



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Committee Meeting Minutes - Draft

Advisory Council on Aging

Wednesday, October 1, 2025

10:00 AM

500 Ellinwood Way, Pleasant Hill, CA
Ice Breaker Room

Executive Committee

<https://cccouny-us.zoom.us/j/85300066691>

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: 28 Orinda Way, Orinda, CA. 94563 | 150 S 45th St., Community Room, Richmond, CA 94804 | 324 El Divisadero Ave., Walnut Creek, CA | 3014 Grey Eagle Dr., Walnut Creek, CA

10:00 Call to Order/Roll Call/Introductions – Lorna VanAckeren, ACOA President, called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.

Roll call was conducted, and 7 out of 10 members qualified to be counted toward a quorum. Therefore, a quorum was established.

Present	Kevin Donovan, Candace Evans, Michelle Hayes, Steve Lipson, Kathryn Monroy-Dexter, Lorna Van Ackeren, and Michael Wener
Excused	Terri Tobey
Absent	Jill Kleiner, and Shirley Krohn

10:05 Approval of September 2025 minutes

This was approved.

Motion:	Wener
Second:	Donovan
Aye:	Donovan, Evans, Hayes, Lipson, Van Ackeren, and Wener
Absent:	Kleiner, and Krohn
Abstain:	Monroy-Dexter
Result:	Passed

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Attachments: [Executive 09.03.25 DRAFT Minutes](#)

10:10 Area Agency on Aging Report – Tracy Murray, AAA Director and/or Alicia Espinoza, AAA Program Manager

- West County RFP: Award notice to go out today.
- Access to Technology (ATT) Program Outcomes: Alicia presented a summary of the ATT program which ended 9/30/2024. (see slides)
- Age Friendly Campaign Update: materials on busses and social media with a QR code will be out very soon.
- Director Murray suggested “CDA Future-Readying efforts” should be a topic on the next agenda.

ATT Program

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Attachments: [ATT Program](#)

10:30 President's Report – Lorna VanAckeren

- Annual Reports from ACOA Committees are due to Alicia Espinoza by 11/15/25. The full report will be presented for approval at the December ACOA meeting.
- 2026 ACOA General meeting speakers – Mobility Matters in January,
At the December Executive Committee meeting, we will review a list of the subcontractors to consider as speakers for the 2026 ACOA General meetings. We will also consider other speakers such as Hope Solutions, H3, Trinity Center, and St. Vincent de Paul. Should we have 2 rather than 1 speaker per meeting?
- Lorna directed ACOA members to confirm messaging with AAA staff before speaking with providers regarding funding.
- Process/Blueprint for ACOA events is being developed.

11:05 Break

11:15 Committee Reports

- > Nominating Committee: Kathryn Monroy-Dexter
 - Kathryn announced the following candidates:
 - President: Kevin Donovan
 - Vice President: Mike Wener and Candace Evans
 - Secretary/Treasurer: Michelle Hayes
 - Candidates will be announced at the October meeting.
 - At December meeting, before voting occurs, candidates will be asked to speak for up to 2 mins about why they want to be an officer and what they plan to do in that position.

- > Membership Committee: Jill Kleiner
 - Susan Wright is recommended to the Board of Supervisors.
 - San Ramon and San Pablo seats still open.
 - One person on wait list for an at large/alternate seat.
 - Two candidates will be interviewed in October.

- > Planning Committee: Jill Kleiner
 - Choice in Aging tours set for Oct 22 and Oct 30.

- > Housing Committee: Kevin Donovan
 - Assembly Member Wicks put together a series of 22 bills to streamline the process of Affordable Housing approval called the “The Fast Track Housing Package”. The Housing Committee asks the Executive Committee to approve a letter (insert attachment) in support of the package. The letter will be sent to 4 State Assembly Members and 3 State Senators.
 - Alex Werth, presented on Bay Area eviction rates/patterns.
 - Next meeting: Janessa Oriol, Office of Congressman DeSaulnier and Kayla Digorio, Hope Solutions
 - Kevin attended the Food Security Briefing and noted that there are challenging times ahead.

- > Health and Elder Abuse Prevention Committee: Mike Wener
 - Terri will write the Committee’s Annual Report. She is currently on leave.
 - Next meeting: The Committee will discuss committee operations. Debra Weiner, new ACOA member will speak about the mental effects of Elder Abuse.

- > Legislative Committee and California Senior Legislature Update: Steve Lipson for Shirley Krohn
 - SB 707 is on the Governor’s desk for signature. It will take effect on Oct 13 even if the

Governor doesn't sign it. If approved, it must go before Board of Supervisors for determination whether they will allow teleconferencing.

- Older Adult Education proposal is now before California Senior Legislature for approval.

- > Technology Committee – Steve Lipson

- AT&T trying to get out of providing landlines.
- Federal government no longer sending paper checks.

- > Senior Mobility Action Council (S.M.A.C./Transportation Committee): Candace Evans

- The Executive Committee discussed the Transportation event scheduled for November 17, 2025. The event will be postponed.
- Lorna asked Candace to present a blueprint of the event to the Executive Committee at a later date.

Revised Fast Track Housing Letter

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Attachments: [Revised Fast Track Housing Letter](#)

Consent Item

- Candace Evans – Leave of Absence for the month of August 2025.
- Approval of a revised letter of support for "The Fast Track Housing Package" to be placed on General ACOA Agenda

This was approved.

Motion: **Donovan**

Second: **Wener**

Aye: **Donovan, Evans, Hayes, Lipson, Van Ackeren, Wener**

Absent: **and Monroy-Dexter
Kleiner, and Krohn**

Result: **Passed**

11:45 Public Comment: None Next

Executive Committee Meeting:

- No November meeting
- Wednesday, December 3, 2025, 10:00am – 12:00pm

Adjourn

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