



COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 13, 2024

A quorum of **Commission on Aging** (COA) members convened in person at Clinton Rose Senior Center, 3045 N. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr., Milwaukee, WI 53212, with a virtual MS Teams and video conference option on Friday, December 13, 2024.

Commissioners Present:

Janice Wilberg, Ph.D., *Chair*
Terrence R. Moore, Sr., *Vice-Chair*
Amber Miller, *At Large Member*
Gloria Miller, *Secretary*
George Banda
Mark P. Behar, PA-C
Denise Callaway
Eugene Guskowski
Marni King
Paula Pennebaker
Brian Peters, *Legislative Officer*
Supervisor Sequanna Taylor
Jacqueline Smith
Crocker Stephenson
Cindy Van Vreede

Milwaukee County Staff:

Tina Anderson, *DHHS*
Christel Colorado, *DHHS*
Adam Gilmore, *Ethics Board*
Daniel Idzikowski, *DHHS*
Emily Kenney, *DHHS*

Milwaukee County Staff Continued...

Kaisa Kerrigan, *DHHS*
Jill Knight, *DHHS*
Carrie Koss Vallejo, *DHHS*
Alexa Law, *DHHS*
Jonathan Matte, *DHHS*
Lottie Maxwell-Mitchell
Vonda Nyang, *DHHS*
Migdalia Pacheco, *DHHS*
Ortrialla Paris, *DHHS*
Emily Petersen, *DHHS*
Judd Taback, *Corporation Counsel*
Deidra Williams, *DHHS*
Keshawn Williams, *County Board*

Attendees from the Public

Laura Langer, *WI-DHS*
Alisha Terry
Veronica Ruffin, *ERAS*
Cathy Wood, *Serving Older Adults*
Jill Kenehan-Krey, *ACL Interpreter*
Stephanie Zito, *ACL Interpreter*

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Janice Wilberg called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. Secretary Gloria Miller took the roll call; A quorum of the Commissioners was present.

II. COMMENDATION TO HONOR SALLY LINDNER

The Commission on Aging gave a commendation to honor Sally Linder, a long-term member of the Commission on Aging's Nutrition Advisory Council. Ms. Lindner was a

professor at MATC and a fierce advocate for older adults. A moment of silence for Ms. Linder followed.

MOTION: To approve drafting a commendation for longtime Advocacy Sally Linder.

ACTION: Motion prevailed by unanimous consent (Callaway Moved, Stephenson Second).

III. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

COA Chair: Commissioner Janice Wilberg was nominated for Commission on Aging (COA) Chair. There were no other nominations. Commissioner Wilberg's nomination was accepted by acclamation.

COA Vice-Chair: Commissioner Terrence Moore was nominated for Commission on Aging (COA) Vice-Chair. There were no other nominations. Commissioner Moore's nomination was accepted by acclamation.

COA Secretary: Commissioner Gloria Miller was nominated for Commission on Aging (COA) Secretary. There were no other nominations. Commissioner Gloria Miller nomination was accepted by acclamation.

COA Legislative Officer: Commissioner Brian Peters was nominated for Commission on Aging (COA) Legislative Officer. There were no other nominations. Commissioner Peter's nomination was accepted by acclamation.

COA At Large Member: Commissioner Amber Miller was nominated for Commission on Aging (COA) Member at Large. There were no other nominations. Commissioner Amber Miller's nomination was accepted by acclamation.

IV. ACTION ITEM APPOINTMENT OF CHERIE SWENSON TO THE SENIOR CENTER COMMITTEE, EUGENE GUSZKOWSKI, CHAIR SENIOR CENTER COMMITTEE

The Commission discussed Cherie Swenson's appointment to the Senior Center Committee, recognizing her unique set of skills and her potential to contribute to the evolution of Milwaukee County's senior centers. There was a motion to approve her appointment.

MOTION: To approve Cherie Swenson to be a Senior Center Committee Member.

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

V. ACTION ITEM, APPROVAL OF THE 2025-2027 AREA AGING PLAN FOR MILWAUKEE COUNTY, DENISE CALLAWAY, CHAIR, AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL

Commissioner Callaway, Chair of the Advisory Council, presented the 2025-2027 Area Aging Plan and expressed appreciation for the hard work of the staff and committee

members. The AAA and Commission on Aging developed the 2025-2027 Area Aging Plan based on survey feedback, focus groups, and listening sessions. The Advisory Council has approved the final plan and expects the plan to take effect on January 1, 2025.

MOTION: To approve the 2025-2027 Milwaukee County Area Aging Plan as presented by the Aging Advisory Council.

ACTION: Motion prevailed by unanimous consent (Van Vreede Moved, G. Miller Second).

VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEM, MILWAUKEE COUNTY ETHICS, ADAM GILMORE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MILWAUKEE COUNTY ETHICS BOARD

Understanding County Ethics and SEI Filing: Adam Gilmore, the Executive Director of the Milwaukee County Ethics Board, introduced new financial disclosure requirements for the Commission and highlighted the significance of understanding Milwaukee County's ethics code. He emphasized that the code focuses on specific standards of conduct, including potential conflicts of interest, and promotes transparency and integrity within County Government.

Alisha Terry, Paralegal for Milwaukee County's Personnel Review and Ethics Boards presented the new Statement of Economic Interest (SEI) filing requirement, explaining that this financial disclosure aims to enhance transparency in Milwaukee County Government.

Confidentiality and Fairness in County Communications: Mr. Gilmore also discussed the importance of maintaining confidentiality in communications with his office. He encouraged individuals to contact his office for confidential advice and guidance on navigating specific situations.

VII. INFORMATIONAL ITEM, WISCONSIN OPEN MEETINGS AND OPEN RECORDS LAW, JUDD TABACK, ASSISTANT CORPORATION COUNSEL

Judd Taback, Assistant Corporation Counsel, explained how open meeting laws apply to the Commission's activities. He stated that these laws govern all meetings of governmental bodies, including committees and councils, and defined a meeting as a gathering of members exercising their authority. Taback emphasized the importance of posting agendas 24 hours in advance, facilitating citizen participation, and reporting the nature of business discussed.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Wilberg thanked the Commission for an extraordinary year and urged Commissioners to consider their roles and interests for the upcoming year.

MOTION: To adjourn meeting.

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

Meeting Adjourned 10:45: A.M. The next Commission on Aging Meeting will be Friday, January 24, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Vonda Nyang
Executive Assistant

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