



**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 9, 2025**

The Executive Committee members convened virtually on Friday, May 9, 2025. Members and attendees joined the virtual meeting hosted on Zoom with video and call options.

Members Present

Janice Wilberg, *Chairwoman*
Terrence Moore Sr, *Vice-Chair*
Brian Peters, *Legislative Officer*
Amber Miller, *At Large Member*

Members Absent

Gloria Miller, *Secretary*

Milwaukee County Staff

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

Attendees

Jill Kenehan-Krey, *ASL Interpreter*
Stephanie Zito, *ASL Interpreter*

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL

Chair Janice Wilberg called the meeting to order at 9 a.m., and Chair Wilberg took role. A quorum of committee members was present.

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 14, 2025, AND APRIL 15, 2025, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: To approve the March 14, 2025, Executive Committee meeting minutes.

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

MOTION: To approve the April 15, 2025, Executive Committee meeting minutes.

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

III. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

- a) **Action/Informational Item, Update on Candidates to the Commission on Aging, (COA), and Non-Commission Candidates to COA's Committees and Councils:** Chair Janice Wilberg and AAA Director Daniel Idzikowski discussed County Supervisor Juan Miguel Martinez's appointment to the Commission on Aging (COA) but have not received updates from Tim Schabo.

Chair Wilberg noted that Commissioners Cindy Van Vreede, Terrence Moore Sr., and Eugene Guskowski are eligible for renomination as their terms expire this year.

Director Idzikowski announced new nominations to the Advocacy Committee, including Tom Suchecki and Kathy Scott. The Executive Committee agreed to advance their candidacies for confirmation by the full Commission in May.

Candidates for the Aging Advisory Council are being vetted and will be presented to the Advisory Council next week for consideration.

Additionally, potential candidate Hemavathy Lakshmanan for the Service Delivery Committee wishes to attend a meeting before deciding.

- b) Informational Item, Aging Network Updates, AAA Director Daniel Idzikowski:** Idzikowski reported that DHHS has been given a \$2 million decrease in its 2026 tax levy target. He highlighted concerns over public health funding cuts, which could impact the Older Americans Act IIIID funds and the potential elimination of Americorps and key programs such as Senior Companions, Foster Grandparents, and Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP). He also discussed the defunding of Title V, which supports senior services and employment.

Idzikowski noted that these programs are essential for assisting low-income older adults. Additionally, funding from the Older Americans Act (OAA) for nutrition and caregiver support remains flat or receives only minor increases. He concluded that the state budget proposal for 2026 shows a slight decrease in funding, mainly due to Milwaukee County's younger population.

The Director informed the Executive Committee that several Requests for Proposals (RFPs) will be released this year. One is for services to older refugees or asylees, replacing the funding previously allocated to the Hmong American Friendship Association. There is a need to expand services to encompass a broader range of ethnic groups, including Burmese, Afghan, and Ukrainian refugees. Additionally, an RFP is needed for meal site supervision for Native Americans and Senior Center and Transportation Services for the Spanish-speaking population. The Director recommended not releasing an RFP for programming for the Milwaukee County Senior Centers this year. Instead, the AAA will have an administrative renewal for Serving Older Adults (SOA) to continue with their contract.

Chair Wilberg expressed concerns about a potential 5% reduction in services at the County's Senior Centers due to budget issues related to the tax levy. She suggested that the Commission advocate for maintaining the current tax levy. The discussion also highlighted threats to the senior companions and

foster grandparent's programs at the federal level, emphasizing the need for advocacy. The Executive Committee agreed to follow up on these issues and explore local mobilization efforts utilizing the Advocacy Committee.

- c) **Informational Item, COA Chair's Report:** Chair Wilberg encouraged more commissioners to participate in the upcoming Advocacy Day and highlighted the Social Security listening session held in partnership with the American Association for Retired Persons (AARP), noting she would report on this event at the Commission meeting. The committee discussed ways to commemorate Older Americans Month, suggesting proclamations, emphasizing senior programs, and organizing events.
- d) **Action Item: Setting the May 23, 2025, Commission on Aging Agenda:** Committee members discussed the proposed agenda and agreed to certain changes. The Chair asked the Director to send the proclamation for Older Americans Month and the ADRC celebration invitation to the Commission. Director Idzikowski will include an update on senior center listening sessions in his monthly report.

The Executive Committee approved the agenda for May 23, 2025.

MOTION: To accept the May 23, 2025, COA meeting agenda as amended.

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

- e) **Informational Item, Announcements:** The ADRC Celebration will take place on May 14th at 11:30 at Clinton Rose senior center and all are welcome. DHS-BADR Administrator Carrie Moelke will speak at the event.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting.

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

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 6, 2025, at 9 a.m. (virtual and audio) on Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,
Vonda Nyang,

Executive Assistant