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Approved on January 10, 2022

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

Monday, December 6, 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
John A. Kotick	Michael Neely	Robert Boller	Louis Dominguez	Kim Bowman
Teresa Palacios	Ernie Powell	Kristine Choulakian	Jerry Gaines	Gene Dorio
Helen Romero Shaw	Lavada Theus	Barbara Meltzer	Raymond Hall	Fran Sereseres
Elvia Torres		Kimberly Lewis	Cathy McClure	Theodore Smith
Sandra Tung		Sheila Moore	Joshua Sneed	
Sylvia Youngblood		Kiera L. Pollock		

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4	District 5
	Dallian Carter		Maria Wiest	Kyo Jhin
	Eloise Evans			Aida Morales
				Arlene Okamoto

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 10:00 a.m.

2. **Attendance by Roll Call**

Attendance was taken by voice roll call.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Commissioner Theodore Smith recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. **Meeting via Teleconference (AB 361)**

- LACCOA has considered the circumstances of the State of Emergency, as defined in Section 8625 of the California Emergency Services Act (Article I (commencing with Section 8550) of Chapter 7 of Division 1 of Title 2);

- The State of Emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person; and
- State or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

Therefore, be it resolved: LACCOA shall meet telephonically consistent with the Ralph M. Brown Act as amended by the provisions of Assembly Bill (AB) 361. **MOTION:** Commissioner Louis Dominguez moved the motion to approve the Teleconference (AB 361) as written. Commissioner Barbara Meltzer seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice roll call.

5. **Public Comments**

None

6. **Presentation:**

WDACS Report:

- Guest Panel: Epifanio Peinado; Supervising Administrator
 - a) Gave a status update on the new Los Angeles County Department of Aging and Disability (Phase I Implementation)
 - b) PowerPoint slides will be shared after the meeting.

7. **President's Update**

President Kim Bowman reported the following:

- He has been tracking the updates from the Board of Supervisors about the formation of a separate department for aging which includes the restructure of LACCOA.
- The language for the mission of LACCOA has been updated.
- A draft of the Bylaws has been provided and a meeting will take place with the Ad Hoc Committee to review and provide last inputs before presenting it at the LACCOA Meeting in January 2022 and for a final vote at the February meeting.
- The draft of the eLink newsletter is being reviewed by WDACS and it will be to published once approved.

8. **WDACS Department Update**

See item 16 Staff Comments below.

9. **Committee Updates**

- **Area Plan:** Commissioner Sylvia Youngblood reported the following:
 - A letter will be drafted by the committee addressed to WDACS, to the City of Los Angeles Department of Aging, and to the Board of Supervisors stating the position of the Area Plan and the Public Hearing input in terms of what they would like in the years moving forward.
 - Discussed the motion to request additional Public Hearings.
 - Commissioners attendance and participation of the last Public Hearing input and the emails that went to the Commissioners.
 - Discussions to make more of an effort to be able to address the needs of the target populations within the Area Plan.
- **Communications:** Commissioner Ted Smith reported that they have been working on the eLink newsletter with the help of Commissioners Gene Dorio and Barbara Meltzer. Commissioner Smith encouraged other Commissioners to provide input from their respective districts for future eLink newsletters.

- **Department of Aging Advisory Committee:** Commissioner Helen Romero Shaw reported that the committee has been reviewing the ordinance and a discussion will take place regarding the information that was provided by WDACS during their presentation.
- **Health, Nutrition, & Long-Term Care:** Commissioner Barbara Meltzer stated that the panel for the presentation that will take place at the January 10, 2022 meeting is called “Renewing and Restoring in the Time of COVID.”
- **Housing & Transportation:** Commissioner Michael Neely reported that the committee met to recap the guest speakers that they have had in the previous months.
- **Legislative/Advocacy:** Commissioner Jerry Gaines stated that the committee will continue to discuss their role within LACCOA and WDACS with the upcoming changes to the department. The committee have considered to provide input to the letter that was given to them by the Health, Nutrition, & Long-Term Care Committee
- **Membership:** Commissioner Kristine Choulakian had no report.

10. Lead Commissioners Update

- District 1: Commissioner Helen Romero Shaw shared Supervisor Hilda Solis’ last newsletter input, where she continues to express her concerns about COVID and people not getting vaccinated.
- District 2: Commissioner Lavada Theus has no report
- District 3: Commissioner Barbara Meltzer has no report.
- District 4: Commissioner Jerry Gaines reported on the press release provided by Supervisor Hahn regarding the new Aging and Disability department.
- District 5: Commissioner Fran Sereseres has no report.

11. California Senior Legislature (CSL)

Commissioner Lavada Theus reported that CSL will start the trainings in March 2022.

12. Reordering of and additions to the Agenda

None

13. Consent Calendar

- Minutes of the November 2021 Regular Meeting (attached)
 - Receive and File Reports of the November 2021 Standing Committee Meetings (attached)
 - a) Communications
 - b) Health, Nutrition, & Long-Term Care
 - c) Housing & Transportation
 - d) Legislative/Advocacy
 - Reschedule LACCOA January general meeting from January 3, 2022 to January 10, 2022.
- MOTION:** Commissioner Jerry Gaines moved the motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Commissioner Fran Sereseres seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice roll call.

14. Other Business

None

15. Commission Member Comments

- Commissioner Ted Smith announced that the Board of Supervisors meeting is tomorrow, December 7, 2021, and item number 22 on page 19, WDACS is going to be addressing their budget. Commissioner Smith also stated that every year the Board of Supervisors have a ceremony which is called “Ceremonial Honors for the Deceased Under Unclaimed” to acknowledge and honor those who have passed away and whose bodies go unclaimed.

16. Staff Comments

Guillermo Medina reported the following:

- The Commissioners that are phasing out will continue to receive emails. The meetings are public, so you are encouraged to attend.
- The iPads from the City Department of Aging will be at the new building and an email will be sent to those that are interested, the email will provide the qualifications.
- Committee Chairs please submit your agenda for the next meeting in a timely manner. Under the Brown Act, agendas need to post 72 hours before the meeting.
- The videos are almost uploaded to the Link newsletter, and we are still working with IT.
- A survey was sent out last week to everyone regarding meeting in person. If someone did not receive it, the survey will be sent to you.

17. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 10, 2022, via Microsoft Teams.

18. Adjourn

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