



# LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION FOR OLDER ADULTS

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Guillermo Medina

**Approved January 6, 2020**

## MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

Monday, November 4, 2019

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
Elvia Torres	Eloise Evans	Robert Boller	Jerry Gaines	Kim Bowman
Sandra Tung	Michael Neely	Kristine Choulakian	Cathy McClure	Gene Dorio
Sylvia Youngblood	Elizabeth Payne	Oleeta Igar	Carmen Reyes	Diana Love
	Lavada Theus	Kyo Jhin	Joshua Sneed	Gayle McKinney
		Barbara Meltzer	Patricia Stanyo	
		Sheila Moore	Tanya Tassi	
		Peter Mezza	Maria Wiest	
		Kiera L. Pollock		

## COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4	District 5
Ruth Gonzales	Yolanda J. Gorman		Louis Dominguez	Arlene Okamoto
John A. Kotick	Richard Wolfe		Raymond Hall	Dancingwater Taylor
Helen Romero Shaw				

Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services (WDACS) Staff in Attendance:  
Anna Avdalyan, Program Manager (PM); Carol Domingo, PM; Richard Franco, PM; Veronica Sigala, PM; Carlos Perez, Human Services Administrator (HSA) III; Solomon Shibeshi, HSA II; Minoli Ratnatunga, Fuse Executive Fellow; Kimberly Madison, Administrative Services Manager (ASM) I; Guillermo Medina, HSA I; Michael Gavigan, HSA I; David Kochen, HSA I; Cinthie Lopez Paz, HSA I; Sarah Poghosyan, HSA I; Miguel Robleto, HSA I; Francisco Wong, HSA I; Lia Nersesian, Management Analyst (MA); Maira Robles, MA; Agueda Covarrubias, Community Service Analyst (CSA) III; Sheri Stanton, CSA III; Barbara Thomas, Sr. Secretary III; Monique Norman, Staff Assistant (SA) II; Sofia Moreno, SA I.

Guests: Laura Trejo, Genethia Hayes, Haley Gallo, Maral Karaccusian

### 1. Call to Order

President Gene Dorio called the Los Angeles County Commission for Older Adults (LACCOA) Meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

## **2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Commissioner Eloise Evans led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **3. Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Jerry Gaines moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Barbara Meltzer seconded the motion. The motion passed.

## **4. Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Barbara Meltzer moved to approve the October 7, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Peter Mezza seconded the motion. The motion passed.

## **5. WDACS Year-End Report**

Anna Avdalyan elaborated on the following:

- Commission will not meet in December 2019.
- Provided the Commissioners with the Year-End Report and accomplishments.
- Area Plan Public Hearings took place at various locations.
- L.A. Found received awards at the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a) in New Orleans, LA.
- WDACS has partnered with the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and applied for a “Home Safe” grant to establish a Homeless Committee for older adults. The grant has been awarded to help homeless older adults in the Adult Protective Services (APS) programs.

## **6. Presentation**

Dr. Kate Wilber from the University of Southern California (USC) provided updates on Purposeful Aging in Los Angeles and the Department of Aging Feasibility Study.

## **7. President’s Report**

- Guillermo Medina asked for volunteers to be on the Ad Hoc Strategic Plan Committee to work on the 2020-2024 Strategic Plan. The goal will be to present it to the Commission for voting in the June 2020 LACCOA General Meeting. Commissioners Kristine Choulakian, Kyo Jhin, Barbara Meltzer, Peter Mezza, Sheila Moore, Joshua Sneed, Lavada Theus, and Sylvia Youngblood volunteered for the committee.
- President Gene Dorio moved to have an Ad Hoc Strategic Plan Committee.  
**MOTION:** Commissioner Jerry Gaines moved to approve the Ad Hoc Strategic Plan Committee. Commissioner Lavada Theus seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- President Gene Dorio and five (5) other Commissioners attended the California Senior Legislature (CSL) meeting in Sacramento, CA in October 2019.
- President Gene Dorio stated that he will be attending the Triple-A-Council of California (TACC) meeting in December 2019.

## **8. Finance Report**

Commissioner Kim Bowman shared the Finance Report with Commissioners.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Patricia Stanyo moved to approve the Finance Report. Commissioner Jerry Gaines seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Commissioner Kim Bowman moved to allow up to three (3) Commissioners to attend the 2020 American Society on Aging (ASA) Conference in Atlanta, GA.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Lavada Theus moved to approve the cost of attending. Commissioner Peter Mezza seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**9. WDACS Presentation - Transportation**

Kimberly Madison shared with the Commissioners and elaborated on the presentation on the New Freedom Transportation Program for older adults.

**10. 2019-2020 COMMITTEES**

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Report</b>
Area Plan	No report
Communications	Commissioner Joshua Sneed notified the Commission that the committee has been working on a check list to provide help and guidelines for those visiting senior centers. Also, the committee has been reviewing and making everyone aware of the Brown Act for meetings.
Health, Nutrition, and Long-Term Care	Commissioner Robert Boller stated that their main focus is to find ways to support older adults with social isolations and loneliness, identify the problems, and find solutions.
Housing and Transportation	Commissioner Peter Mezza stated that the goals and guidelines were finalized for transportation.
Legislative and Advocacy	No report
Membership	Commissioner Diana Love stated that there is one (1) membership application for a final vote. She is unable to request a vote due to a lack of a quorum.

**11. Lead Commissioners Updates**

<b>District</b>	<b>Update</b>
First	No report
Second	No report
Third	No report
Fourth	No report
Fifth	No report

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

President Gene Dorio stated that six (6) Commissioners attended a CSL meeting in Sacramento.

**13. Unfinished Business**

None

**14. New Business**

None

**15. Informational Announcements**

None

**16. Public Comments**

Laura Trejo gave an update on the Master Planning on Aging.

**17. Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 6, 2020.

**18. Adjourn**

President Gene Dorio adjourned the meeting at 12:47 p.m.