



LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION FOR OLDER ADULTS

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Anna Avdalyan, Program Manager

Executive Director
Guillermo Medina

**Minutes approved at the July 6, 2020 Meeting with
correction**

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

Monday, June 8, 2020

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Meeting held via Microsoft Teams (online)

COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE

District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4	District 5
Ruth Gonzales	Eloise Evans	Robert Boller	Louis Dominguez	Kim Bowman
John A. Kotick	Yolanda Gorman	Kristine Choulakian	Jerry Gaines	Gene Dorio
Teresa Palacios	Kimberly Lewis	Oleeta Igar	Raymond Hall	Diana Love
Helen Romero Shaw	Michael Neely		Cathy McClure	
Sylvia Youngblood	Lavada Theus	Barbara Meltzer	Carmen Reyes	
		Peter Mezza	Joshua Sneed	Arlene Okamoto
			Patricia Stanyo	
			Tanya Tassi	

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4	District 5
Elvia Torres	Elizabeth Payne	Kyo Jhin	Maria Wiest	Gayle McKinney
Sandra Tung	Richard Wolfe	Sheila Moore		Aida Morales
		Kiera L. Pollock		Dancingwater Taylor

Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services (WDACS) Staff in Attendance:
Anna Avdalyan, Program Manager; Richard Franco, Program Manager; David Kochen, Human Services Administrator II; Guillermo Medina, Human Services Administrator I, Kimberly Madison, Human Services Administrator I.

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Commissioner Jerry Gaines moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Lavada Theus seconded the motion. The motion passed.

3. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Commissioner Cathy McClure moved to approve the May 4, 2020 minutes. Commissioner Peter Mezza seconded the motion with corrections. The motion passed with corrections.

4. President's Report

President Gene Dorio reported on the following:

- Two (2) Commissioners will be terming out on June 30, 2020. President Gene Dorio thanked Commissioners Kyo Jhin and Richard Wolfe for their service to LACCOA for the last six (6) years.
- Announced that Commissioner Arlene Okamoto will be honored for the 2020 LACCOA LINK Award for her contributions and advocacy to the older adults in Los Angeles County.

5. Finance Report

Commissioner Kim Bowman shared the Finance Report.

6. WDACS Updates

Anna Avdalyan reported on the following:

- All Congregate Meal sites were closed and converted to the Home Delivered Meal program or drive through for pick-up for approximately 25,000 clients.
- Nutrition clients have tripled since the COVID-19 pandemic started.
- Due to the high demand, WDACS contracted with restaurants to meet the demand of new clients with the Great Plates Program.
- WDACS has been working closely with the Personal Assistance Service Council to assist older adults in Los Angeles County with services.
- Announced that May 2020 was Older Americans Month and June 2020 is World Elder Abuse Awareness Month.
- Announced that the Board of Supervisors will be hiring an Inspector General to oversee Nursing Homes in Los Angeles County by July 1, 2020.
- Stated that WDACS has been working with Project Room Key to use hotels and motels to house the homeless during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Richard Franco reported on the following:

- Stated that the Adult Protective Services (APS) Social Workers has gone mobile to assist older adults.
- Stated that since COVID-19 started, there were 4,000 calls received on potential referrals for cases.
- Effective June 30, 2020, protocols will go back to normal with new precautions to take place.
- There was an increase in food emergencies.

Kimberly Madison reported on the following:

- Announced that Critical Delivery Services will deliver vital services to older adults, including meals, household supplies, and other basic needs. The program was able to deliver over 3,700 meals and over 1,600 deliveries of vital necessities.
- The program encourages older adults to stay at home and have their necessities delivered to them.

Guillermo Medina reported on the following:

- Requested that Committee Chairs submit their Annual Committee Report by July 15, 2020 for the LACCOA 2019-2020 Annual Report.
- Announced that the Shatto parking structure was demolished and he is requesting that parking tags for the parking structure be returned.

7. 2019-2020 COMMITTEES

Committee	Report
Area Plan	Commissioner Lavada Theus requested information regarding the Ombudsman program and the long-term care facilities.
Communications	No report.
Health, Nutrition, and Long-Term Care	Commissioner Robert Boller suggest that Commissioners do wellness checks on their neighbors.
Housing and Transportation	No report.
Legislative and Advocacy	Commissioner Jerry Gaines encouraged Commissioners to stay informed regarding potential cuts to senior programs.
Membership	No report.
Ad Hoc Nominating	<p>Guillermo Medina stated that the LACCOA Executive Board requested clarification regarding the 2020-2021 LACCOA Elections and the process. County Counsel stated that since the elections were held after the meeting was held, there would have to be a vote to accept the election process and results. There were two (2) options given. The first is to accept the election results and vote. If any Commissioner objects, the results are void and new elections will need to be held. The second option is to have new elections at the next LACCOA General Meeting. The election will then have to be held live during the meeting. Commissioner Helen Romero Shaw introduced the motion to accept the election process and results.</p> <p>MOTION: To accept the election process and results for the 2020-2021 LACCOA Executive Board. Commissioner Jerry Gaines seconded the motion. The motion did not pass due to Commissioner Raymond Hall objecting to the election process and therefore voiding the results. Guillermo Medina will now seek clarification from County Counsel.</p>
Ad Hoc Strategic Plan	Commissioner Barbara Meltzer reported that the 2020-2024 Strategic Plan will be shared with the LACCOA Executive Board at their next meeting on June 15, 2020 and then shared at the LACCOA General Meeting on July 6, 2020 for final approval.

8. Lead Commissioners Updates

District	Update
First	Commissioner Helen Romero Shaw stated she is working on a virtual meeting with the 1 st District Board Deputy. The 1 st District encourages that all get tested for COVID-19.
Second	Commissioner Lavada Theus stated that a virtual meeting was held in the 2 nd District. The topic of discussion was how to communicate with older adults during the COVID-19 pandemic.
Third	Commissioner Barbara Meltzer is currently working on a scheduling a virtual meeting with the 3 rd District Deputy.

Fourth	Commissioner Jerry Gaines will schedule a meeting with the 4 th District Deputy.
Fifth	No report.

9. California Senior Legislature (CSL) update

Commissioner Lavada Theus stated that Commissioner Diana Love has taken over as Chairperson at the Los Angeles County CSL Caucus.

10. Unfinished Business

None

11. New Business

Commissioner Sylvia Youngblood encouraged LACCOA to write a statement regarding the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on older adults.

12. Informational Announcements

None

13. Public Comments

None

14. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 6, 2020 via Microsoft Teams.

15. Adjourn

President Gene Dorio adjourned the meeting at 12:15 p.m.