MILWAUKEE COUNTY
COMMISSION ON AGING

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 9, 2026

The Executive Committee members convened virtually on Friday, January 6, 2026. Members and attendees joined the virtual meeting hosted on Zoom with video and call options.

Members Present
Denise Callaway, *Chairwoman*
Eugene Guszkowski, *Vice Chair*
Brian Peters, *Legislative Officer*
George Banda, *Secretary*

Members Absent
Paula Penebaker, *Member at Large*

Milwaukee County Staff
Daniel Idzikowski, *DHHS, ADS, AAA*

Attendees
Steph Zito, ASL Interpreter
Jill Kenehan-Krey, ASL Interpreter

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL

Chair Denise Callaway called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. and the Chair took roll. A quorum was present.

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 12, 2025, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: To approve November 12, 2025, Executive Committee meeting minutes.
ACTION: Motion prevailed by unanimous consent (Peters Moved, Banda Second).

III. Aging Network Updates, Daniel Idzikowski, AAA Director

Informational Item, Director Idzikowski provided an update on the aging network. The Committee asked for three priority areas for attention in the next three months. Idzikowski identified Nutrition Services funding and programming, federal government funding, and senior center developments.

IV. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

a) Action/Informational Item, Appointments to Committees and Councils
Chair Denise Callaway made the following Commissioner appointments:

Chair, Advocacy Committee: Commissioner Brian Peters
Chair, Service Delivery Committee: Commissioner George Banda
Chair, Senior Centers Committee: Commissioner Gene Guszkowski
Liaison, Aging Advisory Council: Commissioner Paula Penebaker

b) Update on Candidates to the Commission on Aging

The Executive Committee discussed ongoing efforts to recruit candidates for the Commission on Aging and its associated committees and councils. Chair Callaway will check with the County Executive's Office to determine whether any appointments are in the cue. Commissioner Marni King has moved her residence out of Milwaukee County thus creating an additional vacancy. With the completion of Gloria Miller's term in January, there will be four vacant slots. Concern was also expressed that Supervisor Juan Miguel Martinez has not yet been sworn in as a Commissioner. Chair Callaway will seek a meeting with Supervisor Martinez to determine his commitment level.

c) Updates on new Non-Commission Candidates to the COA Committees/Councils.
No candidates presented.

d) Discussion Item: Select Committee on Community Engagement.
Discussion was tabled until the Commission on Aging meeting.

e) Setting the January 23, 2026, Commission on Aging meeting agenda.
The Committee set the agenda for the January 23, 2026 Commission on Aging meeting.

f) Informational Item, Announcements.
The Executive Committee will meet on the 2nd Friday of the month at 9:00 am in 2026.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting.
ACTION: Motion prevailed by unanimous consent (Guszkowski moved, Banda second).

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 13, 2026 at 9 a.m. by Zoom.

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Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Idzikowski
AAA Director

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