



# Mayor's Commission on Aging

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**Wednesday, November 2, 2022**  
**Held via Teleconference**

## MINUTES

THIS MEETING IS INFORMATIONAL ONLY DUE TO LACK OF QUORUM

### 1. Call to Order

Scott Means called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was held via teleconference. Scott Means advised that the mayor's office is set to officially confirm commissioners by our next meeting, December 7, 2022. This meeting will be run by Scott and Marshay as a informational meeting, nothing will be voted on.

### 2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

**Present:** Asha Beene-Clarke, Dianna Garrett, Jennifer Seibert, Lenore McDonald, Suzi Kalmus, Ristina Ingram, Tydia Hill, Patricia Osage

**Absent:**

**Absent Excused:**

**Late:** Blake Spears

*A quorum was not 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)*

N/A

### 4. Adoption of Agenda

N/A

### 5. Approval of minutes: October 5, 2022

N/A

**6. Public Forum**

Audience member Assata Olugbala informed us of informational reports that never come to the public, measure KK Project and expenditures. Talks about EOSC renovation project, money is being moved from that project to department of transportation. Also, one at WOSC. Assata suggests we pay attention to these funds being moved, with promises of being return to the project, but projects never being completed. Found report on informational reports for the City of Oakland 1/26/2022 report was issued, link came from agenda for city council. Audience member Bryan Ricks former commissioner, offered to provide coverage on recent Health and Wellness Stakeholder meeting.

**7. Group Agreements (Respecting each other in this space), Commissioner Beene-Clarke**

Commissioner Beene-Clarke presented some valuable information to the Commission regarding having some group agreements. Opening the floor for all the commissioners to add in any information they would. Commissioner McDonald mentioned doing the land acknowledgements.

**8. Age-Friendly Report: Health and Wellness & Housing Stakeholders Meeting**

Bryan Ricks opened this agenda item with a recap of the Health and Wellness Stakeholder meeting that was held on October 13, 2022. Providing a breakdown of the goals and the action plan the group has created. Commissioner Beene-Clarke provided a recap of the Housing Stakeholder group meeting held on October 27, 2022. Giving a broader understanding of the work that is scheduled to start in that group. Audience member Assata provided context of elders needing assistance with figuring out how to stay in their homes, some just need a little guidance on where to start.

**9. Program Introduction Senior Centers, Senior Center Directors**

Scott suggested we start with East Oakland Senior Center EOSC. Acting Director Michelle Gomez provided a great inside look into the EOSC, what they offer, provide, and engage in for the seniors in their community. Next, is North Oakland Senior Center NOSC, Director Kayla Brown shared a PowerPoint presentation. Providing knowledge about the NOSC and what goes on for the seniors in that community. Next, is West Oakland Senior Center WOSC, Director Mia Thibeaux gave an overview of upcoming events at WOSC. Also providing detail of what her center offers for seniors in that community. Lastly, Downtown Senior Center DOSC, Director Jessi Cutter shared a couple of flyers of activities going on at DOSC. Seniors in this community have a lot of fun things to do. Audience member Assata recommend offering more service-related activities for seniors at the centers, allowing them more opportunities to give back to the community.

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

Scott Means provided an update. Case management program continues to move forward, starting with complex training. All staff will be receiving this training. Masking mandate: 2/23/2023 is the projected date for the mask mandate to be lifted, March MCOA meeting will likely be in person. This is a moving target, can change within this timeframe.

**OPED:** 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. Announcements

Marshay Boyd mentioned a Free Health Fair called "It Takes a Village" November 19, 2022, 11am-4pm

Commissioner McDonald has married, last name will be changing to Gunst

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

## 12. Closing Remarks & Adjourn

The meeting was Adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

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### Date and Time of Next Meeting

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