



# CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

## Committee Meeting Minutes - Draft

### Advisory Council on Aging

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Wednesday, September 17, 2025

10:00 AM

500 Ellinwood Way, Pleasant Hill, CA  
Boardroom

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#### ACOA General Meeting

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

#### 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: 116 Raven Hill Road, Orinda, CA 94563 | 130 Linhares Lane, Alamo, CA 94507 | 200 Seaview Dr., El Cerrito, CA 94530 | 2756 Lily Court, Antioch, CA 94531 | 28 Orinda Way, Orinda, CA 94563 | 2950 Buskirk Avenue, Suite 330 Walnut Creek, CA 94597 | 324 El Divisadero Avenue, Walnut Creek, CA 94598 | 136 El Cerro Ct, Danville, CA 94526

10:00 Call to Order/Introductions: Lorna VanAckeren, ACOA President

10:01 Roll Call conducted and 28 members qualified to be counted toward a quorum. Therefore, a quorum was established.

#### **Present**

Roger Boaz, Chalo Buckman, Deborah Card, Cesar Court, Kevin Donovan, Holly Frates, Marilyn Fowler, Alan Goldhammer, Sarah Green, Michelle Hayes, Carol Kehoe, Denise Kalm, Jill Kleiner, Thomas Lang, Steve Lipson, Sharon Maxwell, Nikki Lopez, Kathryn Monroy-Dexter, Richard Morisky, Brian O'Toole, Inderpit Sekhon, Logan Robertson, Carol Schaefer, Lorna Van Ackeren, Candace Evans, Michael Wener, Dennis Yee, and Deborah Wiener

#### **Excused**

Steven Freshman, Sharon Sakai-Miller, and Terri Tobey

#### **Absent**

Cate Burkhardt, Brock Dubbels, and Shirley Krohn

10:03 Approval of August 2025 minutes

- A minor correction was made to Roger Boaz' name on page 4 of the August minutes.

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#### **Attachments:**

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#### **Motion:**

**Kalm**

#### **Second:**

**Kehoe**

**Aye:** Boaz, Buckman, Card, Court, Donovan, Frates, Fowler, Goldhammer, Green, Hayes, Kehoe, Kalm, Kleiner, Lang, Lipson, Maxwell, Lopez, Monroy-Dexter, Morisky, O'Toole, Sekhon, Robertson, Schaefer, Van Ackeren, Evans, Wener, Yee, and Wiener

**Absent:** Burkhardt, Dubbels, and Krohn

**Result:** Passed

10:05 Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Report - Alicia Espinoza, Division Manager, Area Agency on Aging

- The Division Manager gave an update on the status of the Title III C Senior Nutrition West County RFP 1226. Award notification to go out approximately September 26. See attachment for full schedule.

- Area Agency on Aging Acronyms list provided to the ACOA members in the agenda packet.

Title IIIC Senior Nutrition Program West County - RFP 1226 [25-3780](#)

**Attachments:** [Title IIIC Senior Nutrition Program West County - RFP 1226](#)

Area Agency on Aging Acronyms [25-3900](#)

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10:30 Presentation -- Family Justice Center, Nick Weber, Navigator  
See slides in agenda packet.

FJC PP-East Purposes [25-3901](#)

**Attachments:** [FJC PP-East Purposes](#)

11:05 Break

## 11:15 ACOA President's Report: Lorna VanAckeren

- The President encouraged ACOA members' participation in Town Halls and surveys related to the Community Impact Fund
- ACOA Roster – If you do not want your personal information (cell phone, email, address) shared with ACOA members, please sign the form that is being passed around the room.
- Please sign up to bring something for the December 17th Holiday Potluck (directly after the ACOA meeting).
- At the October meeting, the Nominating Committee will present names of candidates for President, Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer.
- Jim Donnelly is nominated as ACOA Member Emeritus. It is on the consent calendar today.
- Leave of Absence Form requirement – when requesting a Leave of Absence, please complete the form attached to the agenda packet and submit to Jenny Lam.

ACOA LOA Request Form 2025

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**Attachments:**

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## 11:30 Committee and Workgroup Reports: Chairs

## Membership -- Jill Kleiner

- Orientation for new members held on Sept 9.
- Seven vacant City seats with five pending approvals:
  - > City of Pittsburg
  - > City of Clayton
  - > City of Antioch
  - > City of Pinole
  - > City of Moraga
  - > City of San Pablo and City of San Ramon seats are still vacant
- All Member at Large and Alternate seats are full

## Nominating -- Kathryn Monroy-Dexter

- All three positions have candidates, but outreach is ongoing

## Planning -- Jill Kleiner

- The Committee reviewed the draft of annual report.
- The Committee is organizing a series of site visits to community agencies. Signup sheet available for visit to Choice in Aging on Oct 22 or Oct 30.

## Health &amp; Elder Abuse Prevention -- Michael Wener

- Denise Kalm presented at the last meeting regarding Assisted Suicide.
- "We have good topics".

## Housing -- Kevin Donovan

- Alex Wurth, Bay Area Housing Finance Authority, presented re tenant/evictions issues.
- At the October meeting the speakers will be from HOPE Solutions re: affordable housing and Congressman DeSaulnier's office re: federal financing picture

## Legislative -- Steve Lipson

- SB 707 – Brown Act revisions – passed both houses of the legis. It is on 10/12 deadline for Gov signature.

## Technology -- Steve Lipson

- Working on California Senior Legislature proposal for Older Adult Education provided through Public Health.

## Transportation -- Bryan Harris for Candace Evans

- SB 63 \$6 million in funding for transportation is on the Governor's Desk for signature
- On Monday, Nov 17, SMAC will present a senior transportation mobility workshop at the Lafayette Library. Volunteers needed. Reach out to Candace, Bryan, and Thomas if you are available.

## 11:50 Regional Coalition Update: Debbie Toth

Regional Coalitions are funded by the Scan Foundation and support the California Coalition of Long-Term Services and Supports. They are in partnership to advocate, train, and outreach re: issues of long-term care.

## 11:55 Consent Items:

## Approval

Michael Wener: Vice President 2025 (remainder of the calendar year)

Teresa Wright: Alternate #4

Holly Frates: Member at Large #9 (promoting from Alternate #3)

Gerry La-Londe Berg: Alternate #3

Jim Donnelly: Emeritus member

**Motion:** Fowler

**Second:** Robertson

**Aye:** Boaz, Buckman, Card, Court, Donovan, Frates, Fowler, Goldhammer, Green, Hayes, Kehoe, Kalm, Kleiner, Lang, Lipson, Maxwell, Lopez, Monroy-Dexter, Morisky, O'Toole, Sekhon, Robertson, Schaefer, Van Ackeren, Wener, and Yee

**Absent:** Burkhart, Dubbels, and Krohn

**Abstain:** Evans, and Wiener

**Result:** Passed

## 11:56 Public Comment

- Saturday, Oct 11 - Disaster Festival in Crockett and Port Costa
- Per FEMA, Contra Costa is in the 99.5 percentile in risk of disaster.
- Thursday, October 9 - Concord Senior Center Fair
- Sunday, Sept 21 - El Sobrante Stroll. Tom Lang is one of the organizers
- Thursday, Sept 25 - Richmond Safety Summit

## 11:58 New Business for next meeting:

- Wednesday, October 15, 2025. In-Home Supportive Services presentation
- No meeting in November.

## 12:00 Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

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