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Minutes Approved on 05/01/2023

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

Monday, April 3, 2023
 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE

District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4	District 5
John A. Kotick	Carlene A. Davis	Barbara Meltzer	Louis Dominguez	Fran Sereseres
Helen Romero Shaw	Scott Houston	Kiera L. Pollock	Jerry Gaines	Ted Smith
Elvia Torres	Michael Neely		Karen J. Reside	Mary Winners
Rachel Valenzuela Kirk	Lavada Theus			

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4	District 5
Sandra Tung	Ernie Powell	Robert Boller	Cathy McClure	Kim Bowman
		Sheila Moore		Kyo Paul Jhin

Aging & Disabilities Department (AD) Staff in Attendance:

Guillermo Medina, Human Services Administrator (HSA)I; Sofia Moreno, Staff Assistant (SA) I;
 Janet Georgy, Senior Typist Clerk (STC).

1. Call to Order

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Rachael Valenzuela Kirk recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Public Comments

None

4. **Presentation**

- Panel: Emergency Preparedness Overview:
Chief Executive Officer, Office of Emergency Management
 - Guest Panelist: Emily Montanez, Associate Director; and Bryan La Sota, Emergency Management Coordinator III.

5. **President's Update**

President Helen Romero Shaw reported the following:

- Welcomed the new Commissioner Rachel Valenzuela Kirk from District 1.
- Provided a brief review on what LACCOA is and what the Commissioners represent in the Commission.
- Discussed the importance of attendance to all meetings for the Commission. Regarding the Commissioners that are not attending the meetings, a recommendation letter will be sent to the Board Office for termination.

6. **Aging & Disabilities Department Staff Report**

Guillermo Medina reported the following:

- LACCOA will start preparing for the June 2023 LACCOA Annual Meeting. The Deputy from District 4 will be invited to swear in the new officers after our elections.
- The Pandemic Task Force meeting will be held April 11, 2023.
- Area Plan for 2024 – 2028.
- The Area Plan Update for 2020 - 2024 was passed by the Board of Supervisors and will need a signature.

MOTION: Commissioner Michael Neely moved the motion to withhold signing the 2020 – 2024 Area Plan Update until the Aging & Disabilities Department agrees to provide a copy to the Commissioners. The Commissioners would like an analysis that reflects the differences between the 2020 - 2024 Area Plan Update and the 2024 - 2028 Area Plan. Commissioner John Kotick seconded the motion. The motion passed.

- Older American Recognition Day (OARD) will be held on Thursday, May 25, 2023.
- The California Association of Area Agencies on Aging (C4A) Conference will be held May 9, 2023, through May 11, 2023, in Glendale, CA.
- An email was sent to Commissioners on the Southern California Caregiver Support Study.
- A COVID-19 Booster Clinic is on April 8, 2023, at the Centro Maravilla Service Center.
- A workshop on Rent Stabilization is on March 30, 2023.
- March 31, 2023 is the official end of the COVID-19 Pandemic Statewide.
- The Pasadena Convention Center will have a Metro workshop on May 18, 2023.
- On April 4, 2023, a webinar will be held on LGBTQ+ Inclusive Planning for the State Units for the Area Plan.

7. **Committee Updates**

- **Area Plan:** Commissioner Fran Sereseres submitted a written report.
- **Communications and Outreach:** Commissioner Ted Smith submitted a written report.
- **Issues and Education:** Commissioner Barbara Meltzer submitted a written report.
- **Legislative and Advocacy:** Commissioner Jerry Gaines submitted a written report.
- **Nominating Committee:** Commissioner Ted Smith submitted a written report.

2023 - 2024 Slate of Officers

President:	Helen Romero Shaw
Vice President:	Lavada Theus
Secretary/Treasurer:	Ted Smith

8. Lead Commissioners Update

- **District 1:** Commissioner John Kotick has no report.
- **District 2:** Commissioner Michael Neely reported that they discussed the 2024 - 2028 Area Plan and the 2020 - 2024 Area Plan Update. We are also working on trying to incorporate the District 2 Deputy to be able to conduct Town Hall meetings with the Board Supervisor in order to find the wants and needs for the community in District 2.
- **District 3:** Commissioner Barbara Meltzer has no report.
- **District 4:** Commissioner Jerry Gaines reported that they planning to have Supervisor Janice Hahn go to the San Pedro Office and have a sit-down meeting with the Deputies.
- **District 5:** Commissioner Fran Sereseres reported that they are trying to meet with the District 5 Deputy to have the rides and field trips back in service.

9. California Senior Legislature (CSL)

Commissioner Lavada Theus reported that the Senior Rally Day is May 2, 2023. There is a list of new bills that are up for consideration, and she will send them to the chairperson on legislative for all Commissioners to review.

10. Reordering of and Additions to the Agenda

None

11. Consent Calendar

- Minutes of the March 2023 Regular Meeting (attached)
- Communications and Outreach March 2023 Report
- Issues and Educations March 2023 Report
- Legislative/Advocacy March 2023 Report

MOTION: Commissioner Jerry Gaines moved the motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Commissioner John Kotick seconded the motion. The motion passed.

12. New Business

None

13. Commission Member Comments (limit two minutes)

None

14. Public Comments

None

15. Guillermo Medina's Report:

None

16. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 1, 2023.

17. Adjourn

President Helen Romero Shaw adjourned the meeting at 12:21 p.m.