



# Mayor's Commission on Aging

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**Wednesday, February 2, 2022**

**Held via Teleconference**

## MINUTES

### 1. Call to Order

Chairperson Bryan Ricks called the meeting to order at 10:01a.m. The meeting was held via teleconference.

### 2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

**Present:** Bryan Ricks, Martha Scott, Asha Beene-Clarke, Michael Coleman, Tomye Neal Madison, Shannon McDonnell, Jacqueline Phillips, Jennifer Seibert

**Absent:** Cheryl Moore

**Absent Excused:** Dianna Garrett

*A quorum was established.*

**Staff:** Scott Means (Aging & Adult Services Manager), Marshay Boyd (Administrative Assistant)

### 3. Re-adopt the Teleconference Resolution (*Adopt Resolution 21-10-02 Determining that Conducting In-Person Meetings of the Mayor's Commission on Aging and its Committees would Present Imminent Risks to Attendees' Health and Electing to Continue Conducting Meetings Using Teleconferencing in Accordance with California Government Code Section 54953(e), a Provision of AB-361*)

M/S/Carried: Jennifer Seibert/Michael Coleman/Motion Carried Unanimously

### 4. Agenda Modification and Approval

The agenda was approved no modifications.

M/S/Carried: Asha Beene-Clarke/Jennifer Seibert/Motion carried unanimously.

### 5. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

The January 5, 2022 minutes were approved with no modifications.

M/S/Carried: Shannon McDonnell/Michael Coleman/Motion carried unanimously

### 6. Public Forum

No speakers currently.

### 7. LIFE ElderCare Presentation (*by Deepa Chordiya, Outreach Manager, LIFE ElderCare*)

Chair Ricks opened this up with a brief introduction of Deepa Chordiya, Outreach Manager for LIFE ElderCare. Deepa introduced herself and started with showing a brief video giving some statistics and explaining what LIFE ElderCare is. She proceeded with an in-depth presentation on how LIFE ElderCare helps seniors in the community with daily needs. Commissioner Seibert asked if there was a cost for this service. Deepa replied no all of these services are free of charge.

## 8. Age-Friendly Report

Chair Ricks provided an update on the Livable Oakland Stakeholders goals. Chair Ricks stated they have wrapped up the final Open Spaces stakeholder meeting on December 16, 2021, as well as where they stand after that group meeting. Commissioner Coleman took over providing us with a recap of the meeting, explaining the progress and key discussion points. The next meeting will be on Health and Wellness January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Livable Oakland Meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month. Please email [MCOA@oaklandca.gov](mailto:MCOA@oaklandca.gov) if you are interested in becoming a stakeholder.

## 9. New Staff Introductions

Scott Means took this time to introduce Jessi Cutter who has officially promoted to Senior Center Director at the Downtown Oakland Senior Center. She has been the only acting director for the past few months. Jessi expressed how excited she is to transition. Scott also introduced Amy Miller who is coming in as Admin staff. Amy who prefers to go by Al has been working with Jessi at the DOSC to train and will be moving to the West Oakland Senior Center to work with the director there. Al expressed gratitude and excitement to join the team.

## 10. Commission Retreat Discussion

Chair Ricks opened this discussion up by suggesting they start to dig deep on what they need to plan for the retreat. Scott Means suggested a few options, stating we won't have time to bring in a consultant and requesting other options maybe using staff or bringing on a pro bono facilitator. Chair Ricks suggests checking with Valerie, and to kick the retreat out to March. Scott states we might be able to do it in person at a large facility. Commissioner Garrett suggests checking with Lenore to become the facilitator, also the possibility of doing it outside if we wait until March. Scott requested a motion for them to have the retreat in March for time to search for adequate facilitators, and for staff to research the viability of having it in person. M/S/Carried: Martha Scott/Tomye Neal Madison/Motion carried unanimously.

## 11. HSD Aging & Adult Services/COVID-19 update - *Scott Means, Aging & Adult Services Manager*

Scott opened the conversation informing us of the new vaccine mandate regarding the update on COVID-19. The senior facilities and senior centers are mandated to require a vaccine to enter. We are working on My Senior Center to enable a portal that seniors can go into and pre-register their vaccine status, reducing the need to bring and show their card every time. Also, deciding which services will still be available to the seniors who aren't vaccinated. Scott discussed OAM (Older American Month) coming up May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Scott asked for volunteers to help coordinate and join the planning committee. Commissioner Neal Madison and Commissioner Seibert volunteered to join the committee. Scott advised that we are immediately hiring for an Information Referral/Assistance staff, a really nice job for part-time work, does not have to be low income, must be vaccinated as it will be in person, and a union job! Contact Scott Means [Smeans@oaklandca.gov](mailto:Smeans@oaklandca.gov) to inquire about applying.

**OPED:** Recruiting for senior services program assistant! Program is open and continues to serve the community. They are working to expedite the Taxi Script Service and launching the Go-Go Grandparent Platform that will provide Uber and Lift rides to seniors.

**MSSP:** Seniors are still opting into televisits, will continue to maintain cases with porch visits until they're comfortable letting people into their homes again.

**SCP/FGP:** The program is staffed by 1.5 FTEs. The program will continue to sufficiently serve the community while in the recruitment process.

**ASSETS:** We are hiring! If you know any older adults (strong need for bilingual) who would like to participate, send them our way. The senior aide TPT positions are minimum wage \$14.36/hour at

20hrs/week. There are also employment opportunities for Physical Fitness Instructors to apply as Recreation Specialists that will service the senior centers.

**SENIOR CENTERS:** Our staffing issues have improved, but kind of shifted the issues. Despite this, the Senior Centers continue to provide critical services that includes food distribution, membership registration and virtual/limited-indoor programming. Have upcoming events to RSVP for any upcoming events, presentations, or classes go to MyActiveCenter.com or call (510) 238-3284 M-F 9am-3pm. We have activities at all our centers. Introducing new Senior Center newsletter. A membership into an Oakland Senior Center is not a key into the city, but a membership into a community. Working on making our Senior Centers a community benefit, improving seniors experience.

## 12. Announcements

Commissioner McDonnell excitedly told us about 2 upcoming classes at the WOSC. You have to be a member to attend, please reach out if interested in becoming a member. First class is Straight Outta Oakland, a story telling class with Ben Turner the first black man to run a mile in under 4 mins. This class will be elders talking about what West Oakland use to look like, in person class at WOSC. Second class is hosted by Terrance Kelly a choir class at the WOSC. All start in January, free to West Oakland Residence and member of WOSC.

Commissioner Neal Madison shared information about an art exhibit, 25<sup>th</sup> year presentation of black artist will be held in multiple cities. Reach out to her for more information.

Free COVID testing is available at the following locations:

- East Oakland Senior Center – Parking Lot | 9255 Edes Ave, Oakland, CA 94603  
To schedule an appointment: <https://curative.com/sites/31207>  
Date/Time: Tuesdays | 8:00am -2:00pm
- Downtown Oakland Senior Center – Parking Lot | 200 Grand Ave, Oakland, CA 94610  
To schedule an appointment: <https://curative.com/sites/31197>  
Date/Time: Thursdays | 8:00am -2:00pm

## 13. Closing Remarks & Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

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### Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 2, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. via teleconference.