



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Committee Meeting Minutes - Draft

Advisory Council on Aging

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

10:00 AM

500 Ellinwood Way, Pleasant Hill, CA.
Boardroom

ACOA General Meeting

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PUBLIC ACCESS AND PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONS:

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: 14720 Byron Hwy #4, Byron | 311 Calle la Mesa, Moraga | 28 Orinda Way, Orinda | 150 S 45th St., Unit 131, Richmond | 2950 Buskirk Avenue, Suite 330 Walnut Creek | 1001 Golden Raid Road, Walnut Creek

- 10:00 Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance / Introductions: Jill Kleiner, ACOA President
- Jill Kleiner called the meeting to order at 10:04 am. Deborah Wiener led the ACOA in the Pledge of Allegiance.
 - Guests introduced themselves.
- 10:05 Roll Call
- Roll call was conducted and 27 members qualified to be counted toward a quorum. Therefore, a quorum was established.

Present

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

Excused

Chalo Buckman, and Alan Goldhammer

Absent

Nikki Lopez

- 10:07 Approval of February 2026 Minutes
- A roll call vote was conducted and the minutes were approved.

Motion:

Wener

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

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10:10 Public Hearing: Area Plan Update 2026/2027: Tracy Murray, AAS Director
 - Tracy Murray, Director of Aging and Adult Services presented the draft 2026-27 Area Plan Update (APU). She expressed “deep gratitude to the Advisory Council on Aging” for their participation in the process.

(Public Comments are summarized in the 2026-2027 Area Plan Update document).

APU Overview

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Area Plan 2026-27

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10:50 Break

11:00 Area Agency on Aging Report: Tracy Murray, Director, Aging and Adult Services

- Special acknowledgement to staff members Cristina, Dixie, and Patty for their work on the APU.
- AAA is undergoing a California Dept. of Aging (CDA) program monitoring this week. Our meetings with CDA have been “phenomenal”.
- Staffing Update – Program Manager position closed. Tracy hopes to have news on hiring in the next 4-6 weeks.
- III B Request for Proposal – will be issued this month.

11:15 ACOA President’s Report: Jill Kleiner

- Committee Seat Numbers – see list attached to the agenda packet. A few committees need more members.
- Form 700 – due April 1st.
- Triple A Council of California (TACC) Meeting Update – at the March meeting, participants heard presentations from a new Marin respite program and about Sonoma’s local MPA implementation.
- Member Introductions will occur at April Meeting.
- Brown Act – will share slides from orientation regarding various attendance options.

Committee Assignments

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11:25 Committee Reports: Chairs (2-3 min each)

- Membership: Jill Kleiner for Kathryn Monroy-Dexter
 - Will be revising membership documents to clarify expectations, roles/responsibilities etc.
 - Antioch will appoint an ACOA representative on March 24th.
- Planning: Jill Kleiner
 - The Committee visited Senior Nutrition vendor Trio, who prepares the meals for the Senior Nutrition program. Praise to Trio for the wonderful site tour and to AAA staff member Jenn Gomes-Figueira for her excellent work on the program.
 - Next site visit will be at Meals on Wheels Diablo Region in May.
 - Medicare changes speaker for next meeting.
- Health & Elder Abuse Prevention: Michael Wener
 - Mary Blumberg from District Attorney's office will present at the next meeting.
- Housing: Kevin Donovan
 - At the March meeting, Claudia Ramirez from St Vincent de Paul. They reach over 80,000 people in our County.
 - Revision to No Place to Call Home presentation. No Place to Grow Old film may be screened as part of the presentation.
 - April 20 – Jennifer Cannon from County Office of Emergency Services will present on seniors and disabled.
- Legislative: Shirley Krohn/Steve Lipson
 - SB 971 moving along. It provides a framework with Public Health departments to provide education. No letters of opposition at this point, only letters of support.
- Technology: Steve Lipson
 - Talked about county website and cocoelders411.net.
 - Exploring the role of AI tools and what they offer to older adults for individuals to make informed decisions on how AI can help/not help them.
 - We continue to explore Notebook LM tool.
- Transportation: Bryan Harris
 - June workshop on hold and will be rescheduled.
 - Candace will be on medical leave and Bryan will fill in during her absence.

11:45 Regional Coalition Update: Debbie Toth

- Determining Advocacy priorities to bring to the Legislature on Advocacy Day.
- May 6 Senior Rally Day on Zoom.
- May 7 Legislative visits on Zoom.
- Zoom training on legislative visits will be offered (date TBD)
- Submitted application to Scan Foundation for \$25,000 in continued funding.

11:50 Consent Items:

- Approval of Area Plan Update for Fiscal Year 2026/2027

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

- Living Better After 50 event on April 25 in Pittsburg.
- Senior Wellness Fair on March 31 in Hercules. Sarah Green wants more information on Senior Nutrition so she can make a presentation.
- Board of Supervisors is considering sales tax to deal with the effects of HR 1.
- Pittsburg Senior Center Resource Fair - May 8.
- Richmond Commission on Aging Transportation Workshop on April 30.
- Indy attended workshop on disaster continuity.
- Indy invited folks to the farm day honoring Cesar Chavez in Rodeo on April 3.
- Indy will present at conference on Medicine and Religion.
- Contra Costa Nonprofit Partnership Fair at Contra Costa College on March 28. Also, seeking volunteers to work event.

Next ACOA General Meeting:

- Wednesday, April 15, 2026 10:00am – 12:00pm

12:00 Adjourn

- Jill Kleiner adjourned the meeting at 11:47 am.

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