



**Commission on Aging  
Meeting Minutes  
December 9, 2022**

A quorum of **Commission on Aging** (COA) members convened virtually on Friday, December 9, 2022. Members and attendees joined the virtual meeting with video conference and conference call options (computer or telephone).

**Commissioners Present:**

John Griffith, *Chair*  
Amber Miller, *Vice-Chair*  
Janice Wilberg, Ph.D., *Secretary*  
Elliott Moeser, Ph.D., *Legislative Officer*  
Ronald Byington  
Gloria Miller  
Terrance Moore, Sr  
Gloria Pitchford-Nicholas, Ed.D.  
Cherie Swenson  
Cindy Van Vreede  
Janice Wilberg, Ph.D.

**Commissioners Excused:**

John Gaines  
Supervisor Sequanna Taylor

**Milwaukee County Staff:**

Marietta Luster, *DHHS*  
Cleopatra Castaenda, *DHHS*  
Michelle Allison, *DHHS*  
Alena DeGrado, *DHHS*  
Debra Horton, *DHHS*  
Daniel Idzikowski, *DHHS*  
Vonda Nyang, *DHHS*  
Bekki Schmitt, *DHHS*

**Attendees from the Public**

Pat Bruce, *ADRC Governing Board*  
Tracy K, *Interpreter*  
Amy S, *Interpreter*  
Laura Langer, *DHS*  
Eugene Guskowski

**MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Chairman John Griffith called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m., and Secretary Janice Wilberg took roll.

**II. COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S OFFICE REPORT: SCHINIKA FITCH, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS.**

Aging Director Idzikowski reported on behalf of Director Fitch, who could not attend today's meeting; however, she did provide a report. Commissioner Gloria Pitchford-Nicholas's first term has expired. The County Executive's Office is encouraging her to request a reappointment to serve a second term and has asked her to resubmit her resume. The Commission on Aging has two vacancies that need representation: the healthcare field and someone from the American Indian, Asian-American, Hispanic, or

Latin X community. Two Commission appointees go before the County Board for final approval of their appointments at the County Board's December 15, 2022, meeting. Lastly, the County Executive has accepted the invitation to attend the Commission on Aging's January 2023 meeting.

### III. ACTION/INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS

#### a) **Action Item**, Election of Officers for the Commission on Aging

**Chair nominations:** Commissioner Gloria Miller nominated Amber Miller for COA Chair. Commissioner Amber Miller passed due to a conflict of interest with work. Gloria Pitchford-Nicholas nominated Janice Wilberg as COA Chair. Commissioner Byington moved to have Janice Wilberg's nomination to be accepted by acclamation.

**MOTION:** To accept Janice Wilberg as the Chair of the COA by acclamation.

**ACTION:** Motion prevailed by unanimous consent (Pitchford-Nicholas moved, Byington second).

**Vice-Chair nominations:** Commissioner Elliott Moeser nominated Commissioner Amber Miller as Vice Chair. Commissioner Byington moved to have Amber Miller to be accepted by acclamation.

**MOTION:** To accept Amber Miller as the Vice Chair of the COA by acclamation.

**ACTION:** Motion prevailed by unanimous consent (Moeser moved, Wilberg second).

**Secretary nominations:** Commissioner Janice Wilberg nominated Commissioner Terrance Moore as Secretary. Commissioner Byington moved to have Commissioner Moore to be accepted by acclamation.

**MOTION:** To accept Terrance Moore as the Secretary of the COA by acclamation.

**ACTION:** Motion prevailed by unanimous consent (Janice Wilberg moved, A. Miller second).

**Legislative Officer:** Commissioner Amber Miller nominated Commissioner Elliott Moeser as Legislative Officer. Commissioner Byington moved to have Elliott Moeser to be accepted by acclamation.

**MOTION:** To appoint Elliott Moeser as the Legislative Officer of the COA by acclamation.

**ACTION:** Motion prevailed by unanimous consent (A. Miller moved, Pitchford-Nicholas second).

- b) Informational Items:** Advocacy and Policy Manager position update, Daniel Idzikowski, Director DHHS/ADS Area Agency on Aging.

Director Idzikowski provided an update on the Caregiver Support Coordinator position. Kayla Steinke has accepted the new position of Caregiver Support Coordinator. Also, the Director reported that they had completed the interview processes and background checks for the Advocacy and Policy Manager. The Director will be making an offer to one of the candidates later this afternoon.

Director Idzikowski thanked Commissioners Gloria Miller and Elliott Moeser for serving on the interview panels for the positions.

**IV. COMMISSION ON AGING ANNOUNCEMENTS REGARDING UPCOMING EVENTS, ACTIVITIES, AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR SENIORS**

Commissioners Amber Miller, Janice Wilberg, and Elliot Moeser gave accolades to Commissioner Griffith for his service as Commission Chair and his service on the Commission on Aging.

- V. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 9:28 a.m. (Wilberg moved/A. Miller, second).

The next Commission on Aging meeting will be Friday, January 27, 2022, a virtual meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Vonda Nyang  
Executive Assistant