



# Mayor's Commission on Aging

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**Wednesday, July 6, 2022**  
**Held via Teleconference**

## MINUTES

### 1. Call to Order

Chairperson Bryan Ricks called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was held via teleconference.

### 2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

**Present:** Bryan Ricks, Martha Scott, Michael Coleman, Dianna Garrett, Tomye Neal Madison, Shannon McDonnell

**Absent:** Cheryl Moore

**Absent Excused:** Jacqueline Phillips

**Late:** Asha Beene-Clarke, Jennifer Seibert

*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)*

Motion Carried: Martha Scott/Michael Coleman/Motion Carried Unanimously

### 4. Agenda Modification and Approval

The agenda was approved no modifications.

Motion Carried: Tomye Neal Madison/Jennifer Seibert/Shannon McDonnell/Motion carried unanimously.

### 5. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

The June 1, 2022, minutes were approved with no modifications.

Motion Carried: Martha Scott/Michael Coleman/Motion carried unanimously

### 6. Public Forum

Assata Olugbala asked for clarification on what public forum means, chair Ricks confirmed that

public forum is space for anyone from the public to speak to the commission. Doesn't have to be about agenda items, can refer to anything relating to the MCOA Commission. Assata proceeded to explain she is new to the meetings and wants to see what the MCOA can provide for her, and others like her. Chair Ricks provided her a basic understanding of what this group stands for.

**7. Safe Oakland Streets (SOS) Presentation** *by Maya Amichai and Ofurhe Igbinedion*

Chair Ricks gave a brief introduction to this presentation. Ofurhe Igbinedion and Maya Amichai provided a wonderful presentation on how the SOS team is working on creating safer streets in Oakland. While providing statistics and answering concerning questions from the Commissioners and Audience members. Oak311 is the number (or you can download the app) to call for traffic safety requests.

**8. Age-Friendly Report: Housing Stakeholders Meeting**

Chair Ricks opened this with a brief run through of how Livable Oakland was developed, and what it is focused on. Highlighting the 4 domains Housing, Open Spaces, Health & Wellness, and Communications. Vice-chair Scott discussed the Housing domain initiative, going over some topics and things that were discussed at the previous stakeholder meeting. Commissioner Beene-Clarke also gave a recap of the meeting and the goals that the Housing Group are working on accomplishing.

**9. Council Report**

MCOA will be on recess until September. Scott will need everyone's draft sections soon, will work with Chair Ricks and Vice-chair Scott to complete the final touches.

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

Still have 25% vacancy in HSD Services, hits hardest in OPED and Senior Employment where we only have a single staff. Will be bringing in new volunteers. Starting a new program with high school students to come help with technology and other things. Outreach developer is the first position we are looking for. Barbara Lee provided a check to go toward a new project TCM program to supply more needs for seniors. Starting rental program back in August, rules for senior centers stop once they become rental facilities, will still have mask mandate but will not be checking vaccines at the door. Scott means passed the floor to Jessi Cutter DOSC Director. Jessi shared a community engagement opportunity of a training for the proper ways to reach seniors, she asked for volunteers to attend and be a panelist at this training. The training will be put out for all of City of Oakland staff.

**OPED:** Recruiting for senior services program analyst! 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:** 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.

### **11. Commission on Aging Recognition (Ceremonial) *Scott Means***

Scott Means took this time to recognize all the hard work the current Commissioners have done, all but 2 members of the current Commission will be on the Commission come September. All their work has not gone unnoticed, Scott highlighted some of the things they have accomplished and genuinely thanked them for their hard work. Thank you, Commissioners!

### **12. Announcements**

Commissioner Coleman discussed the meeting with transportation regarding the open spaces stakeholder group, had a lovely meeting with Joel Young discussing getting transportation engaged with the plans for Open Spaces.

Jessi announced UCSF Institute for Neuroscience will be doing a memory and aging brain health series starting Friday, July 8<sup>th</sup> at DOSC, Friday July 15<sup>th</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> EOSC, Friday July 29<sup>th</sup> WOSC, and Friday August 5<sup>th</sup> at DOSC will be presentations and activities.

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 & Adjourn**

The meeting was Adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

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### **Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 7, 2022, at 10 a.m. via teleconference.