



GENERAL SESSION MEETING MINUTES AMENDED

Monday, February 9, 2026 | 9:30AM – 12:00 PM

Alameda County Social Services Agency (Eastmont)
Maxwell Park Room
6955 Foothill Blvd, Suite 143 (First Floor)
Oakland, CA 94605

<p><u>ACA Commissioners Present</u> Denyse McCowan (Vice-Chair) Dori Ellis Helen Mayfield John Schinkel-Kludjian Johnny O’Brien Michael Goetz Priscilla Banks Laura McMichael-Cady (Chair) Regina Guillory</p> <p><u>Commissioners Absent</u> Barbara Price Jeffrey Macapinlac</p>	<p><u>County of Alameda Staff Present</u> Abigail Katz Amritpal Gill - online Janet Weisman - online Janine Carlson Jeffrey Robinson Kim Fogel Min Feng Rhoda Turner Sonya Frost Zalae Etienne</p> <p><u>Guests:</u> Jenny Pardini and Jacqueline Scoggins</p>
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Item	Discussion / Action Item
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CALL TO ORDER 	Meeting called to order at 9:32 am Roll Call of Commissioners Quorum achieved.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ APPROVAL OF MINUTES 	<p>Motion to accept the meeting minutes from 1/12/2026. (M) Dori Ellis (S) Michael Goetz Passed</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS ON THE AGEDA 	No public comment given.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ COMMENTS FROM THE ACA CHAIR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tentative retreat schedule 6/8/26 ▪ Schedule and attendance reminders 	Chair McMichael-Cady made the following comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Strategic Planning Retreat is tentatively scheduled for the 2nd Monday in June in Hayward. • Draft slides have been prepared and require review for content and alignment with agency templates.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suggested additions: list of commissioners, current vacancies, and recruitment efforts.
<p>E. AAA DIRECTOR'S REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staffing Changes/ Administrative Updates RFP's 	<p><i>Sonya Frost, Division Director for Department of Aging and Adult Protection, provided updates on behalf of Jennifer Stephens-Pierre (out of office).</i></p> <p>Staffing Changes/ Administrative Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jeffrey Robinson has joined as a new Social Worker for AAA. Jeffrey Robinson introduced himself and shared a bit about his background A new Admin Specialist will begin on March 2nd. Interviews were conducted for the Supervising Program Specialist and Specialist Clerk positions. Currently waiting to see if the selected candidates accepts the offer. Still waiting for the updated menu guidelines to be released/updated. The move to the new building is scheduled for early March. Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the new location will be held on February 17, from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM at 22225 Foothill Blvd., Hayward. <p>RFP's</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Senior Information and Assistance RFP has closed. Recently submitted RFPs include Family Caregiver Support, SIP Healthcare, and the Senior Injury Prevention Program. The Health Promotion RFP—which includes Friendly Visitor, Telephone Reassurance, Family Caregiver Support, and Senior Center Activities—will be reposted in the upcoming weeks. We are in the final review and approval process for that and several other RFPs still in progress.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PRESENTATION Topic: California Senior Legislature 	<p>John Pointer, Chair of the Joint Rules Committee for the California Senior Legislature, provided an overview of the California Senior Legislature.</p> <p>Key points from his presentation included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior Rally Day will take place during the first week of May and coincides with Older Americans Month. 2026 is an election year for the California Senior Legislature.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CSL elections will be held in May 2026, with four positions available in Alameda County. ▪ Applications can be submitted on the CSL website between January and March 31.
<p>G. PRESENTATION</p> <p>AB-1069 Older adults: emergency shelters and PAL</p>	<p><i>Charles Balderama-Sanchez, Management Analyst for the Social Services Agency – Government & Community Relations, was not able to attend, and no presentation was given.</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ACA PRESENTATIONS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Presentation for BOS - Social Services Committee (for submission to Social Services Agency) ▪ Draft Presentation to Mayor’s Conference (content only) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Commissioner McMichael-Cady reported that presentations for the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor’s Conference are coming up. ▪ Chair McMichael-Cady commented that the slides for the Board of Supervisors presentation are included in the agenda packet. ▪ The Board of Supervisors presentation will be taking place in two weeks, on February 23rd. ▪ Commissioner Banks stated that they are working on their second draft of the PowerPoint presentation for the Mayor’s Conference, with input from Commissioners Dori Ellis Denyse McCowan, and expect to have it finalized by March. ▪ Commissioner Guillory noted that the slide incorrectly lists her as “At Large,” but she represents District 5. ▪ Commissioner McMichael-Cady mentioned that the website also lists members incorrectly. <p>Action Item: Kim Fogel, Management Analyst, will contact the Clerk of the Board to correct the members to their rightful districts.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Draft Vision Statement ▪ Parliamentian 	<p>Draft Vision Statement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Commissioners shared their individual vision statements. Common themes included: ▪ Dignity and Independence: Enabling seniors to age comfortably, safely, and with autonomy. ▪ Sense of Belonging and Community: Ensuring older adults feel connected and valued. ▪ Access to Resources and Services: Advocating for equitable access to care, opportunities, and supportive programs. ▪ Advocacy and Voice: Amplifying seniors’ voices, protecting rights, and honoring legacies. ▪ Well-being and Safety: Promoting aging well and aging safely in inclusive environments.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Statements will be compiled and reviewed by Helen for patterns, summarized, and forwarded to Laura for submission to the consultant assisting with the process. <p>Parliamentian</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Commissioner Mayfield recommended appointing a designated person on the Commission to centralize communication. This individual would serve as the point of contact for information flow between the Commission and staff, ensuring members receive timely updates about existing groups and relevant information.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ PROPOSED COMMISSION RECSS DATES: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ June 2026 ▪ December 2026 	<p>Motion: To recess in December and hold a strategic planning retreat on June 8 in lieu of the regular June meeting. (M) Laura McMichael-Cady (S) Priscilla Banks</p> <p>(Passed)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A discussion ensued on the proper protocol for conducting a vote on motions. Commissioners focused on the correct procedure, including how votes should be called, recorded, and confirmed to ensure compliance with standard meeting practices.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Executive ▪ Public Relations ▪ Legislative ▪ Service Delivery 	<p>Executive Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The next Executive Committee meeting will be held on Monday, February 23. ○ Focus will be on Reviewing the bylaws, annual schedule, orientation packets, and mission statement. ○ Plan to meet with Catherine Payne to work on the Vision Statement and define specific goals and objectives. <p>Public Relations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Met prior to the General meeting at 9 a.m. ○ Work has begun on the next Senior Update newsletter. ○ The current Senior Updates were provided to Commissioners for distribution within their networks.



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	<p>Legislative:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Commissioners Mayfield and Ellis attended the last Legislative committee meeting and raised questions regarding the Legislative Committee’s structure and processes. Their questions focused on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Clarifying what is expected of members in the Legislative Committee. ▪ Establishing more structure and defined expectations for participation. ▪ Understanding the PAL process (Priority/Advocacy List) and how items move through it. ▪ Exploring how the Committee’s work ties in with CSL (California Senior Legislature) for alignment and collaboration. <p>Service Delivery:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Service Delivery report was presented earlier in the meeting. ○ Commissioner Banks requested that a logo be added to the PowerPoint presentation to the Mayor’s Conference, noting that the current version does not include one. ○ Will meet immediately following the General meeting.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENT 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Davonna Finley from Bright Star Care shared that she works for an in-home support service that helps maintain independence for older adults and individuals with disabilities in their own homes. Her role is in community relations, and she expressed interest in connecting with Commissioners for future collaboration. She invited Commissioners to a brunch at Ivy Park on the 11th and emphasized her desire to maintain access to this community moving forward. ▪ Helena Hill, a 96-year-old Oakland resident, shared that she received the Senior Update in the mail and expressed interest in helping out in Oakland. ▪ Marilyn, public member who attended the commission meeting, shared that she enjoyed the discussion and plans to apply to the California



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	<p>Senior Legislature as a senator. She requested support from the Commission and stated her focus will be on financial equity for seniors and built environment improvements. Commissioners may contact her with questions at ababiom@yahoo.com.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Commissioner Schinkel-Kludjian announced that he will be traveling to Washington, D.C. at the end of the month to sit in on several congressional hearings addressing issues affecting older veterans. He looks forward to sharing updates from these hearings at the March Commission meeting. ▪ Commissioner Mayfield shared that she serves on Nate Miley's United Senior Board and highlighted strong alignment between the board's goals and those of the commission. The Senior Board recently finalized its 2026 goals, many of which mirror the commission's goals. She will provide updates on upcoming activities and collaboration opportunities. Additionally, she suggested that our commission consider presenting to the Senior Board, which meets on the second Friday of each month. ▪ She also mentioned that she is leading a community-wide effort on chronic kidney disease prevention with the American Heart Association, focusing on hypertension awareness. A flyer will be sent to the Chair for distribution; the initiative targets ages 18-59, including families of seniors. ▪ Happy Heart Campaign with free blood pressure screening on Monday, February 23 and Thursday, February 26th at the Eastmont Wellness Center Self Sufficiency Center, Suite 100 ▪ Kim Fogel noted that the Budget should have been on this month's agenda and requested that it be added to next month's general meeting agenda.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ADJOURNMENT 	<p>Meeting adjourned at 11:42 pm.</p>