



MILWAUKEE COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
& HUMAN SERVICES
**AGING & DISABILITIES
SERVICES**

SENIOR CENTER COMMITTEE MEETING JANUARY 9, 2026

The Senior Center Committee members convened at Wilson Park 2601 W. Howard Ave. Milwaukee, WI 53221, with hybrid options.

Members Present

Commissioner Eugene Guskowski,
Chair
Commissioner Mark Behar
Ted Rehl
Commissioner
Crocker Stephenson,
Vice-Chair
Alice Steuck Konkel
Howard Snyder
Cherie Swenson

Members Excused

Kent Mayfield
Amber Miller
Commissioner Terrence R. Moore Sr.
Ramona Dicks Williams

Staff Present

Michelle Allison *DHHS*
Emily Kenney *DHHS*
Jill Knight, *DHHS*
Daniel Idzikowski *DHHS*
Ortrialla Paris, *DHHS*
Emily Petersen *DHHS*

Attendees from the Public

Commissioner Denise Callaway
Shannon Downie, *SOA*
Vera Ford
Maxine May
Commissioner Janice Wilberg

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Eugene Guskowski called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. Jill Knight AAA Program Coordinator took roll; a quorum was present.

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 5, 2025, SENIOR CENTER COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: To accept the December 5, 2025, Senior Center Committee meeting minutes

ACTION: Motion prevailed by unanimous consent (Behar Moved, Konkel Second)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was amended as follows: moving Item V: Updated on Senior Center Development to Item III.

III. UPDATE ON SENIOR CENTER DEVELOPMENT

Daniel Idzikowski, Director of Aging Services, provided an update on Senior Center Development. The discussion covered all five senior centers as well as the Wil-O-Way facility. Director Idzikowski noted significant structural and maintenance concerns, emphasizing that necessary repairs would involve substantial costs. Budget considerations for fiscal years 2026 and 2027 were also addressed in relation to facility needs and funding strategies. No action was taken.

IV. FORMATION OF A FOUNDATION TO SUPPORT SENIOR CENTERS, AND CONVERSATIONAL GROUPS UPDATE

Chair Eugene Guskowski provided a brief overview of these two items. The Committee also reviewed and discussed a recent news editorial related to these topics. No action was taken.

V. 2026 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS UPDATES

Meetings Begin at 1:00 p.m. Date and Location Subject to Change

- February 6- Wilson Park Senior Center
- March 6- Wilson Park Senior Center
- **April 3- Marica Coggs Building 1230 W. Cherry Street (Crowley Room 104)**
- May 1- Washington Park Senior Center
- June 5- Washington Park Senior Center
- July- NO MEETING
- August 7- Washington Park Senior Center
- September 4- Kelly Senior Center
- October 2- Kelly Senior Center
- November 6- Kelly Senior Center
- **December 4- Marica Coggs Building 1230 W. Cherry Street (Crowley Room 104)**

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION To adjourn the meeting at 3:09 p.m.

ACTION: Motion prevailed by unanimous consent (Ted moved, Behar second)

Respectfully submitted,

Ortrialla Paris
AAA Administrative Assistant