



LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION FOR OLDER ADULTS

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Diana Love, Fiscal Officer

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Anna Avdalyan, Program Manager

Executive Director
Guillermo Medina

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

Monday, April 3, 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	Lavada Theus	Kyo (Paul) Jhin	Patricia Stanyo	Diana Love
Ruth Gonzales	Alice Craft	Sheila Moore	Tanya Witt	Linda Yamauchi
Robert Jimenez	Charles Mitchell	Robert Boller	Mary Alice Sedillo	Peter McGrath
Angelina Jauregui	Elizabeth Payne	Oleeta Igar	Raymond Hall	Margaret Belton
Charles Treviño	Arvis Spriggs	Peter Mezza	Jerry Gaines	Dancingwater Taylor
	Richard Wolfe	Anna Swett		Gayle McKinney

COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED ABSENCE

District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4	District 5
Elvia Torres	Estella Beaver-Thomas		Julia Rosenberg	Arlene Okamoto
	Marva Cooper Bell			

COMMISSIONERS NOT EXCUSED

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

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; Monique Norman, Staff Assistant I; Nilda Anthony, Senior Typist Clerk.

Guests

Michelle Chen, Nolan Jones, Errecca Walker, Candace Yee

1. Call to Order

President Linda Yamauchi called the Los Angeles County Commission for Older Adults (LACCOA) Meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Charles Treviño led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Commissioner Charles Treviño moved to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Margaret Belton. The motion passed.

4. Approval of Minutes

Motion: Commissioner Margaret Belton moved to approve the March 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 American Society on Aging - Aging in America conference in Chicago, Illinois, and provided highlights from the sessions attended:
 - Meals on Wheels and Feeding America presented a workshop that offered strategies on how to address older adult hunger and food insecurities.
 - Purina sponsored a general session workshop that focused on healthy aging for pets and people. Purina is currently conducting a project that studies the effects of diet and ingredients on the lifespan of dogs. Thus far, the study has shown that dogs age similar to humans.
 - A Hope Home study of 350 homeless participants found that the paths to homelessness were different depending upon age.
- Stated that the Board of Supervisors adopted motion that tasks WDACS with launching the Bringing Our Loved Ones Home Taskforce. The Taskforce will explore options for establishing a countywide first responder training program designed to expedite the recovery time of individuals with dementia, Alzheimer's disease, or Autism who wander from their families or caregivers.
- Requested Commissioners review the current Strategic Plan and submit any suggestions for revisions as soon as possible. Any revisions will need to be voted on at the May 1, 2017 General Board 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 \$12,605.59. LACCOA has a current balance of \$34,394.41. Expenses for the month of March 2017 included \$193.75 for refreshments, \$271.96 for mileage, and \$142.35 for special events.

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

7. WDACS Department Report

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

- The Older Adult Summit will be held on April 12, 2017, at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels. Commissioners are to notify him by email if they plan to attend. All attendees must be registered.
- The scholarships for the 8th Annual Los Angeles Aging Advocacy Coalition (LAAAC) Summit on Aging are still pending. Once the scholarship approval is received, LACCOA staff will register Commissioners.
- Commissioners Helen Romero-Shaw, Oleeta Igar, and Angelina Jauregui requested to attend the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (N4A) Conference and Tradeshow. LACCOA staff will submit their Travel Request.

- Reminded Committee Chairs to begin preparing their year-end summary for the 2016-2017 Annual Report.
- Reminded Commissioners of the importance of attending their committee meetings.

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

- Local:
 - A Special Election will take place on April 4, 2017, in the 34th Congressional District.
- 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 Program: 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.
 - Governor Jerry Brown will release a revised state budget on May 10, 2017.
 - Assembly Constitutional Amendment (ACA-11): California Middle Class Affordable Housing and Homeless Shelter. This measure would create the California Middle Class Affordable Housing and Homeless Shelter Account in the General Fund for the support of local and state programs that assist in the development or acquisition of housing.
- Federal:
 - The President released the “skinny budget”, wherein he proposes to eliminate the following programs:
 - Title V - Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP)
 - Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)
 - Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
 - Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
 - Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS)

8. Ad Hoc Committees

Committee	Commissioners
Nominating	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Met following the March 6, 2017 General Membership Meeting. As of today, nominations for the 2017-2018 Executive Board are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> President – Commissioner Diana Love 1st Vice President – Commissioner Paul Jhin 2nd Vice President – Commissioner Charles Mitchell Secretary – Commissioner Mary Alice Sedillo Fiscal Officer – Commissioner Helen Romero-Shaw - Nominations for the 2017-2018 Executive Board will remain open until voting takes place at the June 5, 2017 General Board Meeting.
Committee	Commissioners
Older Americans Recognition Day (OARD)	The committee will meet at the end of the month to discuss the program and logistics of event.

9. Committee Updates

Committee	Update
Area Plan	<p>Commissioner Robert Boller reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The committee meets monthly. The main focus of the meetings was the Public Hearings that will take place in the fall of 2017. - The committee continues to discuss how LACCOA can generate more participation and feedback at the Public Hearings.
Communications	<p>Commissioner Angelina Jauregui reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The committee will meet in May 2017 to begin updating the Speakers Bureau.
Health, Nutrition, and Long-Term Care	<p>Commissioner Tanya Witt reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The committee met with staff to compose a letter on behalf of LACCOA stating its concern for potential block grants and the repeal of the Affordable Care Act. - The committee members decided to take an active role in spreading the word about LACCOA and its mission by doing outreach at senior centers throughout Los Angeles County.
Housing and Transportation	<p>Commissioner Gayle McKinney reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The committee met to discuss the issue of homelessness and the best way to eradicate it.
Legislative and Advocacy	No report
Membership	<p>Commissioner Charles Treviño reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The committee voted in favor of recommending the membership application of Commissioner Candace Yee to the Executive Board for approval. - The committee discussed expanding the list of Emeritus in memoriam to include Marvin Schachter, Nate Riddick, and Zelda Hutcherson. - The committee also discussed several recruitment strategies to fill LACCOA vacancies. - The committee discussed ways to acknowledge who passed away and their service to LACCOA.

10. Supervisorial Districts

District	Update
First	<p>Commissioner Angelina Jauregui reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Met with Deputy Mary Lopez on March 23, 2017, and asked if she would speak with Supervisor Hilda L. Solis about attending the OARD event.
Second	<p>Commissioner Lavada Theus reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Senior Services Committee is currently preparing its Annual Committee Work Plan for submittal to the office of Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas. - The committee met on March 15, 2017, to discuss how to garner more support from the district office.

Third	<p>Commissioner Robert Boller reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The committee attended a Commissioners Breakfast hosted by Supervisor Sheila Kuehl. - The next meeting with Deputy Genethia Hudley-Hayes is tentatively scheduled for April 2017.
Fourth	<p>Commissioner Jerry Gaines reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Met with Deputy Kevin Driscoll February 1, 2017.
Fifth	<p>Commissioner Diana Love reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Met with Supervisor Kathryn Barger to discuss issues facing older adults in Los Angeles County and to request her presence at the OARD event.

11. California Senior Legislature (CSL) Update

Commissioner Lavada Theus elaborated on the following points:

- In the process of securing funding.
- Working on proposals to be submitted June 2017.

12. Initiatives

Corneitha Kirk elaborated on the following points:

- The Area Agency on Aging (AAA) and Adult Protective Services (APS) Divisions are working with the Chief Executive Office (CEO) on the Homeless Initiative.
- AAA, APS, and the CEO are working on two tasks:
 - Assign a Homeless Case Manager to the APS office with the highest caseload of homeless older adults.
 - Assign a Homeless Case Manager to the Congregate Meal site with the highest caseload of homeless older adults.

Commissioner Jerry Gaines presented a PowerPoint on Purposeful Aging Los Angeles (PALA).

13. Unfinished Business

President Linda Yamauchi stated that there are still vacancies in CSL.

14. New Business

None

15. Informational Announcements

- Commissioner Anna Swett shared flyers on the following:
 - Beauty Bus: In-Home Beauty and Grooming Services
 - California Power of Attorney for Healthcare
- Commissioner Diana Love shared that the Los Angeles Dodgers will host Jackie Robinson Day on Saturday, April 15, 2017.
- Commissioner Dancingwater Taylor urged commissioners to read up on Senate Bill SB562.
- Commissioner Arvis Spriggs stated that Rogers Park in Inglewood, California will host a Caregivers Workshop on Saturday, April 29, 2017.

16. Public Comments

None

17. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday, May 1, 2017.

18. Adjourn

President Linda Yamauchi adjourned the meeting at 11:49 a.m.