Alzheimer's Association State Day of Advocacy Conference. The main topics were:
  - "Why We Advocate" – Pablo Espinoza, a family caregiver and advocate, presented the challenges he faced in his community while caring for his elderly parents.
  - "How We Advocate" – John Funderburk, Director of Advocacy, Alzheimer's Association of Washington, D.C., emphasized the importance of advocacy and provided an important tip on how to advocate. He suggested advocates "tell stories." Talk about your life or the life of someone you know that was affected by Alzheimer's.
- Attended the Triple-A Council of California (TACC) Meeting on February 8, 2017. Dean Fujimoto, Deputy Director, Aging and Long-Term Care Division for California Department of Aging, conducted a presentation on how the state Area Plan and Public Hearings are developed. Similarly, Los Angeles County develops an Area Plan and conducts Public Hearings to receive input from constituents.
- Laurel Mildred of Mildred Consulting and Advocacy presented on the proposed state budget and the impact it would have on older adults and persons with disabilities.
- Carol Sewell, Legislative Director for the California Commission on Aging presented the state's efforts to plan events for Elder Abuse Month in June 2017.
- Encouraged Commissioners to review the Strategic Plan in preparation for the annual update. Any comments or suggestions should be submitted within the next two weeks. Approval of any revisions will take place at the April 3, 2017 LACCOA General 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 10<sup>th</sup> of each month for the preceding month.
- Total year-to-date for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 expenditures are \$11,997.53. LACCOA has a current balance of \$35,002.47. Expenses for the month of February 2017 included \$193.75 for refreshments, \$863.00 for mileage, and \$937.43 for publications.

**Motion:** Commissioner Oleeta Igar moved to approve the Finance Report. Commissioner Margaret Belton seconded the motion. The motion passed.

- Commissioner Diana Love requested a motion to approve the cost for Commissioners to attend the Los Angeles Aging Advocacy Coalition (LAAAC) Summit on Aging on June 2, 2017, at the University of Southern California (USC) in Los Angeles, California.  
**Motion:** Commissioner Margaret Belton moved to approve the cost for Commissioners to attend the LAAAC Summit on Aging. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Oleeta Igar. The motion passed unanimously.
- Commissioner Diana Love requested a motion to approve the cost for Commissioners to attend the Housing Rights Summit on April 20, 2017, at the California Endowment Center in Los Angeles, California.  
**Motion:** Commissioner Oleeta Igar moved to approve the cost for Commissioners to attend the Housing Rights Summit. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Margaret Belton. The motion passed unanimously.
- Commissioner Diana Love requested a motion to approve the cost of the Older Americans Recognition Day (OARD) event. The OARD event will be held on May 31, 2017, at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion.  
**Motion:** Commissioner Peter McGrath moved to approve the cost of the OARD event. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Candace Yee. The motion passed unanimously.
- Commissioner Diana Love requested a motion to approve the cost to send three Commissioners to the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (N4A) Conference. The conference will be held July 29, 2017 through August 2, 2017, in Savannah, Georgia.  
**Motion:** Commissioner Gayle McKinney moved to approve the cost to send three Commissioners to the N4A Conference. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Angelina Jauregui. The motion passed unanimously.

## 7. WDACS Department Report

Anna Avdalyan elaborated on the following points in the WDACS report:

- To mitigate the cuts to In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) in California, all Los Angeles County Departments will implement cuts to ensure clients receiving IHSS do not lose services.
- Encouraged LACCOA Commissioners to write a letter in support of maintaining IHSS to the California Legislators.
- Requested Commissioners contact Guillermo Medina if they are interested in volunteering to be a workshop moderator for the Older Adult Summit.
- Five Congregate Meal sites will be selected to have an expert on homeless services to implement the new Homeless Initiative program.

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

- Local:
  - Local elections will be held on Tuesday, March 7, 2017.
  - Reminded Commissioners of key measures that were discussed at the February 6, 2017 meeting:
    - County: Measure H
    - City: Election of Mayor, City Council (odd number districts), City Attorney, City Controller, and Measures M, N, P, and S.
    - Los Angeles Community College District elections.
- State:

- Adult Protective Services (APS) – Home Safe: A \$10 million budget request by the California Welfare Directors Association of California to allow 10 counties the opportunity to implement strategies on homeless prevention for APS clients.
- Senior Nutrition Plan – The California Association of Area Agencies on Aging (C4A) is requesting \$12.5 million to fund increased costs associated with Home Delivered and Congregate Meal programs.
- Federal:
  - Congressman Tom Price was confirmed as the Secretary of Health and Human Services.
  - Dan Berger is the Acting Assistant Secretary for Aging and Acting Administrator for the Administration for Community Living.
  - Seema Verma was designated as the Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid.
  - Federal Budget: The Administration is to release the “skim budget” in two weeks. It is projected that there will be cuts to domestic programs to fund the \$54 million increase in the defense budget.
- Handouts/Articles
  - “Haunted by Student Debt Past Age 50” – the New York Times
  - “Workers Are Working Longer – and Better” – the New York Times
  - Population Projections for Los Angeles County: 65+ - Demographic Research Unit– California Department of Finance

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

- Thanked the Membership Committee for attending the monthly meeting.
- Reminded Commissioners of the importance of their attendance at the monthly committee meetings.
- Asked Commissioners to notify him if they plan to volunteer and/or attend the Older Adult Summit.

## 8. Ad Hoc Committees

Committee	Commissioners
Nominating	The committee will meet following the meeting.
Committee	Commissioners
Older Americans Recognition Day (OARD)	No report

## 9. Committee Updates

Committee	Update
Area Plan	Commissioner Robert Boller reported the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The committee will meet following the meeting to discuss participation at the Public Hearings.</li> </ul>
Communications	Commissioner Angelina Jauregui reported the following: The committee met February 15, 2017, and discussed the revision of the Speaker’s Bureau, participation at the Older Adult Summit, and the completion of the LACCOA video.

### **Committee Updates (continued)**

Health, Nutrition, and Long-Term Care	Commissioner Tanya Witt reported the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Did not meet this year due to lack of a quorum.</li><li>• March is National Nutrition Month. There are three handouts from the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics on the back table.</li><li>• The committee will meet following the meeting to discuss revising goals for the remainder of the year.</li></ul>
Housing and Transportation	No report
Legislative and Advocacy	Commissioner Mary Alice Sedillo reported the following: The committee met and discussed Senate Bill 562 (SB 562) – Californians for a Healthy California Act.
Membership	Commissioner Charles Mitchell reported the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The committee and the Executive Board unanimously voted to recommend Bernard Weintraub as the first LACCOA Emeritus Status Commissioner. <b>Motion:</b> Commissioner Charles Mitchell moved to approve Bernard Weintraub as Emeritus Status. Commissioner Paul Jhin seconded the motion. The motion passed.</li><li>• The committee discussed the vacancies in LACCOA and established that each committee member will take 10 Membership Applications and distribute them at local senior centers.</li><li>• The committee discussed granting past Commissioner Zelda Penn Hutcherson, as Emeritus Status in Memorial. The recommendation was made to the Executive Board.</li></ul>

### **10. Supervisorial Districts**

<b>District</b>	<b>Update</b>
First	Commissioner Elvia Torres reported the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Commissioners Ruth Gonzales and Elvia Torres are attending the Aging into the Future Conference, as an invitee of Supervisor Hilda L. Solis.</li><li>• Committee members attended the grand opening of Supervisor Hilda L. Solis' South El Monte office.</li><li>• Will meet with Deputy Mary Lopez on March 23, 2017.</li></ul>
Second	Commissioner Lavada Theus reported the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Currently planning five workshops to bring awareness to senior scams.</li><li>• Suggested a formal request be sent to the Board of Supervisors to request funds to assist with costs of the OARD event.</li></ul>
Third	No report
Fourth	No report
Fifth	Commissioner Diana Love reported the following: The committee will meet with Supervisor Kathryn Barger following the meeting.

**11. California Senior Legislature (CSL) Update**

Commissioner Lavada Theus elaborated on the following points:

- Requested that Commissioners submit in writing any issues that they want addressed by the California Senior Legislature (CSL).
- Distributed a pamphlet on the mission and work of CSL.

**12. WDACS Year in Review Video**

Guillermo Medina presented the 2016 WDACS Year in Review video.

**13. Unfinished Business**

None

**14. New Business**

None

**15. Informational Announcements**

None

**16. Public Comments**

None

**17. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be on Monday, April 3, 2017.

**18. Adjourn**

President Linda Yamauchi adjourned the meeting at 11:57 a.m.