



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 11, 2025

The Executive Committee members convened virtually on Monday, August 11, 2025. Members and attendees joined the virtual meeting hosted on Zoom with video and call options.

Members Present

Janice Wilberg, *Chairwoman*
Brian Peters, *Legislative Officer*
Gloria Miller, *Secretary*
Amber Miller, *At Large Member*

Milwaukee County Staff

David Muhammad, *DHHS*
Tina Anderson, *DHHS, ADS*
Daniel Idzikowski, *DHHS, ADS, AAA*
Vonda Nyang, *DHHS, ADS, AAA*

Members Absent

Terrence Moore Sr, *Vice-Chair*

Attendees

Commissioner Eugene Guskowski

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 JULY 11, 2025, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: To approve the July 11, 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:** AAA Director Idzikowski reported that there are three people who are nominated for appointments:
- Hemavathy Lakshmanan for the Service Delivery Committee.
 - Tracy Ellis for the Service Delivery Committee.
 - Demetrius Mack for Advisory Council.

MOTION: To nominate the three candidates for appointment to the COA's Committees and Councils for confirmation by the Commission.

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

b) Action Item, Endorse Milwaukee County's initiative to establish a new senior center at the Bucyrus Erie campus in South Milwaukee to best serve older adults in southeastern Milwaukee County, AAA Director Daniel Idzikowski:

The discussion focused on supporting the Milwaukee County initiative to establish a Senior Center at the Bucyrus Erie campus in South Milwaukee. The administration is seeking approval from the Executive Committee and Commission on Aging to support a long-term lease of commercial space, previously the Bucyrus Museum, which includes a commercial kitchen, cafeteria, office area, and movie theater spanning 20,000 to 24,000 square feet, for use as a Milwaukee County senior center.

ADS Administrator Tina Anderson stated that while progress is being made, details cannot be released yet due to ongoing high-level negotiations. Director Idzikowski clarified that federal funding applications have been submitted. Although the County Board does not need to give full approval, an informational report will be provided. The lease would cover utility costs, but the county must fund remodeling to modify the space for the Senior Center, including adding windows and creating bathrooms and crafting areas.

Concerns were raised about the need for more specific information before deciding. It was suggested that the full Commission on Aging review the item in a closed session for transparency. The administration agreed to defer the action until the full Commission meeting, where further details, including financial commitments could be shared.

c) Informational Item, Aging Network Updates, Daniel Idzikowski, AAA

Director: AAA Director Daniel Idzikowski provided informational updates. It was reported that a bill was signed to expand the Alzheimer's Family Care Act funding, allowing a broader range of potential users. This change aligns the funding with the National Family Caregiver program, enabling state funds to continue as a match for federal funds, which is essential for maintaining the program. Additionally, the Request for Proposals (RFP) for Senior Center programming in Milwaukee County is expected to be released soon, along with another RFP for the Spanish-speaking Senior Center contract.

d) Informational Item, COA Chair's Report, Chair Wilberg: Chair Wilberg highlighted the upcoming County Executive budget hearings scheduled for August 13th and 20th of the month. The chair emphasized the importance of commissioners attending these hearings to support the budget proposal and raise awareness about potential funding issues for senior centers in 2027.

Additionally, Emily Peterson prepared a fact sheet on current funding and the budget proposal to assist commissioners. Commissioner Peters confirmed his attendance at the hearing on the 20th, and the chair encouraged all commissioners to be present to advocate for senior services.

e) Action Item: Setting the August 22, 2025, Commission on Aging

Agenda: The Executive Committee made several changes to the agenda, including adding a closed session to discuss the senior center proposal.

MOTION: To accept the August 22, 2025, COA meeting agenda as amended.

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

f) Informational Item, Announcements: No announcements.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting.

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

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 12, 2025, at 9 a.m. In-Person, location to be determined, and virtually on Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Vonda Nyang,
AAA Executive Assistant