



MILWAUKEE COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
& HUMAN SERVICES

**AGING & DISABILITIES
SERVICES**

COMMISSION ON AGING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OCTOBER 13, 2023

The Executive Committee members convened virtually on Friday, October 13, 2023. Members and attendees joined the virtual meeting hosted on Microsoft Teams with video and call options.

Members Present

Janice Wilberg, *Chairwoman*
Amber Miller, *Vice-Chair*
Elliott Moeser, *Legislative Officer*

Members Excused

Terrence Moore Sr., *Secretary*

Milwaukee County Staff Present

Daniel Idzikowski, *DHHS, ADS, AAA*
Vonda Nyang, *DHHS, ADS, AAA*

Attendees

Nelsinia Ramos

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL

Chair Janice Wilberg called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. The chair did a visual roll call. A quorum was then present.

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 14, 2023, AND SEPTEMBER 11, 2023, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: To approve the August 14, 2023, Executive Committee meeting minutes.

ACTION: Motion prevailed by unanimous consent (Miller Moved, Moeser Second).

MOTION: To approve the September 11, 2023, Executive Committee meeting minutes.

ACTION: Motion prevailed by unanimous consent (Moeser Moved, Miller Second).

III. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Informational Item, Update on Commission on Aging Vacancies, Schinika Fitch, Director of Community Relations, County Executive's Office:

The Department of Health and Human Services, Aging and Disabilities Services, Area Agency on Aging Director Daniel Idzikowski confirmed that Director Schinika Fitch is no longer working at the County Executive's Office. The County Executive's Deputy Chief of Staff, Tim

Schabo, is temporarily filling in for Director Fitch's position until it can be filled. Director Idzikowski will follow up with Deputy Schabo to confirm his attendance at the Executive Committee and Commission on Aging meetings.

Legislative Officer Elliot Moeser announced he would not be seeking to serve a second term on the Commission on Aging. Chair Wilberg asked that he stay on the Commission until a replacement can be found. The Chair and Vice-Chair expressed their regrets that he has decided not to continue on the Commission. The Executive Committee discussed Commissioner Griffith's second term, which ends next month. Director Idzikowski is working with the County Executive's Office to have a proclamation drafted for Commissioner Griffith to be presented to him at his last Commission meeting as a Commissioner in November. Chair Wilberg discussed a new appointee moving through the approval process, Mr. Mark Behar. The Executive Committee hopes he will be approved before the end of the year and discussed the number of upcoming Commission vacancies.

B. Action Item, Executive Committee meeting dates 2023/2024: Chair Wilberg noted that the Executive Committee meetings are all set for this year. The Executive Committee needs to discuss the location of the Commission on Aging meetings.

C. Action Item, Non-Commissioner Committee and Council Member Nominations: Legislative Officer and Chair of the Advocacy Committee, Elliott Moeser, announced that his Vice-Chair, Sharon Jackson, has resigned. Ms. Jackson will stay on the Advocacy Committee until November, when they need to find a replacement. The Executive Committee briefly discussed the appointment process for appointing non-Commissioner members to the Committees and Councils.

D. Informational Item, Livable Communities Initiative: Chair Wilberg informed the Executive Committee that Tim Schabo informed her there would be an internal meeting to decide the next steps with the initiative. Chair Wilberg told Mr. Schabo that the Livable Communities Initiative is a local collaborative effort with the Commission on Aging and AARP nationally.

E. Action Item, Setting the October 27, 2023, Commission on Aging meeting agenda: The Executive Committee discussed the upcoming Commission meetings for October, November, and December. Wilson Park Senior Center is unavailable to host the Commission on Aging meetings for the rest of the year. Executive Assistant Vonda Nyang investigated possible other locations (Washington Park Senior Center, Clinton Rose Senior Center, Bader Foundation, United Community Center, and YMCT) to host the next two regularly scheduled meetings. Ms. Nyang informed the Executive Committee that the Bader Foundation couldn't host. However,

Clinton Rose was available for the October and November dates. Ms. Nyang informed the Executive Committee that other meeting logistics needed to be coordinated, which would affect the scheduling of the meetings, including scheduling interpreters and securing hybrid equipment to have a hybrid meeting. Chair Wilberg suggested United Way would be another alternative. The dates and locations for the meetings are as follows:

- October 27, 2023 – Washington Park Senior Center from 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.
- November 17, 2023 – Clinton Rose Senior Center from 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.
- December 8, 2023 – In-person or virtually

Chair Wilberg asked if there is a permanent location for the Commission to have its meetings. Director Idzikowski indicated that due to the construction at the Coggs Building and the programming at the senior centers, the Commission doesn't have a permanent meeting place. A person from the public attended today's meeting and needed assistance. Director Idzikowski asked her for her contact information so he could follow up with her after the meeting.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:58 a.m.

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting.

ACTION: Motion prevailed by unanimous consent (Moeser Moved, A. Miller Second).

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 17, 2023, at 9 a.m. (virtual and audio) on Microsoft Teams.

Respectfully submitted,

Vonda Nyang,
Executive Assistant