



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Committee Meeting Minutes - Draft

Advisory Council on Aging

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

10:00 AM

500 Ellinwood Way, Pleasant Hill, CA.
Boardroom

ACOA General Meeting

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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. The public may attend this meeting in person at the above location. ACOA members will also be participating from the following locations: 2756 Lily Court, Antioch | 14720 Byron Hwy #4, Byron | 2950 Buskirk Avenue, Suite 330 Walnut Creek.

10:00 Call to Order: President Jill Kleiner called meeting to order at 10:02 am.

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

10:05 Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance/Introductions:

Roll call conducted and 24 members qualified to be counted toward a quorum. Therefore, a quorum was established.

10:07 Approval of April 2026 Minutes

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| Motion: | LaLonde-Berg |
| Second: | Donovan |
| Aye: | Boaz, Buckman, Card, Court, Donovan, Freshman, Frates, Fowler, Kleiner, LaLonde-Berg, Lang, Lipson, Monroy-Dexter, O'Toole, Sakai-Miller, Sekhon, Shepard, Tobey, Van Ackeren, Wright, Yee, and Wiener |

Absent: Gaither-Davis, Kehoe, Krohn, Maxwell, Lopez, Morisky, and Schaefer

Abstain: Barry, Robertson, and Wright

Result: Passed

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

- General Updates
 - Program Manager Position – We did not hire anyone and the recruitment has is closed. Will determine next steps.
 - III B/MX Request for Proposal – There were 13 applicants and we are funding 10. Staff are developing contracts. Thank you to ACOA reviewers.
 - Office of Emergency Services – disaster drill occurring today.
- CDA 2030 Future Readying – (see attached material) Due to proposed changes to the Interstate Funding Formula (IFF) there may be a 13% reduction to Contra Costa for AAA funding in FY29-30. This reduction, of \$770,057, equals 124,202 home delivered meals. The Association of California AAAs (C4A) and the California Welfare Directors Association (CWDA) wrote letters of opposition. The California Department of Aging (CDA) received 250 comments but did not have a public hearing on this issue. CDA attached a “trailer bill” to the May Revise which will move forward with the proposal. C4A proposed no changes to any AAA +/- 10%.
- May Revise decreases the number of seniors eligible for Adult Protective Service by changing client age eligibility to 65 (from 60).
- The Federal Government is withholding \$1.3 billion in funding for In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS).

CDA - Opportunity for Public Participation on Changes to the IFF | IFF Factor Update Summary by County for website - Remediated Final | What is Intrastate Funding Formula (IFF)

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10:30 Presentation: Matthew Hulse, Contra Costa Senior Legal Services (CCSLS)

- Matthew Hulse informed the ACOA about the services provided by CCSLS. See attached slides.

CCSLS Presentation Elder Abuse

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11:00 Break

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

- ACOA Members introduced themselves. (Stopped at Sam Sakai-Miller)

11:20 California Senior Legislature (CSL) Elections

- CSL History – Lorna provided the history of the CSL. “Bottom line of CSL is to improve the lives of older Californians”.
- Roll Call Vote on CSL Slate (see attachment)
- Debbie Card made and Lorna Van Ackeren seconded the following motion: “Move to approve the proposed California Senior Legislature (CSL) slate for the 2026 election cycle, consisting of Deborah Wiener, James Donnelly, and Steve Lipson.”
- A roll call vote was conducted and the motion was approved.

Motion: Card

Second: Van Ackeren

Aye: Boaz, Barry, Buckman, Card, Court, Donovan, Freshman, Frates, Fowler, Kleiner, LaLonde-Berg, Lang, Lipson, Monroy-Dexter, Robertson, Sakai-Miller, Sekhon, Shepard, Van Ackeren, Wright, Wright, Yee, and Wiener

Absent: Gaither-Davis, Kehoe, Krohn, Maxwell, Lopez, Morisky, and Schaefer

Abstain: O'Toole, and Tobey

Result: Passed

Proposed CSL Slate 2026 Election Cycle

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11:30 ACOA President's Report: Jill Kleiner

- General Updates
 - Area Plan Update – reminded Committee Chairs that status report on Objectives from APU will occur at the August General Meeting.
 - Jenny worked with the Communications Team to update the County ACOA website. Many thanks to her.
- ACOA Roles & Responsibilities (see attachment) – sharing the updated document for ACOA members.
- A Leadership Session on responsibilities of Officers is being planned.

CCC ACOA Purpose and Responsibilities

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11:35 Committee Reports: Chairs (2-3 min each)

- Membership/Nominating: Kathryn Monroy-Dexter
 - Thomas presented the ACOA to San Pablo Senior Center in the hopes of getting a San Pablo representative.
 - Working on a document regarding role of the Alternate members.
- Planning: Jill Kleiner
 - Site tour of MOWDR on Friday, 5/22 – 3 slots available. If you want to attend, reach out to Cristina.
 - Thank you RFP reviewers.
- Health & Elder Abuse Prevention: Thomas Lang for Mike Wener
 - Last meeting: How to put together an Advanced Health Care directive.
 - Next meeting: Treatment and diagnosis of a diabetic foot.
- Housing: Kevin Donovan
 - Thanks to Nhang and Marilyn for their updates to the No Place To Call Home presentation.
 - Presented to Martinez Rotary last week.
 - Kevin will reach out to cities for more opportunities to present.
 - Tiffany Huyenh-Cho, Director of Medicare and Medicaid Advocacy, Justice in Aging made a presentation at the last meeting. She reports an estimated 4 million will be uninsured in California based on HR1.
- Legislative: Shirley Krohn/Steve Lipson
 - AB 1359 Jury Exemption – allowing seniors over 80 to opt out of Jury Duty.
 - SB 1002 Out of State physician bill – allows care by a physician out of state.
 - SB 971 Older Adult Education passed Health Committee then passed Human Services, then Senate floor unanimously. Now to Assembly.
- Technology: Steve Lipson
 - The Committee:
 - Discussed AI tools and policies from local government perspective
 - Looked at updates to AI tools.
 - Reviewed the County's ACOA webpages:
 - o Is there a timeline for changes?
 - o Is there data about activity?
 - CoCoElders website views have been steadily improving. Please share the postcards.
- Transportation: Jim Donnelly/Bryan Harris
 - Haleema talked about Accessibility Advisory Commission.
 - Next month: Riki Juster to present on Lamorinda Spirit Van.

11:45 Regional Coalition Update: Debbie Toth

- Legislative Advocacy & Senior Rally Day were held in May.
- 8 legislative visits – thanks to ACOA members who attended with Senate, Assembly and Congressional representatives.

11:50 Consent Items: None

11:50 Public Comment/Announcements (2 min each)

- Lorna: Shirley Krohn resigned from ACOA.
- Indy: Hey Guys! Still collaborating with Rodeo/Crocket seniors. Culinary medicine, restorative fitness, local organic farms.
- Jim: We need more people involved in leadership roles of the ACOA. Step up and get more involved.

11:59 Next ACOA General Meeting:

- Wednesday, June 17, 2026, 10am – 12pm
500 Ellinwood Way, Board Room A/B, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523
- Note: the ACOA does not hold a General meeting in July.

12:00 Adjourn:

- The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

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