



# CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

## Committee Meeting Minutes - Draft

### Advisory Council on Aging

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Wednesday, April 15, 2026

10:00 AM

500 Ellinwood Way, Pleasant Hill, CA.

Boardroom

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#### ACOA General Meeting

<https://cccouny-us.zoom.us/j/84280794921>

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: 2756 Lily Court, Antioch | 1334 Hagan Lane, Brentwood | 14720 Byron Hwy #4, Byron | 28 Orinda Way, Orinda | 2950 Buskirk Avenue, Suite 330 Walnut Creek

10:00 Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance / Introductions: Jill Kleiner, ACOA President  
- President Jill Kleiner called meeting to order at 10:02 am.

10:05 Roll Call  
- Roll call conducted and 26 members qualified to be counted toward a quorum. Therefore, a quorum was established.

<b>Present</b>	Roger Boaz, Chalo Buckman, Deborah Card, Cesar Court, Kevin Donovan, Steven Freshman, Holly Frates, Marilyn Fowler, Michelle Hayes, Carol Kehoe, Jill Kleiner, Gerry LaLonde-Berg, Thomas Lang, Steve Lipson, Sharon Maxwell, Nikki Lopez, Richard Morisky, Brian O'Toole, Sharon Sakai-Miller, Sonja Shepard, Lorna Van Ackeren, Susan Wright, Michael Wener, Dennis Yee, Deborah Wiener, and Indy Sekhon
<b>Excused</b>	Alan Goldhammer, and Kathryn Monroy-Dexter
<b>Absent</b>	Candace Evans, Shirley Krohn, Logan Robertson, Terri Tobey, and Teresa Wright
<b>Late</b>	Sarah Green, and Carol Schaefer

10:07 Approval of March 2026 Minutes

<b>Motion:</b>	<b>Freshman</b>
<b>Second:</b>	<b>Van Ackeren</b>
<b>Aye:</b>	<b>Boaz, Card, Court, Donovan, Freshman, Frates, Fowler, Hayes, Kehoe, Kleiner, LaLonde-Berg, Lang, Lipson, Maxwell, Lopez, Morisky, O'Toole, Sakai-Miller, Schaefer, Shepard, Van Ackeren, Wright, Wener, Yee, Wiener, and Sekhon</b>

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**Absent:** Evans, Krohn, Robertson, Tobey, and Wright

**Abstain:** Buckman

**Late:** Green

**Result:** Passed

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10:10 Area Agency on Aging Report: Tracy Murray, AAS Director

- General Updates
  - Program Manager opening - in the midst of candidate interviews. The Director should have news at next meeting.
  - Older Americans Act budget received. \$6.5 million budget, up 4% overall
  - The Director will report back in June about the status of the budget situation.
- III B/MX Request for Proposal – see attachment
  - ACOA members volunteered for RFP Review Panels

RFP OAA Title IIIB Supportive Services

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10:30 Presentation: Senior Planet from AARP Programs – Ryan Kawamoto, Regional Program Manager, Senior Planet and Older Adults Technology Services (OATS) from AARP

- Ryan Kawamoto informed the ACOA about the OATS program. See attached slides.

Senior Planet Slides

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11:00 Break

11:10 Member Introductions: ACOA Members (1-2 min each)

- ACOA Members introduced themselves. We stopped at Carol Kehoe and will resume with Jill Kleiner at the next meeting.

11:25 ACOA President's Report: Jill Kleiner

- Brown Act attendance (see attachment) – Jill reviewed the document with the ACOA.
- Membership Expectations Document (see attachment) – please review.
- ACOA Website is being refreshed.
- Roles & Responsibilities document is being reviewed and will be discussed next meeting.

Brown\_Act\_Attendance | Membership Expectations

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

- Membership/Nominating: Jill for Kathryn Monroy-Dexter
  - Board of Supervisors promoted Indy to Member at Large # 12 from Alternate # 1.
  - Board of Supervisors appointed Sean Barry as Alternate #1 member.
  - Thomas Weisbrich prepared a presentation on behalf of the ACOA for outreach purposes.
- Planning: Jill Kleiner
  - Sign up for a tour of Meals on Wheels Diablo Region, May 22 from 2-3 pm.
  - Presentation from Brian O'Toole re Medi-Cal.
- Health & Elder Abuse Prevention: Mike Wener
  - Mike reported that at the last meeting, Mary Blumberg, District Attorney's Office made a good presentation.
  - Dr. Richard Lieblich is scheduled to talk about medication reduction at the next meeting.
- Housing: Kevin Donovan
  - Next meeting: Jennifer Cannon, County Office of Emergency Services – what happens to a senior in an emergency.
  - May meeting speaker: Justice in Aging.
- Legislative: Shirley Krohn/Steve Lipson
  - Human Services Committee on Monday.
  - CSL will meet to determine which legislation to support.
- Technology: Steve Lipson
  - The Committee discussed Notebook LM and AI tools.
  - Increased traffic on Coco Elders.
  - Discussed AI for legislative research.
- Transportation: Jim Donnelly/Bryan Harris
  - The Committee discussed its structure and purpose. How will it augment the Contra Costa Transportation Authority's Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC)? Bryan sits on the AAC.

## 11:45 Regional Coalition Update: Debbie Toth

- The Regional Coalition focuses on Home & Community Based Services (HCBS), Caregivers, Housing.
- May 6 Advocacy Day & May 7 Legislative Day – email Debbie if you want to participate in Legislative Day.
- We received a renewal grant in the amount of \$17,000. We will host an event focused on advocacy in Year 1 and implementation in Year 2.
- Debbie advocated against cuts to IHSS at state level at the Assembly Budget Committee.

## 11:50 Consent Items: None

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

- Lorna VanAckeren resigned from California Senior Legislature.
- Jim Donnelly asked people to join his Senior Advocacy list.
- Steve Freshman talked about the Delete Request and Opt-out Platform (DROP). The program allows consumers to request that data brokers stop selling their personal information. Starting Aug 1st data brokers are required to honor the request.
- Glenda announced the Living Better After 50 event.
- Indy facilitating a session at the EarthStory Festival at Agrihood in Santa Clara on May 16.
- Sonja announced “Tai Chi Day” on Saturday April 25 at Stoneman Village.

## 11:59 Next ACOA General Meeting:

- Wednesday, May 20, 2026, 10am – 12pm
- 500 Ellinwood Way, Board Room A/B, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

## 12:00 Adjourn

- The meeting was adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

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