



## COMMISSION ON AGING GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, May 11, 2026 – 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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### Minutes Summary

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**RECORDER:** Amy Dietz, Staff, Area Agency on Aging (AAA)

**LOCATION:** Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority - 1600 Los Gamos Rd., Ste. 335, San Rafael

**PRESENT:** Alexovich, Barry, Binkley, Brown, Clemmons, Denton Cohen, Doodha, Elkin, López, Ng, Notowich, Phegan, Rubens, Sadowsky, Smith, Winer

**EXCUSED:** Bortel     **ABSENT:** Gould

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#### **Presentation and Topic**

1:30-2:30 p.m. - "3 Cheers: Bringing a Proven Respite Care Model to Marin"

#### **Call to Order and Roll Call:**

Chair Denton Cohen called the meeting to order at 2:45 p.m.

#### **Approval of Agenda**

Motion/Seconded/Carried (M/S/C) – Phegan/Elkin/16-0

#### **Approval of Minutes as Written**

April 13, 2026: M/S/C – Lopez/Brown

- Commissioner Brown made a motion to amend the minutes to include under the Secretary Brown report "from candidates for Supervisor in Districts 1 and 5."

#### **Open Time for Public Expression on Matters not on the Agenda**

- Salamah Locks: Attended Senior Day Rally in Sacramento. The Ca. Senior Legislature recommends: AB 1819, AB 1359, AB1672, AB2674, SB 971, and SB 102.
  - Planning, Legislative, and Communications (PLC) Committee Chair Lopez stated that would be discussed at the next PLC meeting.
- Commissioner Notowich: There will be a listening session on issues impacting older adults in District 2 on May 28 from 10 a.m-12 p.m at Marin Art and Garden Center.

- Commissioner Elkin: There is a Senior Fair at Margaret Todd Senior Center on May 20 from 12 p.m – 2 p.m.
- Commissioner Barry: There is a Rotary organized senior event on May 16 at the Civic Center Lagoon.

### **AAI and Master Plan on Aging Update (Winer)**

- Commissioners Winer and Doodha are on the Steering Committee.
- Marin County is underway in developing a comprehensive plan with a multi-group steering committee.

### **California Senior Legislature Election**

- Assembly member:
  - Candidate Fred Silverman: 15 yes; 0 no; 1 abstain.
- Senator:
  - Candidate Lopez: 15 yes; 0 no; 1 abstain.

### **Commission Officer Elections**

- Chair (Nominees: Commissioner Barry and Commissioner Elkin).
  - Barry:
    - 4 yes
  - Elkin:
    - 11 yes
  - Abstain
    - 1
  - Next year's Chair will be Commissioner Elkin.
- Vice-Chair (Nominee: Commissioner Clemmons)
  - Clemmons
    - 14 yes, 2 abstain
  - Next year's Vice-Chair will be Commissioner Clemmons
- Secretary (Nominee: Commissioner Winer)
  - Winer
    - 14 yes, 2 abstain
  - Next year's Secretary will be Commissioner Winer

### **Committee/Reports & Chairs**

Equity and Inclusion: Commissioner Ng

- At the last meeting there was a presentation by LITA.
- Next meeting is May 20 at 4 p.m. at San Geronimo Valley Community Center.

Health/Nutrition: Commissioner Brown

- Committee developed a PPT on Social Isolation.
- May 18 meeting will feature Dan Steckline, Ombudsman.

Housing/Transportation: Commissioner Barry

- Last meeting was at Canal Alliance.
- Fire Safe Marin will speak at the next meeting.

Planning, Legislation, and Communications (PLC): Commissioner Rubens

- There will be another iteration of the MCCOA PowerPoint this week.
- There will be an update on bills being followed.

## **Chair and Officers' Reports**

Chair Denton Cohen –

- Scam Jam was successful and well attended.
- BOS presentation moved from May 19 to June 23.
- Chief Fiscal Officer Ahmed will provide and distribute written comments about financial audit.

Vice Chair Kay Winer – None

Secretary Brown –

- Staffed “What About Age?” Transportation Fair.

## **Aging and Adult Services (AAS) Report and Announcements**

Jenay Cottrell, AAS Director and Camille Jolly, AAA Program Manager –

- Congratulated the new slate of officers.
- May is Older Americans Month – theme : “Champion Your Health.”
- There will be a County training on revisions to the Brown Act. Staff will take it first, then will be opened to commissioners.
- There is a website update – changing from .org to .gov
- Staff member Dietz will be conducting program monitoring’s for nutrition programs. Commissioners are to email AAA Program Manager Jolly if they would like to participate.
- C4A new Priorities – 1. Strengthening organization/ being assertive in advocacy, 2. Focus on information and assistance and 3. Caregiving.
- Biannually commissioners must take a requisite two-hour ethics training. Has been emailed by staff member Gary Lara.
- Resource Guide is being printed soon.

## **Commissioner Survey by Phegan:**

- At last meeting, Commissioner Phegan distributed a survey, “Measuring Commission Success.”
- The results were distributed with the meeting packet.

## **New Business Items for the Next Agenda:**

None

**Adjournment:** 4:34 p.m.

M/S/C – Rubens/Brown 13-0.

- Commissioners Binkley, Lopez, and Barry left early.

**Next meeting date: Monday, June 8, 2026**