



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Committee Meeting Minutes - Draft

Advisory Council on Aging

Wednesday, April 8, 2026

1:30 PM

500 Ellinwood Way, Pleasant Hill, CA.
Classroom

Technology Committee

<https://cccouny-us.zoom.us/j/82609095818>

The public may attend this meeting in person at the above location. The public may also attend this meeting remotely via webinar. Login information is provided above. ACOA members will also be participating from the following locations: 200 Seaview Dr., El Cerrito | 46 Greenfield Dr., Moraga

- 1:30 Open meeting: Steve Lipson
- Call to Order: Steve Lipson called the meeting to order at 1:33 pm.

Roll Call

- Roll call was conducted and 6 members qualified to be counted toward a quorum. Therefore, a quorum was established.

Present Steven Freshman, Carol Kehoe, Jill Kleiner, Gerry LaLonde-Berg, Steve Lipson, and Sharon Sakai-Miller

Absent Susan Wright, and Teresa Wright

- 1:35 New member Introductions
- Members and guests introduced themselves.

- 1:40 Approve minutes from March 11, 2026 meeting.

Motion: Kleiner

Second: Freshman

Aye: Freshman, Kehoe, Kleiner, LaLonde-Berg, Lipson, and Sakai-Miller

Absent: Wright, and Wright

Result: Passed

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1:45 Public Comment

- Steve Freshman provided information on the Delete Request and Opt-Out Platform (DROP) Program. He explained that, beginning August 1, California residents can submit a request to have their personal information removed from data broker lists, including sources of spam mail and tracking. The application process takes approximately one (1) minute to complete, after which data brokers have forty-five (45) days to respond and remove the individual's data.

1:50 Tech/AI Corner: /Midjourney 8.0 Alpha + Suno 5.5

- Midjourney released a new alpha version (8.0) of its image generation model, which shows improved ability to recognize and manipulate text within images. The model does not perform equally well across all alphabets. It was noted that ChatGPT and Gemini have also recently released updates focused on improved visual generation capabilities.
- Suno's music generation model has been updated, allowing users to incorporate their own voice input. The system can now build a full musical composition around a user's singing or spoken input.
- Group discussed a New York Times editorial column by Thomas L. Friedman regarding reported breakthrough from Anthropic. The system, referred to as "Mythos" is described as being capable of identifying software vulnerabilities in systems, which could improve cybersecurity but also raises significant safety and security concerns.

2:00 CCC Website - Assessment/Report + cocoelders411.net (<http://cocoelders411.net/>) + content

- Jill Kleiner noted that Executive Committee was unable to review website updates, as incorrect materials were shared via Legistar, though updated materials were provided later.
- Updated website materials are expected to be presented at the next Executive and General meetings, with a focus on populating subcommittee pages.
- The group discussed updates to CoCoElders411.net, an unaffiliated resource website providing information for older adults in Contra Costa County.

2:10 CSL Update SB 971, discussion: upcoming legislative offerings

- The group discussed SB 971, noting initial opposition from the County Health Executives Association of California due to concerns that the bill's title implied that public health departments would serve as the lead agency for the program.
 - Amendments were made to address these concerns, after which the association withdrew its opposition.
 - The bill is now supported by several organizations, including the Alzheimer's Association.
 - It passed the Health Committee unanimously and is currently on the consent calendar.
 - It is scheduled to move to the Social Services Committee on April 20.
 - The bill was retitled the "Health Aging Community Partnerships Program."
 - It authorizes local health departments to partner with school districts, community organizations, and other entities to deliver services.
 - Because the bill carries no fiscal appropriation, it avoids the appropriations process.
- The group noted additional items in the legislative queue, including a review of how grants and RFPs flow through counties, particularly in relation to technology.
- Regarding CSL re-election, it was reported that three (3) applications have been submitted by ACOA members and will be considered at the May agenda for approval.

2:25 Break

2:35 AI: State Legislative Policies

- Steve reported that many legislative staff are not currently using generative AI tools and may have limited familiarity with them, and that there is an opportunity to provide education on how these tools function.
- Concerns were raised that legislative staff are generally discouraged from using generative AI due to issues such as inaccuracy, hallucinations, and lack of accountability in outputs.
- The group discussed broader state and county policies related to AI use, including where generative AI may be appropriate versus where it may be misleading or inappropriate.
- Participants discussed defining appropriate “use cases” for AI, including identifying contexts where AI is helpful versus where it may introduce risk or misinformation.
- The group raised questions about how “research” is defined in the context of AI-assisted work.
- It was suggested that a draft set of AI “use cases” be developed to clarify appropriate and inappropriate applications.
 - The goal would be to produce a position statement or recommendation outlining how AI should or should not be used in ACOA-related work.
- A workgroup was proposed to evaluate different AI tools and suggest options that may be more reliable, more useful, and less prone to hallucination, without formally endorsing specific products.
 - Members noted the importance of avoiding bias and accounting for different work needs and preferences.
 - It was suggested that multiple options (e.g., three per use case) could be provided to avoid endorsement of any single tool.
- The group briefly noted the need for prompt training as part of improving effective and responsible AI usage.

2:45 Deeper Dive: Notebook Midjourney text, LM Podcasts and Notebook LM Strategies

- The group briefly reviewed prior experience using generative tools to create slide decks and infographics for presentations.
- This week, a podcast was generated using NotebookLM focused on SB 1249 (proposed intrastate funding formula). The content was first reviewed within NotebookLM before producing the podcast output.
- The group discussed NotebookLM’s generative podcast capability, which allows users to input legislative or source material and automatically generate a podcast-style summary. The tool converts documents and policy content into conversational audio format for easier consumption.
- An interactive mode was highlighted, where users can ask questions in real time and the virtual podcast hosts respond dynamically.

3:25 Items for next meeting:

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3:30 Adjourn

- The meeting was adjourned at 3:31 pm.

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