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**APPROVED February 4, 2019**

**MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING**

Monday, November 5, 2018

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
Ruth Gonzales	Michael Neely	Robert Boller	Jerry Gaines	Kim M. Bowman
Helen Romero Shaw	Elizabeth Payne	Oleeta Igar	Raymond Hall	Gene Dorio
Sandra Tung	Arvis Spriggs	Paul Kyo Jhin	Cathy McClure	Diana Love
Sylvia Youngblood	Lavada Theus	Barbara Meltzer	Irene Mendoza	Gayle McKinney
	Richard Wolfe	Peter Mezza	Carmen Reyes	Arlene Okamoto
		Sheila Moore	Mary Alice Sedillo	Dancingwater Taylor
			Joshua Sneed	
			Patricia Stanyo	
			Tanya Witt	
			Candace Yee	

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT**

District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4	District 5
Elvia Torres	Estella Beaver-Thomas	Kiera Pollock	Maria Wiest	Margaret Belton
Charles Treviño	Marva Cooper Bell			
	Alice F. Craft			

Emeritus Status – Bernie Weintraub

Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services (WDACS) Staff in Attendance: Guillermo Medina, Human Services Administrator (HSA) I; Michael Gavigan, HSA I; Vera Castillo, Legal Analyst; Ross Lenihan, Management Fellow; and Nilda Anthony, Senior Typist Clerk.

Guests: Kristine Choulakian, John Kotick, Nolan Jones, Selina Sandoval, and Jessica Zuniga.

**1. Call to Order**

President Diana Love called the Los Angeles County Commission for Older Adults (LACCOA) Meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Commissioner Lavada Theus led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **3. Approval of Agenda**

**Motion:** Commissioner Helen Romero Shaw moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Jerry Gaines seconded the motion. The motion passed.

### **4. Approval of Minutes**

**Motion:** Commissioner Helen Romero Shaw moved to approve the October 1, 2018 minutes as presented. Commissioner Patricia Stanyo seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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

President Diana Love reported the following:

- Attended the monthly roundtable meeting at the Antelope Valley Senior Center. Discussion included Emergency Preparedness.
- Attended the Triple-A Council of California (TACC) meeting in Sacramento, CA and announced that the California Council on Aging President Sandi Fitzpatrick will be retiring in December 2018.
- The Annual Senior Rally scheduled for May 2019 in Sacramento, CA was cancelled. The goal is to have Senior Rallies at the elected officials' offices in their communities.
- Attended a Senior Summit in Sacramento, CA. The summit included plans on how to deal with older adult issues by the two candidates for Governor of California.
- Will be attending the California Senior Legislature (CSL) Meetings in Sacramento, CA November 7, 2018 and November 8, 2018.

### **6. Finance Report**

Commissioner Arlene Okamoto shared the Finance Report with Commissioners.

**Motion:** Commissioner Helen Romero Shaw moved to approve the monthly Finance Report as presented. Commissioner Jerry Gaines seconded the motion. The motion passed.

### **7. WDACS Department Report**

Vera Castillo, WDACS Legal Analyst, reported on the following:

- Local
  - Board Motion regarding Definition of Gender
- State
  - 2018 November election - State and local measures
- Federal
  - Social Security - Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA)
  - Federal Deficit and Entitlement Programs
- Other
  - Los Angeles Times Editorial regarding Statewide Offices and Propositions
  - 2017 Hate Crimes Report—Executive Summary and Press Release (Los Angeles County Human Relations Commission)

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

- Thanked all Commissioners for a great year in 2018.
- Encouraged all Commissioners to visit a senior center between November 2018 and December 2018.
- Welcomed El Monte Senior Center Director Jessica Zuniga to the meeting.
- Discussed the role of the Lead Commissioner.
- The LACCOA website was updated.

- Reminded the Commission about the 2018 California Association of Area Agencies on Aging (C4A) Annual Meeting and the Allied Conference scheduled for November 2018. An email will be forwarded to Commissioners once details are finalized.
- Thanked the Commissioners who submitted the monthly Outreach Report Card.
- Reminded Commissioners to attend their Committee meetings.
- Thanked the Commissioners who attended the Area Plan Update Public Hearings.

Guillermo Medina showed videos on being Dementia Friendly. LACCOA is the first Commission in Los Angeles to become Dementia Friendly. Certificates will be distributed at the January 2019 meeting for those in attendance during the showing of the videos.

## **8. Committees Reports**

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Report</b>
Area Plan	Commissioner Tanya Witt reported that the attendance for Public Hearings for 2018 were higher than in previous years. Thanked all the Commissioners who attended and served as Hearing Officers.
Communications	Commissioner Arvis Spriggs stated that the next meeting will be used to view the updated LACCOA PowerPoint Presentation
Health, Nutrition, and Long-Term Care	Commissioner Mary Alice Sedillo shared a report on mental health and homelessness.
Housing and Transportation	Commissioner Peter Mezza stated that a letter in support of the Adult Residential Facilities funding was submitted for the LACCOA President to sign.
Legislative and Advocacy	Commissioner Jerry Gaines stated that the committee will be meeting after the General Meeting. He encouraged all Commissioners to vote in the November 2018 election.
Membership	Commissioner Raymond Hall discussed recruiting potential new members to LACCOA.
Homeless Ad Hoc	No report.

## **9. Lead Commissioners Updated**

<b>District</b>	<b>Update</b>
First	No report.
Second	No report.
Third	No report.
Fourth	Commissioner Jerry Gaines reported that a meeting was held with the Board Deputy on October 25, 2018. Topics of discussion included L.A. Found and the 2019 Older Americans Recognition Day (OARD) event.
Fifth	President Diana Love stated that the meeting with the District 5 Board Deputy has been postponed.

Guillermo Medina advised Commissioners to notify him of meetings with their respective Board Deputies.

**10. California Senior Legislature (CSL)**

Commissioner Lavada Theus reported that CSL held their annual session in Sacramento, CA on November 1, 2018 and November 2, 2018. She encouraged Commissioners to apply for the CSL membership.

**11. Unfinished Business**

No unfinished business.

**12. New Business**

- President Diana Love discussed forming an Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee to update the LACCOA Bylaws.
- Commissioner Arlene Okamoto commended Commissioner Oleeta Igar, Commissioner Margaret Belton, and the Personal Assistance Service Council Open House that was held on October 31, 2018 at the Endowment Center.

**13. Informational Announcements**

- Commissioner Helen Romero Shaw reminded Commissioners to have the Southern California Gas Company check their water heaters during the winter season.
- Commissioner Arvis Spriggs announced that the Inglewood Senior Center will have a Transportation Fair on November 14, 2018.
- Commissioner Patricia Stanyo stated that the California Alliance of Retired Americans will be meeting on November 28, 2018.

**14. Public Comments**

No public comments.

**15. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be on Monday, January 7, 2019.

**16. Adjourn**

President Diana Love adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.