



**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
JULY 11, 2025**

The Executive Committee members convened virtually on Friday, July 11, 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*
Gloria Miller, *Secretary*
Amber Miller, *At Large Member*

Milwaukee County Staff

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

Attendees

No attendees

Members Absent

Brian Peters, *Legislative Officer*

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL

Chair Janice Wilberg called the meeting to order at 9 a.m., and Secretary Gloria Miller took roll call. A quorum of committee members was present.

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 16, 2025, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: To approve the June 16, 2025, Executive Committee meeting minutes.

ACTION: Motion prevailed by unanimous consent (A. Miller Moved, Moore 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:** There were no new candidates for commission or non-commission positions to approve since the last Executive Committee meeting.
- b) **Informational Item, Aging Network Updates,** AAA Director Daniel Idzikowski: The AAA Director reported that the County Board did not approve the initiative to build a new senior center with housing in McGovern Park. The Senior Center Committee is planning a strategic retreat for July 30

and August 1, 2025, led by Emily Kenny, Director of DHHS Strategic Initiatives and Transformation.

The Senior Center Committee is exploring funding options for senior centers, which may involve creating a new foundation or expanding an existing one, such as the Parks Foundation, to receive and solicit donations for Milwaukee County's senior centers. They acknowledge the budget challenges that could affect future support. Ongoing discussions with the Greater Milwaukee Foundation focus on resource management and expanding donor opportunities.

Chair Wilberg raised concerns that establishing a foundation for senior centers might provide the county with an excuse to reduce funding. Director Idzikowski acknowledged the validity of this concern but noted that the county is facing significant budget challenges, particularly in 2027, which could result in cuts to discretionary programs, such as senior centers. He suggested that creating a foundation and pursuing endowments might help supplement county funding.

Additionally, Director Idzikowski indicated that the impact of transit cuts on older adults is likely minimal, as only 6% of bus riders are seniors. However, he emphasized the importance of promoting bus services to older adults and addressing their concerns with the Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS) to improve ridership among this demographic.

The Administration has reached an agreement on the AAA budget, which will be presented at the upcoming meeting on Friday. Four Requests for Proposals (RFPs) will be released in the coming weeks, focusing on services for refugees, senior centers, legal assistance, and a senior center & meal site for Spanish-speaking older adults.

The Commission on Aging discussed the challenges encountered during the senior center initiative, particularly the spread of misinformation and the need for more effective communication strategies. Chair Wilberg suggested organizing a reconciliation meeting with McGovern residents to repair relationships and clarify the Commission's intentions. Commissioners Moore and Wilberg emphasized the importance of countering false narratives with strong messaging and accurate information.

- c) **Informational Item, COA Chair's Report, Chair Wilberg:** Due to time constraints, Chair Wilberg skipped her report to discuss its items during the formatting of the COA agenda.
- d) **Action Item: Setting the July 25, 2025, Commission on Aging Agenda:** The Executive Committee discussed adding a state budget report to the advocacy section and agreed to focus the 2026 AAA budget proposal on

aging services. Additionally, they decided to move the State Office report to an earlier position on the agenda. The meeting location is tentatively set for half of the Coggs conference room, with the Clinton Rose Senior Center as a backup option if necessary. The Executive Committee approved the agenda for July 25, 2025.

MOTION: To accept the July 25, 2025, COA meeting agenda as amended.
ACTION: Motion prevailed by unanimous consent (Moore Moved, A. Miller Second)

e) Informational Item, Announcements:

Director Idzikowski announced that today at Wilson Park Senior Center is the last Blood pressure hub and heart health initiative launch, and all Commissioners are welcome to attend.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting.

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

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, August 8, 2025, at 9:10 a.m. In-Person, location to be determined, and (virtual and audio) on Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Vonda Nyang,
AAA Executive Assistant