



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Committee Meeting Minutes - Draft

Advisory Council on Aging

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

10:00 AM

500 Ellinwood Way, Pleasant Hill, CA.
Boardroom

ACOA General Meeting

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10:00 Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance / Introductions: Jill Kleiner, ACOA President
- President Jill Kleiner called meeting to order at 10:01 am.

10:05 Roll Call
- Roll call conducted and 28 members qualified to be counted toward a quorum. Therefore, a quorum was established.

Present Roger Boaz, Deborah Card, Cesar Court, Kevin Donovan, Steven Freshman, Holly Frates, Marilyn Fowler, Alan Goldhammer, Sarah Green, Michelle Hayes, Carol Kehoe, Jill Kleiner, Gerry LaLonde-Berg, Thomas Lang, Steve Lipson, Sharon Maxwell, Richard Morisky, Brian O'Toole, Inderpit Sekhon, Logan Robertson, Carol Schaefer, Sonja Shepard, Terri Tobey, Lorna Van Ackeren, Susan Wright, Teresa Wright, Dennis Yee, and Deborah Wiener

Excused Chalo Buckman, Kathryn Monroy-Dexter, and Michael Wener

Absent Candace Evans, Shirley Krohn, and Sharon Sakai-Miller

Late Nikki Lopez

10:07 Approval of January 2026 minutes

- Amend Public Comments in the January minutes to read: "Gerry – if you are interested in developing condominium policies for seniors, please contact him."
- A roll call vote was conducted and the amended minutes were approved.

Motion: Van Ackeren

Second: Freshman
Aye: Boaz, Card, Court, Donovan, Freshman, Frates, Fowler, Goldhammer, Green, Hayes, Kehoe, Kleiner, LaLonde-Berg, Lang, Lipson, Maxwell, Morisky, O'Toole, Sekhon, Schaefer, Shepard, Tobey, Van Ackeren, Wright, Wright, Yee, and Wiener
Absent: Evans, Krohn, and Sakai-Miller
Abstain: Robertson
Late: Lopez
Result: Passed

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- 10:10 Presentation: Dr. Grant Colfax, CEO, Contra Costa Health
- Dr. Colfax explained that the goal of Contra Costa Health is to advance health equity in Contra Costa County. He described the structure of Contra Costa Health and the effects of HR-1 on future operations.
 - Took questions from attendees and explained that the proposed 5/8 cent sales tax proposal will help “mitigate the worst of things” but it will not fill the entire \$3 million gap.
 - He anticipates “challenging times” but remains optimistic.
- 10:45 Food Collaborative Updates: Caitlin Sly, President & CEO, Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano
- The Contra Costa Food Collaborative was formed two years ago to bring together partners to address food insecurity in the County. Partners include the Food Bank, White Pony Express, Meals on Wheels Diablo Region, Loaves & Fishes, and St. Vincent de Paul.
 - The Collaborative developed heat maps to illustrate food issues in the County and develop solutions to increase food access.
- 11:00 Break
- 11:10 Area Agency on Aging Report:
- Tracy Murray, Director of Aging and Adult Services and Jenny Lam, Area Agency on Aging
 - Staffing – Program Manager/Division Manager position should be posted this week.
 - Area Plan Update – see attached draft
 - III B Request for Proposal for existing services plus Community Education, Outreach, Case Management. Estimate publishing next month. Please consider serving on a review panel for the bids.
 - California Senior Legislature (CSL)– Jenny Lam
 - Jenny reviewed the process and related timeline for applications to the CSL.
- Area Plan Update 26-27 Final-Draft 2-12-26

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11:25 ACOA President's Report: Jill Kleiner

- Area Plan Update will be presented for approval at the Public Hearing which will be held at the March ACOA General meeting. Please review goals and objectives from Page 27 of the attached document.
- Committee membership will be announced at the March meeting.

11:30 Committee Reports: Chairs (2-3 min each)

- Membership/Nominating: Jill for Kathryn Monroy-Dexter
 - There will be an ACOA Orientation for new or interested members on Friday, March 13 from 10-12.
 - Denise Kalm, Walnut Creek and Sheila Driscoll, Clayton resigned.
 - San Pablo and San Ramon seats are also open.
- Planning: Jill Kleiner
 - At last meeting HICAP presentation
 - Site Visits to the Trio (the commercial kitchen which makes food for the senior nutrition program) are scheduled for February 24 and 25.
 - Debbie Card – helped to reinstate the Mobile Clinic at Ambrose Center in Bay Point
- Health & Elder Abuse Prevention: Thomas Lang for Mike Wener
 - The Committee hosts guest presenters and standing reports on issues relevant to Health & Elder Abuse Prevention.
 - Made presentations to senior centers.
- Housing: Kevin Donovan
 - At the next meeting, ACOA member Steve Lipson will present on “Communicating information with AI to improve impact” and the California Senior Legislature.
 - The Committee will identify pending legislation related to affordable housing and review the No Place to Call Home presentation for updates.
 - Jennifer Cannon, Director of Office of Emergency Services will also present.
- Legislative: Shirley Krohn/Steve Lipson
 - Senator Steven Choi Introduced SB 971 to Expand Older Adult Education Through Local Health Departments.
 - Bay Area Caucus addressing the “missing middle” affected by housing in California.
- Technology: Steve Lipson
 - Did not meet in February.
- Transportation: Candace Evans and Bryan Harris
 - Transportation Workshop tentatively moved from April 20 to June 12.
 - Richmond Transportation Workshop will be held on April 30 – details coming.
 - Mobility Matters will present at the next Committee meeting

11:45 Regional Coalition Update: Debbie Toth

- California Collaborative for Long Term Services and Supports (CCLTSS) organizes the Regional Coalitions across California. They have set the following dates:
 - Senior Rally May 6 – presentations about legislation and policy
 - Advocacy Day May 7 – Action Day of meetings with legislators
- Possible Advocacy Training being planned.
- Applied for renewal funding for the Regional Coalition from Scan Foundation.

11:50 Consent Items:

- Approve Area Plan Update 26/27 Objectives Section
- Approve Membership Appointments
 - Indy Sekhon from Alternate #1 to Member-at Large (MAL) seat #12
 - Sean Barry to Alternate #1

This was approved.

Motion: Donovan

Second: Kehoe

Aye: Card, Court, Donovan, Freshman, Frates, Fowler, Goldhammer, Green, Hayes, Kehoe, Kleiner, LaLonde-Berg, Lang, Lipson, Maxwell, Morisky, O'Toole, Sekhon, Robertson, Schaefer, Shepard, Tobey, Wright, Wright, Yee, and Wiener

Absent: Evans, Krohn, and Sakai-Miller

Abstain: Boaz, and Van Ackeren

Late: Lopez

Result: Passed

11:52 Public Comment/Announcements (2 min each)

Next ACOA General Meeting | Public Hearing:

- Wednesday, March 18, 2026 10:00am – 12:00pm

12:00 Adjourn:

- The meeting was adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

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