



LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION FOR OLDER ADULTS

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MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, September 7, 2021

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
Teresa Palacios	Michael Neely	Kristine Choulakian	Louis Dominguez	Kim Bowman
Helen Romero Shaw	Ernie Powell	Barbara Meltzer	Jerry Gaines	Gene Dorio
Sandra Tung		Kiera L. Pollock	Cathy McClure	Kyo Jhin
Sylvia Youngblood				Aida Morales
				Arlene Okamoto
				Fran Sereseres
				Theodore Smith

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4	District 5
John A. Kotick	Dallian Carter	Robert Boller	Raymond Hall	
Elvia Torres	Eloise Evans	Kimberly Lewis	Carmen Reyes	
	Lavada Theus	Sheila Moore	Joshua Sneed	
			Maria Wiest	

Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services (WDACS) Staff in Attendance:
Guillermo Medina, Human Services Administrator (HSA) I; Andrew West; Sofia Moreno, Staff Assistant (SA) I; Nilda Anthony, Senior Typist Clerk (STC).

1. Call to Order

President Kim Bowman called the Los Angeles County Commission for Older Adults (LACCOA) Meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

2. Attendance by Roll Call

Attendance was taken by voice roll call.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Ted Smith recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Public Comments

None

5. **Panel Discussion – Los Angeles County Department of Public Health COVID-19 Update:**

- Moderated by President Kim Bowman
 - Guest Panel: Chief Science Officer Paul Simon, MD, MPH

6. **President's Update**

President Kim Bowman expressed the following:

- Informed the Commissioners to please log in to the meetings on time to allow time for the items on the agenda.
- Encouraged the Commissioners to come together with the information provided from the presenters to expand with others to advocate as a Commission.
- Met with the CEO and WDACS to discuss what the CEO and WDACS envision in the next steps of LACCOA and what to expect within the following year for the Commission. As of September 1, 2021, phase one will roll out for the merging of the departments and November 1, 2021, we will have the new LACCOA members with 25 appointed Commissioners only.
- Stated the Annual Strategic Planning session has been completed.
- Recommended for Commissioners that have not attended a Commissioners Training in the past two years to attend the training and obtain valuable information to advocate for the LACCOA Commission.

7. **WDACS Department Update**

Guillermo Medina reported the following:

- A few weeks ago, an email was sent to the Commissioners asking for volunteers to be part of a Trust of Communicators Program. Helen Chavez, Associate Director from the Los Angeles County Office of Emergency Management will provide a brief update on what is The Trust of Communicators Program.
- The SOC 242 monthly report from the State of California on the Adult Protective Services (APS) cases and the WDACS report on the programs and services, that are provided for the county, was sent to Commissioners a few weeks ago.
- Reminded all Commissioners that September 14, 2021, is a special election day and that Commissioners send out emails as individuals and not as Commissioners, as we are impartial to all candidates. Emails sent as Commissioners and not individuals might be seen as an indorsement and that is a violation as serving as a Commissioner for Los Angeles County.

8. **Committee Updates**

- Area Plan: Commissioner Sylvia Youngblood reported that Commissioner Michael Nelly met with the city and the county, and a timeframe has been scheduled for the Public Hearing for October 2021. It is scheduled for the first or second week of October 2021 and the Area Plan Chair will be the Hearing Officer and it will only be one meeting and not multiple meetings.
- Communications: Commissioner Ted Smith reported the committee has asked if anyone has any additional information for the newsletter, to please submit it to the Communications Committee or to Guillermo Medina before the next Executive Board meeting to give the committee time to review to present it at the Executive Board meeting.
- Health, Nutrition, & Long-Term Care: Commissioner Barbara Meltzer has no report.
- Housing & Transportation: Commissioner Michael Neely reported that the Housing & Transportation Committee plans to have a meeting to discuss the expiring eviction moratorium in the County of Los Angeles.

- Legislative/Advocacy: Commissioner Jerry Gaines stated that the committee is tracking seven bills that have to do with the issues of older adults. The committee is also observing the calendar to see how we can connect with the strategic planning and standing committees.
- Membership: Commissioner Kristine Choulakian has no report.

9. Lead Commissioners Update:

- District 1: Commissioner Helen Romero Shaw has no report.
- District 2: Commissioner Lavada Theus has no report.
- District 3: Commissioner Barbara Meltzer wants to inform everyone that Commissioner Kiera Pollock has been officially appointed to the Commission by Supervisor Sheila Kuehl.
- District 4: Commissioner Jerry Gaines stated that he was glad to see that Commissioner Louis Dominguez has recovered well.
- District 5: Commissioner Fran Sereseres reported that in Lancaster the Homeless Commission meetings have started again.

10. California Senior Legislature

No report

11. Reordering of and additions to the Agenda

None.

12. Consent Calendar

- Minutes of the August 2021 Regular Meeting (attached)
- Receive and File Reports of the August 2021 Standing Committee Meetings (attached)
 - a) Area Plan
 - b) Communications
 - c) Health, Nutrition, & Long-Term Care
 - d) Housing & Transportation
 - e) Legislative/Advocacy

MOTION: Commissioner Jerry Gaines moved the motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Commissioner Barbara Meltzer seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice roll call.

13. Other Business

- Adopt Fiscal Year 2022 Strategic Plan (attached)

MOTION: Commissioner Jerry Gaines moved the motion to approve the Strategic Plan. Commissioner Barbara Meltzer seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice roll call.

- Creation of Department of Aging Formation Standing Committee Resolved: A Department of Aging Formation Standing Committee ("Committee") be created to advise and liaise with the leadership of the new Los Angeles County Department of Aging, as well as those individuals and organizations in and outside of Los Angeles County government responsible for the creation and development of the Department of Aging. The Committee shall be composed of five-members, one member from each Supervisorial District. Committee members, page 2 of 4, of the Strategic Plan shall be selected by vote of the members of each Supervisorial District no later than September 30, 2021. Upon its first meeting, the Committee shall elect a Chair and Vice Chair as well as establish a Mission Statement and objectives, to be reported to the Los Angeles County Commission for Older Adults at the next General meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Jerry Gaines moved the motion to approve the creation of the Department of Aging Formation Standing Committee. Commissioner Cathy McClure seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice roll call.

14. Commission Member Comments

Commissioner Fran Sereseres requested that a list of Commissioners from District 5 be provided.

15. Staff Comments

- Guillermo Medina requested that committee chairs to please submit their agendas and reports by the end of this week and prepare the agenda for next month as soon as you can.
- Guillermo Medina announced that we were honored at the 24th Annual Productivity Quality Awards for having the virtual Aging Mastering Program this year

16. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 4, 2021, via Microsoft Teams.

17. Adjourn

President Kim Bowman adjourned the meeting at 12:07 p.m.