



**Milwaukee County Commission on Aging
Executive Committee Meeting
August 8, 2022**

A quorum of Executive Committee members convened virtually on Monday, August 8, 2022. Members and attendees joined the virtual meeting hosted on Microsoft Teams with video conference and conference call options (computer or telephone).

Secretary Janice Wilberg took roll call and confirmed attendance by calling each Committee member's name.

Executive Committee Members Present:

John Griffith, *Chairman*
Amber Miller, *Vice-Chair*
Elliot Moeser, *Legislative Officer*
Janice Wilberg, *Secretary*

Milwaukee County Staff Present:

Marietta Luster, *DHHS Administrator*
Schinika Fitch, *Director of Community
Relations, County Executive's
Office*
Vonda Nyang, *Executive Assistant DHHS Aging
Unit*

MINUTES

I. Call to Order Vice-Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 11:02 am, and roll was taken.

II. Review and approve the June 6, 2022, Executive Committee meeting minutes

MOTION: To approve the June 6, 2022, Executive Committee meeting minutes.

ACTION: Motion prevailed by unanimous consent (Moeser Moved, Wilberg Second)

III. Discussion and Action Items:

A. Discussion Items:

a) Update on Commission on Aging Vacancies, Schinika Fitch, Director of Community Relations for the County Executive's Office

Director Fitch reported that Commission candidate, John Gaines, is moving forward in the approval process. and is expected to be reviewed in September. Vice-Chair Amber Miler informed the Executive Committee that Mr. Gaines might temporarily not be available to serve as a commissioner. Director Fitch asked Vice-Chair Miller to contact Mr. Gaines to see if he is available to be a commissioner and will update Director Fitch.

Director Fitch and the Executive Committee discussed the process of forwarding recommendations for Commission candidates and the criteria needed for the current open Commission appointments.

b) Other Commission Business (Discussed between Item III, Section B

DHHS Administrator Marietta Luster announced to the Executive Committee that DHHS had hired a new Aging Unit Director, Daniel Idzikowski; his first day is August 22, 2022.

Secretary, Wilberg informed the Executive Committee that the Advocacy Committee passed a resolution requesting that the Commission on Aging (COA) participate in the selection process of a new Aging Unit Director. She would like the Commission to establish written roles and responsibilities for the Commission on Aging to reflect the COA's authority and to ensure the Commission's involvement with the Aging Unit business, which would include the selection of a new Aging Unit Director and the Unit's budget. Both the Executive Committee and Administrator Luster agreed to have an official written document constructed.

Chair Griffith would like to include criteria for selecting committee and council members in this written document to include representation from every senate, assembly district, and County Supervisors on each Commission's committees and councils. Also, he would like to recommend that the Commission create a communications Committee.

Secretary Wilberg requested Director Shakita LaGrant-McClain of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to provide statistics on how older adults have fared after the Department of Aging integration with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). What is the proportion of older adults serviced through the adult abuse hotline and the combined Aging and Disabilities Resource Center?

c) 2022 Schedule of Presentations and Reflections for the Commission on Aging

Vice-Chair Miller provided Commissioner's names in advance to Director Jon Janowski and Executive Assistant Vonda Nyang for Commission reflections for the rest of the year. Administrator Luster will contact the new Aging Unit Director Dan Idzikowski and request that he set up August's presentation with the League of Women Voters and Disability Rights. The scheduled reflections and possible presentations for upcoming COA meetings discussed at the previous Executive Committee meeting are listed below.

Reflections

August: Elliot Moeser

September: Gloria Pitchford Nicholas

October: Ronald Byington

November: John Griffith

Presentations

Disability Rights/League of Women Voters/Voting Issues

Emergency Mental Health Facility

County Executive Crowley

Gaylyn Reske/Meal site report

d) Appointments of non-Commissioners to the Advocacy Committee

Legislative Officer Elliot Moeser received a committee member recommendation from Secretary Wilberg for Michael Glabere to serve on the Advocacy Committee. Commissioner Wilberg is asking the Executive Committee to accept his appointment, and she's recommending to the full Commission to appoint Mr. Glabere to the Advocacy Committee.

MOTION: To recommend Mr. Michael Glabere to appoint to the Advocacy Committee.

ACTION: Motion prevailed by unanimous consent (Wilberg Moved, Moeser Second)

IV. Action Items:

a) Setting the August 26, 2022, Commission on Aging meeting agenda

The Executive Committee would like to have the League of Women Voters/Disability Rights of Wisconsin and/or the new Emergency Mental Health Facility present at the August meeting. The Executive Committee approved the August 26, 2022, COA agenda.

IV. Adjournment: A motion was made by Amber Miller and seconded by Commissioner Janice Wilberg to adjourn the meeting at 11:54 a.m.

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 12, 2022, at 11 a.m. (virtual and audio) on Microsoft Teams and a teleconference phone.

Respectfully submitted,

Vonda Nyang
Executive Assistant