



# LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION FOR OLDER ADULTS

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APPROVED June 5, 2017



**Executive Board**  
Linda Yamauchi, President  
Paul Jhin, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Charles Mitchell, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Arlene Okamoto, Secretary  
Diana Love, Fiscal Officer

**Executive Liaison**  
Anna Avdalyan, Program Manager

**Executive Director**  
Guillermo Medina

## MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

Monday, May 1, 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 | Mary Alice Sedillo | Diana Love     |
| Ruth Gonzales     | Lavada Theus      | Sheila Moore    | Patricia Stanyo    | Linda Yamauchi |
| Elvia Torres      | Alice Craft       | Oleeta Igar     | Jerry Gaines       | Peter McGrath  |
| Robert Jimenez    | Charles Mitchell  | Peter Mezza     | Carmen Reyes       | Arlene Okamoto |
| Angelina Jauregui | Elizabeth Payne   | Anna Swett      |                    | Gayle McKinney |
| Charles Treviño   | Richard Wolfe     |                 |                    |                |
|                   | Michael Neely     |                 |                    |                |

### COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED ABSENCE

| District 1      | District 2            | District 3    | District 4      | District 5 |
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| Denise Menchaca | Estella Beaver-Thomas | Robert Boller | Raymond Hall    |            |
|                 | Arvis Spriggs         |               | Julia Rosenberg |            |
|                 |                       |               | Tanya Witt      |            |

### COMMISSIONERS NOT EXCUSED

| District 1 | District 2     | District 3 | District 4 | District 5          |
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|            | Lonnie McNamee |            |            | Margaret Belton     |
|            |                |            |            | Dancingwater Taylor |

### Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services (WDACS) Staff in Attendance:

Anna Avdalyan, Program Manager; 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; Monique Norman, Staff Assistant I; Nilda Anthony, Senior Typist Clerk.

### Guests

Kathryn Kietzman, Candace Yee, Arnold Youngblood, and Sylvia Youngblood

### 1. Call to Order

President Linda Yamauchi called the Los Angeles County Commission for Older Adults (LACCOA) Meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

## **2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Commissioner Peter Mezza led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **3. Approval of Agenda**

**Motion:** Commissioner Jerry Gaines moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Angelina Jauregui seconded the motion. The motion passed.

## **4. Approval of Minutes**

**Motion:** Commissioner Angelina Jauregui moved to approve the April 3, 2017 minutes. Commissioner Charles Treviño seconded the motion. The motion passed.

## **5. President's Report**

President Linda Yamauchi stated the following in her remarks:

- Welcomed Commissioner Michael Neely to LACCOA. Commissioner Michael Neely was appointed by Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, 2<sup>nd</sup> District.
- Welcomed Commissioner Carmen Reyes to LACCOA. Commissioner Carmen Reyes was appointed by Supervisor Janice Hahn, 4<sup>th</sup> District.
- Thanked Commissioners who attended the First Annual Older Adult Summit held at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels on April 12, 2017. Offered a special thank you to Commissioners Robert Boller, Jerry Gaines, and Diana Love for acting as moderators for the workshops.
- Shared highlights from the "Older Adult Scams" presentation by Belle Chen, Deputy in Charge, from the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office.
- Shared highlights from the presentation of Dr. Jonathan Fielding, retired Director of Los Angeles County Department of Public Health.
- President Linda Yamauchi, Commissioner Diana Love, and Commissioner Peter Mezza attended the 18th Annual Housing Rights Summit held at the California Endowment Center in Los Angeles, California. The focus of the summit this year was tenant rights and laws.

## **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 (FY) 2016-2017 expenditures are \$17,678.76. LACCOA has a current balance of \$29,321.24. Expenses for the month of April 2017 included \$193.75 for refreshments, \$649.95 for mileage, \$214.88 for the LINK Awards, and \$4,014.59 for the American Society on Aging (ASA) Conference.

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

## **7. LACCOA Election of Officers for Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-2018**

- Commissioner Paul Jhin, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, requested that Commissioner Mary Alice Sedillo of the Nominating Committee present the Slate of Officers.
- **Election for President.** Ballots with the name of Commissioner Diana Love were distributed. Commissioner Mary Alice Sedillo opened the floor for nominations for President. There were no nominations from the floor.

- **Election for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President.** Ballots with the name of Commissioner Paul Jhin were distributed. Commissioner Mary Alice Sedillo opened the floor for nominations for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President. There were no nominations from the floor.
- **Election for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President.** Ballots with the name of Commissioner Charles Mitchell were distributed. Commissioner Mary Alice Sedillo opened the floor for nominations for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. There were no nominations from the floor.
- **Election for Secretary.** Ballots with the name of Commissioner Mary Alice Sedillo were distributed. Commissioner Mary Alice Sedillo declined the nomination and opened the floor for nominations for Secretary. Diana Love nominated Commissioner Arlene Okamoto and she accepted.
- **Election for Fiscal Officer.** Ballots with the name of Commissioner Helen Romero-Shaw were distributed. Commissioner Mary Alice Sedillo opened the floor for nominations for Fiscal Officer. There were no nominations from the floor.
- **Motion:** Commissioner Jerry Gaines moved that nominations be closed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Helen Romero-Shaw.
- Guillermo Medina announced the new Executive Board Officers for FY 2017-2018.

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| <b>President</b>                     | Diana Love        |
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice President</b> | Paul Jhin         |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President</b> | Charles Mitchell  |
| <b>Secretary</b>                     | Arlene Okamoto    |
| <b>Fiscal Officer</b>                | Helen Romero-Shaw |
| <b>Past President</b>                | Linda Yamauchi    |

## 8. **WDACS Department Report**

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

- **Local:**
  - The 34<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Local Elections will be held June 6, 2017.
  - Los Angeles County officials are requesting public comment on the preliminary spending of the estimated \$355 million in tax dollars to be generated from Measure H. A summary of the plan is posted on the Los Angeles County Homeless Initiative website.
  - Reminded Commissioners that the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Los Angeles Aging Advocacy Coalition (LAAAC) Summit on Aging will be held on June 2, 2017.
- **State:**
  - Governor Jerry Brown is scheduled to release the revised State Budget on May 10, 2017.
  - In-Home Supportive Services: The Assembly rejected the proposal of the Governor to shift costs back to the counties of California.
- **Federal:**
  - Both the House and the Senate passed the FY 2017 Omnibus Appropriations Bills. It is now in a continuing resolution for five days, or until May 5, 2017.
  - Details have not been released regarding the 2018 President's Budget.
  - The President's Tax Plan will increase the overall deficit.
- **Handouts/Articles**
  - A Guide to the County Budget Process
  - 8<sup>th</sup> Annual LAAAC Summit on Aging

- Social Security
- “The 7 Key Elements of the White House Tax Plan” – The New York Times

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

- Thanked Commissioners for attending the First Annual Older Adult Summit. He gave a special thanks to Commissioner Tanya Witt for conducting a workshop.
- Reminded Commissioners that the Older Americans Recognition Day (OARD) event will be held on May 31, 2017, at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion. Commissioners who are speaking should arrive by 10:00 a.m. The event begins at 11:30 a.m.
- Reminded Commissioners to submit suggestions for the FY 2017-2018 Strategic Plan Update.
- Reminded Committee Chairs to submit the end-of-year summary for the FY 2016-2017 LACCOA Annual Report.
- Committee meetings will not be held in June 2017.
- Business cards will be ordered in July 2017.
- Badges will be processed for new Commissioners after the June 5, 2017 General Meeting.
- Reminded Commissioners to submit their Community Outreach forms. The final update will be distributed at the June 5, 2017 General Meeting.

#### 9. **Ad Hoc Committees**

| Committee                              | Commissioners                                   |
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| Older Americans Recognition Day (OARD) | Meeting scheduled for May 8, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. |

#### 10. **Committee Updates**

| Committee                             | Update   |
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| Area Plan                             | No report  |
| Communications                        | Commissioner Angelina Jauregui requested that the Committee Members meet with her briefly following General Meeting.   |
| Health, Nutrition, and Long-Term Care | No report  |
| Housing and Transportation            | Commissioner Gayle McKinney reported the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The committee discussed the breakdown of statistics to accurately report the number of homeless seniors in Los Angeles County.</li> </ul>   |
| Legislative and Advocacy              | Commissioner Jerry Gaines reported the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encouraged Commissioners to meet with their local elected officials.</li> <li>• Suggested Commissioners find out the number of senior centers in their Supervisorial District.</li> </ul> Commissioner Mary Alice Sedillo reported the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Cesar Chavez Park and the Silverado Park reinstated the senior meals program.</li> <li>• The Salvation Army opened a senior center in Long Beach, California.</li> </ul> |

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| Membership | <p>Commissioner Charles Treviño reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The committee discussed its Annual Report summary.</li> <li>• Discussed the idea of a Legacy Award for past Commissioners.</li> <li>• Discussed ways to improve attendance.</li> <li>• Reviewed the membership application of Sylvia Youngblood.</li> </ul> <p>Guillermo Medina reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Membership Committee and the Executive Board unanimously voted to recommend that the membership application of Candace Yee be submitted to the General Membership Board for approval.</li> </ul> <p><b>Motion:</b> Commissioner Jerry Gaines moved to approve the membership application and reinstatement of Candace Yee. Commissioner Patricia Stanyo seconded the motion. The motion passed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commissioners Paul Jhin, Charles Mitchell, Anna Swett, and Richard Wolfe completed their first three-year term. As stated in the LACCOA Bylaws, each member must cast a yes or no vote to allow the Commissioners to continue to serve a second term. The second term will be from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2020.</li> <li>• Ballots with the names of Commissioners Paul Jhin, Charles Mitchell, Anna Swett, and Richard Wolfe were distributed. The Commissioners were voted in for a second term</li> </ul> |

#### 11. Supervisory Districts

| District | Update   |
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| First    | • No report  |
| Second   | <p>Commissioner Lavada Theus reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Senior Services held a forum on senior fraud scams and abuse. There were approximately 100 seniors in attendance.</li> </ul> |
| Third    | No report  |
| Fourth   | Had a meeting with all six field Deputies to discuss LACCOA and the Purposeful Aging Initiative.   |
| Fifth    | No report  |

#### 12. California Senior Legislature (CSL) Update

Commissioner Lavada Theus elaborated on the following points:

- Distributed a brochure outlining the legislative priorities of CSL.
- Encouraged Commissioners to donate funds to assist with work of CSL.

#### 13. INITIATIVES

- Homeless: Anna Avdalyan stated that the County of Los Angeles and the City of Los Angeles are working with Phil Ansel, Director Los Angeles County Homeless Initiative to get older adults more involved in the initiative.
- Purposeful Aging: Commissioner Jerry Gaines discussed the survey that is being distributed to Los Angeles County residents.

**14. Unfinished Business**

None

**15. New Business**

None

**16. Informational Announcements**

- Commissioner Anna Swett announced West Hollywood is having a Senior Fair this month. Check the City of West Hollywood website for more information.
- Commissioner Angelina Jauregui announced that the Montebello Senior Center hosted a senior program for its seniors. Over 90 seniors participated in the event.
- Commissioner Richard Wolfe announced that the new Federal Budget was confirmed.
- President Linda Yamauchi reminded Commissioners that the last meeting of the fiscal year is on June 5, 2017. The installation of the FY 2017-2018 Executive Board will take place.

**17. Public Comments**

President Linda Yamauchi introduced Sylvia Gonzales Youngblood. She spoke briefly on her background and interest in joining LACCOA.

**18. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be on Monday, June 5, 2017.

**19. Adjourn**

President Linda Yamauchi adjourned the meeting at 11:54 a.m.