



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

SENIOR CENTER COMMITTEE MEETING DECEMBER 5, 2025

The Senior Center Committee members convened at Kelly Senior Center 6100 S. Drive Milwaukee, WI 53110, with hybrid options.

Members Present

Commissioner Eugene Guskowski,
Chair
Commissioner Mark Behar
Ted Rehl
Commissioner
Crocker Stephenson,
Vice-Chair
Alice Steuck Konkel
Howard Snyder
Ramona Dicks Williams
Kent Mayfield

Members Excused Continued...

Commissioner Terrence R. Moore Sr.
Cherie Swenson
Amber Miller

Staff Present

Carrie Koss Vallejo *DHHS*
Emily Kenney *DHHS*
Jill Knight, *DHHS*
Ortrialla Paris, *DHHS*

Attendees from the Public

Maxine May
Michael Vanblaricum, SOA

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Eugene Guskowski called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. Jill Knight, AAA Coordinator took roll; a quorum was present.

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 7, 2025, SENIOR CENTER COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: To accept the November 7, 2025, Senior Center Committee meeting minutes

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

III. REPORT TO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGARDING STATUS OF THE MILWAUKEE COUNTY SENIOR CENTERS This item was skipped.

IV. UPDATE ON PROGRAMMING AND MEAL SITE SUPERVISION CONTRACT AT THE MILWAUKEE COUNTY SENIOR CENTERS

Jill Knight reported that the intent to award the 2026 contract to Serving Older Adults (SOA) has been sent to President & CEO Michael Van Blaricom. SOA will serve as the contracted provider for 2026, with a possible three-year renewal option. It was noted that the program description will be attached to the 2026 contract.

V. UPDATE ON SENIOR CENTERS

Chair Eugene Guskowski reported that construction at the Clinton Rose Center, is underway, with a \$4 million upgrade expected to finish in 6-8 months, serving as a test case for its impact on programming and community engagement. Wilson and Washington Park Centers reported only mechanical improvements last year. McGovern is exploring alternative spaces. Under consideration are Embassy Church, Browning School, and Midtown Center which offers over 100,000 square feet and potential accommodations for a library and Election Commission offices. Chair Guskowski, provided a brief report on a recent meeting with the Kelly/Bucyrus Erie development team to review and discuss the project design.

VI. CONVERSATIONAL GROUP UPDATE

The committee discussed updates regarding the conversational group and its four subgroups. The group remains in the early stages of organization. Committee heads identified as follows: Eugene Guskowski, Alice Steuck Konkel, Mark Behar, and Crocker Stephenson. No motions were made during this discussion.

VII. 2026 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

- January 9, 2026, - Wilson Park
- April 3, 2026, - Marcia Coggs Human Services Center
- December 4, 2026, - Marcia Coggs Human Services Center

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 2:52 p.m.

ACTION: Motion prevailed by unanimous consent (

Sincerely,

Ortrialla Paris
AAA Administrative Assistant