



**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 8, 2026**

The Executive Committee members convened virtually on Friday, May 8, 2026. Members and attendees joined the virtual meeting hosted on Zoom.

Members Present

Eugene Guszowski, *Vice Chair*
Brian Peters, *Legislative Officer*
George Banda, *Secretary*

Members Excused

Denise Callaway, *Chairwoman*
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

In the absence of Chair Denise Callaway, Vice Chair Eugene Guszowski called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. and Secretary Banda called the roll. A quorum was present.

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF APRIL 10, 2026, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: To approve April 10, 2026, Executive Committee meeting minutes.

ACTION: Motion prevailed by unanimous consent (Banda Moved, Peters Second).

III. AGING NETWORK UPDATES

Director Idzikowski provided an update on the following items:

- Advocacy and Policy Manager Emily Petersen has accepted a new position with GWAAR. The AAA will rehire for this position.
- A tentative deal has been reached to secure new locations for the former McGovern senior center participants to gather for programming.

IV. COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS AND NOMINATIONS

A. Appointments to Committees and Councils (None).

B. Update on Candidates to the Commission on Aging.

No updates were presented on candidates to the Commission:

- **Maxine May** (considered by the County Executive for appointment)
- **Barbara Toles** (considered by County Executive for appointment)
- **Alan Goodman** (considered by County Executive for appointment)

C. Update on Non-Commission Candidates to the COA Committees/Councils. None to consider.

D. Suburban Nominee to the Commission. A reminder that the Commission needs to fill one position with a commissioner from a suburb to meet Ordinance requirements.

V. EMERGENT PUBLIC POLICY ISSUES

Commissioner Brian Peters, Legislative Liaison, noted that the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Commission released its draft 2027-2028 Qualified Action Plan. The QAP was released with little notice this week and comments are due on Friday. The Advocacy Committee is not scheduled to meet before this time, but comments are within the scope of approved advocacy priorities. Chair Callaway and Legislative Officer Callaway have reviewed a draft response on behalf of the Commission. Concerns included no bonus points for developments for older adults, no set aside for senior housing, the elimination of strategic guidelines, a reduction in the points awarded for very low-income housing, and a very small point value for developments that include older adult housing combined with large family housing.

MOTION: To submit comments on the 2026 WHEDA Qualified Allocation Plan today requesting set asides and increased point values for older adult housing.

ACTION: Motion prevailed unanimously (Banda motion, Peters second).
Committee had

VI. SETTING THE MAY 22, 2026 COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING AGENDA

The Committee discussed the draft included and set the agenda for the May 22, 2026 Commission on Aging meeting.

MOTION: To approve the agenda for the May 22, 2026 Commission on Aging meeting as amended.

ACTION: Motion prevailed by unanimous consent (Peters moved, Banda second).

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Wednesday, May 27th 4:00pm In-District Advocacy Day (Clinton Rose Senior Center)

B. Wednesday, May 27th– National Senior Health and Fitness Day (Milwaukee Community Crossroads and United Community Center)

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting.

ACTION: Motion prevailed by unanimous consent (Banda moved, Peters second).

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 12, 2026 at 9 a.m. by Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel Idzikowski, Aging Services Director