



Executive Committee Meeting February 6, 2023

A quorum of Executive Committee members convened virtually on Monday, February 6, 2023. Members and attendees joined the virtual meeting hosted on Microsoft Teams with video conference and conference call options.

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

Members Present

Janice Wilberg, *Chairwoman*
Amber Miller, *Vice-Chair*
Terrence Moore Sr., *Secretary*
Elliott Moeser, *Legislative Officer*

Milwaukee County Staff Present

Daniel Idzikowski, *DHHS, ADS, AAA*
Schinika Fitch, *County Executive's Office*
Vonda Nyang, *DHHS, ADS, AAA*

MINUTES

I. Call to Order and Roll

Chair Janice Wilberg called the meeting to order at 11:09 am, and roll was taken.

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 9, 2023, COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING MINUTES

There were two amendments to the minutes. Legislative Officer Elliot Moeser requested to have the COA January agenda amended to include priorities for the Commission from the Advocacy Committee if they acted on priorities at their January meeting. The Second correction was with the vote for adjournment. The name of who acted should be Secretary Moore not Chair Wilberg. The minutes were amended and approved upon corrections.

MOTION: To approve the amended January 9, 2023, meeting minutes.

ACTION: Motion prevailed by unanimous consent (Moeser, Miller second).

III. Discussion and Action Items

A. Action Items

- a) **Informational Item: Update on Commission on Aging Vacancies, Schinika Fitch, Director of Community Relations:** Director Fitch reported that the County Executive's Office is vetting two new nominees for the Commission on Aging, which are moving through

the appointment process. The Executive Committee mentioned two more vacancies forthcoming on the Commission (Gloria Pitchford-Nicholas, who recently resigned, and John Griffith's second term ends in the Fall). Director Fitch pointed out that the vacancy for a healthcare provider would be filled by one of the appointments moving forward if approved. Chair Wilberg asked if the Health and Human Needs Committee and County Board would approve the new appointments before the March COA meeting. Director Fitch informed the Chair that the Committee on Health and Human Needs and County Board schedules would not meet in time to approve them before the March COA meeting. It wouldn't be until the April or May COA meeting for them to go through the entire process.

Director Fitch reminded the Executive Committee that the County Executive is holding his State of the County Address on February 21, 2023, at the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee's Student Union Ballroom. She emailed event information for Commissioners to register if they would like to attend. Director Fitch mentioned she has been trying to reach former Commissioner Pitchford-Nicholas to follow up on her questions to the County Executive regarding bus routes and individuals having trouble accessing Senior Centers via bus routes. Chair Wilberg advised Director Fitch to Contact Commissioner Eugene Guskowski to get in contact with Commissioner Pitchford-Nicholas. Director Daniel Idzikowski informed Director Fitch that both MCTS and Transportation Coordinator Alena DeGrado provided a presentation on various options available. He will forward this information to Director Fitch. Director Fitch requested to have this information forwarded to Donna Brown-Martin as well.

- b) Action Item: Nomination of T.R. Edwards for Advocacy Committee**, Legislative Officer, Elliot Moeser: Legislative Officer Moeser requested a copy of nominee T. R. Edwards's resume for review. Commissioner Amber Miller informed the Commission about T. R. Edwards, his advocacy role at the Hunger Taskforce, and his status as an attorney. Commissioner Amber Miller thinks he would be a great asset to the Committee. After a brief discussion, the Executive Committee voted to approve his nomination.

MOTION: To approve the nomination of T.R. Edwards to the Advocacy Committee.

ACTION: Motion prevailed by unanimous consent (Moeser, Moore Second).

- c) Action Item: Nomination of Gail Morgan for Advisory Council**, Chair Janice Wilberg: Chair Wilberg received a nomination to replace Nia Norris from the Alzheimer's Institute of Wisconsin with Gail Morgan.

Ms. Morgan has extensive experience in community outreach with Alzheimer's disease and caregiver support.

MOTION: To approve the nomination of Gail Morgan to the Advisory Council.

ACTION: Motion prevailed by unanimous consent (A. Miller, Moore second).

d) Action Item: 2023 Committee and Council Meeting Schedule:

Legislative Officer Moeser informed the Executive Committee that the Advocacy Committee had changed its meeting time to 3 p.m. The meeting change was approved and added to the 2023 COA Committee and Council meeting schedule.

e) Action Item: Setting the February 24, 2023, Commission on Aging meeting agenda: Legislative Officer Moeser asked Chair Wilberg if the agenda item "Reflections" could be omitted from committee and council meeting agendas. Meetings are running over time, and they want to delete this item. Chair Wilberg stated it's up to the Committee and Council Chairs to decide what items are on their agendas. Following the presentation by County Executive David Crowley, Chair Wilberg would like to continue to invite community leaders to speak with the Commission on Aging to build key relationships and focus on the work of the Commission. Chair Wilberg would like to invite:

- Judge Derek Mosley, a former municipal judge who now works with the Lubar Center at Marquette Law School focusing on community issues.
- U.S. Representative Gwen Moore
- Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers or Lieutenant Governor

Secretary Moore would like to recommend "Dr. Quinton Cotton, QDC Research and Policy Consulting Group, LLC, or Erica Sinclair, Health Connections, Inc. of the MKE Black Grassroots Network for Health Equity, to address some of the Black community's needs.

Legislative Officer Moeser noted that an issue that he had requested be included on the Policy Priorities that were approved by the Commission last month had been investigated and was moot. Director Idzikowski stated that the item was for study only and would not be included in the final list of Policy Priorities. Due to a scheduling conflict, Director Fitch requested to have her report moved on the agenda to present before Item V. "The Committee and Council Reports by Chairs." Chair Wilberg agreed to the change.

The Committee discussed the purpose of the Consent agenda and Director Idzikowski reminded the Committee that the consent item allows the Committee's and Council's actions at their meetings to be approved and confirmed by the Commission without further discussion on their action items. Service Delivery Committee Chair, Commissioner Amber Miller, stated she is not ready to report on item B., Racial and Health Equity Goals for Vendor Network, therefore, the agenda item is removed.

The Chair asked Director Idzikowski for clarity on the Select Committee on Senior Centers Report and if they are presenting the final report with recommendations at the February COA meeting. After a lengthy discussion on the proposed presentation, the Executive Committee decided to separate the Senior Center Select Committee's report from their recommendations, with a presentation on the report at the February meeting, referral to the Advisory Council for the recommendations, and then a presentation of recommendations to the full Commission at the March COA meeting.

Removed from the proposed agenda were Informational Items D and E: the Advisory Council 2023 Aging Plan Focus Areas & 2023 Aging Network Convening, and the Public Policymaker Convening. These items will be covered in committee reports. The Chair requested Director Idzikowski to provide a written report to the Commission at the Commission on Aging meetings and only highlight a few items at the Commission meetings.

IV. Adjournment: A motion was made by Amber Miller and seconded by Terrence Moore to adjourn the meeting at 12:02 p.m.

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 6, 2023, at 11 a.m. on Microsoft Teams and by teleconference.

Respectfully submitted,

Vonda Nyang
Executive Assistant