



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES APRIL 10, 2026

The Executive Committee members convened virtually on Friday, April 10, 2026. Members and attendees joined the virtual meeting hosted on Zoom.

Members Present

Denise Callaway, *Chairwoman*
Eugene Guskowski, *Vice Chair*
Brian Peters, *Legislative Officer*
George Banda, *Secretary*

Milwaukee County Staff

Daniel Idzikowski, *DHHS, ADS, AAA*

Attendees

Steph Zito, ASL Interpreter
Jill Kenehan-Krey, ASL Interpreter

Members Excused

Paula Penebaker, Member at Large

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL

Chair Denise Callaway called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. and Secretary Banda called the roll. A quorum was present.

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 12, 2025, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: To approve March 13, 2026, Executive Committee meeting minutes.

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

III. AGING NETWORK UPDATES

Director Idzikowski provided an update on the following items:

- US ACL issued a Notice of Award for Older Americans Act funding to the WI State Office on Aging. WI-DHS is now preparing individual awards to the AAAs. This will relieve the threat of continuing funding restraints.
- Senior Centers Updates. Informed the Committee on developments with the Clinton Rose, Kelly, and McGovern senior centers community. Short term solution for space to meet for the McGovern community has been identified and shared with participants and the response was overwhelmingly positive.

IV. COMMISSION ON AGING SUPPORT POLICY

Director Idzikowski presented a draft policy outlining staff responsibilities to support the Milwaukee County Commission on Aging. Revisions will be made in light of staffing changes, but the basic responsibilities will continue to be covered.

Committee members asked Idzikowski to share a staff organization chart.

V. COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS AND NOMINATIONS

A. Appointments to Committees and Councils (None).

B. Update on Candidates to the Commission on Aging.

Chair Callaway provided an update 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

Advocacy Committee:

- **Rene Smith**

Commissioner Peters nominated Rene Smith for membership on the Advocacy Committee based on her interest and past public sector leadership experience and older adult advocacy.

MOTION: To nominate Rene Smith for membership on the Advocacy Committee and move her candidacy to the full Commission on Aging for confirmation.

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

D. Suburban Nominee to the Commission

Chair Callaway stated an additional opening on the Commission will occur in October when Commissioner Wilberg terms off. The Commission Ordinance requires four suburban members. The Commission currently has three suburban members. Discussion followed regarding member recruitment.

VI. EMERGENT PUBLIC POLICY ISSUES

Commissioner Brian Peters, Legislative Liaison, noted that the Advocacy Committee had retroactively affirmed the 2026 CoA Public Policy Priorities. He stated the President had released the proposed Federal Fiscal Year 2027 budget with no suggested cuts to core OAA programs.

Chair Callaway asked for an update on this item. Director Idzikowski shared USAging's summary of the President budget. Chair Callaway asked that this item be added to the Commission agenda.

Chair Callaway also discussed the importance of providing information for older adults to ensure access to the polls. Commissioner Peters noted that he and Advocacy and Policy Manager Emily Peters were members of the Disability Vote Coalition and can provide information on efforts in this regard.

VII. DEVELOPMENT OF THE 2028-2030 AREA AGING PLAN

Chair Callaway asked for a report from the Aging Advisory Council on plans to develop the 2028-2030, including a survey and public input process in early 2027.

VIII. SETTING THE APRIL 24, 2026 COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING AGENDA

The Committee set the agenda for the April 24, 2026 Commission on Aging meeting.

MOTION: To approve the agenda for the April 24, 2026 Commission on Aging meeting as amended.

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

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Tuesday, April 14th – Future State of Milwaukee County Focus Group

(Coggs Center)

B. Tuesday, April 14th 3pm – Age Friendly Milwaukee County Steering

Committee (Coggs Center)

C. Friday, April 17th 8:30am Breaking the Silence: Addressing Dementia

in High-Risk Populations (Italian Community Center)

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:18 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, May 8, 2026 at 9 a.m. by Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel Idzikowski, Aging Services Director