

# RIVERSIDE COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING GENERAL MEETING

Location: 3610 Central Avenue, Suite 102  
Riverside, California

Date: November 8, 2023 Time: 10:00am – 12:00 pm

Facilitator: Renne Sanchez, Supervising Program Specialist

## Minutes

### 1. First Order of Business

Mark Cox, Chair

#### 1.1 Call to Order

Called to order at 10:03 a.m.

#### 1.2 Establish Quorum and Self-Introductions

Barbara Adams	✓	Tyler Cobb	✓	Steve Mehlman	✓
Don Brock	✓	Mark Cox	✓	Milissa Meyer	✓
Leezett Casal	✓	Debbie Franklin	<b>Absent</b>	Barbara Mitchell	✓
Teresa Chappell	✓	Cynthia Lemus	✓	Donna Olson	<b>Absent</b>
Barbara Christian	✓	Javier Lopez	<b>Absent</b>	Sterlon Sims	✓

A quorum was established.

#### 1.3 Review ADA Guidelines

No accommodation requests were received.

#### 1.4 Invocation

#### 1.5 Pledge of Allegiance

#### 1.6 Self-Introductions

Each Council member introduced themselves. In attendance from the Office on Aging were Dennis Kabuye, Renne Sanchez, Libby Garcia, Alyssa Peeters and Aide Valentin.

#### 1.7 Chair Reports and Reminders

Committee Chairs for Advocacy, Bylaws and Membership committees should be prepared to present their plans at the December 13, 2023 General Council meeting.

Ambassador Focal Point Assignments will be discussed later in the agenda.

John Pointer with the CA Senior Legislature will be rescheduled for the December or January meeting.

Brown Act Training dates will be discussed later in the agenda.

Virtual meetings will be discussed later in the agenda.

Report due dates will be discussed later in the agenda.

The Care Pathways pamphlet in Spanish was distributed.

#### 1.8 Public Comments

The Council received one public comment request from Mr. Ken Mayes of Wildomar. Comments pertained to the accessibility of the Office on Aging's publicly posted Area Plan on Aging, the availability of senior centers in Wildomar, and the Office on Aging's presence in the community. Mr. Mayes was thanked for his comments.

### 2. Department Updates/ADRC Reports

Renne Sanchez,  
Supervising Program Specialist

#### 2.1 Meeting Format Change

The General Advisory Council Meeting will continue to be held from 10:00am – 12:00pm. The General Council will no longer take a one-hour break for lunch. Instead, the General members will be excused, and the Executive Committee Council Meeting will commence at noon.

#### 2.2 Mileage Submission Due Date

Members mileage is due via Survey Monkey by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. Issues were reported with the current survey. Renne will resolve any issues and email members when Survey Monkey is available to use.

#### 2.3 Revised Advisory Council Meeting Schedule and Reports

Report due dates have been revised and are now due earlier. The revised schedule was distributed.

#### 2.4 Onboarding Documents

All onboarding documents were due today from new members. Ethics training is required for all new members. Current members must complete ethics training every two years. Anyone who is experiencing challenges with the training link or completion, should speak to Alyssa or Renne after today's meeting. Arrangements can be made to meet at the Office on Aging for one-on-one assistance.

#### 2.5 Brown Act Training

Date options for Brown Act Training are:

- November 14, 2pm – 4pm
- November 15, 9am - 11am or 2pm – 4pm
- November 16, 9am – 11am or 2pm – 4pm

A maximum of five people per meeting is permitted. Members should see Alyssa after today's meeting to reserve a date and time.

2.6 Virtual Meetings

Questions regarding SB 544 are pending a response from County Counsel.

2.7 Ambassador Focal Point Assignments

Focal points were briefly discussed. The list of assignments will be updated.

2.8 Sustainable Ambassador Packets

A suggestion to move to some type of a sustainable, laminated, multi-fold "packet" with QR codes in place of the hardcopy documents was presented. More to come on this at a future meeting.

3. Presentations – None

4. Action Items

Mark Cox, Chair

4.1 Approval of June 14, 2023 General Council Meeting Minutes

Motion: Don Brock

Second: Cynthia Lemus

**Member Vote:**

Barbara Adams	Abstain	Tyler Cobb	Abstain	Steve Mehlman	<b>Yes</b>
Don Brock	<b>Yes</b>	Mark Cox	Abstain	Milissa Meyer	Abstain
Leezett Casal	Abstain	Debbie Franklin	Absent	Barbara Mitchell	<b>Yes</b>
Teresa Chappell	<b>Yes</b>	Cynthia Lemus	<b>Yes</b>	Donna Olson	Absent
Barbara Christian	Abstain	Javier Lopez	Absent	Sterlon Sims	Abstain

Minutes approved.

4.2 Approval of August 16, 2023 Membership Committee Meeting Minutes

Motion: Cynthia Lemus

Second: Don Brock

**Member Vote: (Only Membership Committee may vote.)**

Don Brock	<b>Yes</b>	Cynthia Lemus	<b>Yes</b>	Debbie Franklin	Absent
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Minutes approved.

4.3 Approval of September 6, 2023 General Council Meeting Minutes

Motion: Don Brock

Second: Barbara Mitchell

**Member Vote:**

Barbara Adams	Abstain	Tyler Cobb	Abstain	Steve Mehlman	<b>Yes</b>
Don Brock	<b>Yes</b>	Mark Cox	<b>Yes</b>	Milissa Meyer	<b>Yes</b>
Leezett Casal	Abstain	Debbie Franklin	Absent	Barbara Mitchell	<b>Yes</b>
Teresa Chappell	Abstain	Cynthia Lemus	Abstain	Donna Olson	Absent
Barbara Christian	Abstain	Javier Lopez	Absent	Sterlon Sims	<b>Yes</b>

Minutes approved.

4.4 Approval of September 28, 2023 Orientation Meeting Minutes

Motion: Milissa Meyer

Second: Steve Mehlman

**Member Vote:**

Barbara Adams	<b>Yes</b>	Tyler Cobb	<b>Yes</b>	Steve Mehlman	<b>Yes</b>
Don Brock	<b>Yes</b>	Mark Cox	<b>Yes</b>	Milissa Meyer	<b>Yes</b>
Leezett Casal	<b>Yes</b>	Debbie Franklin	Absent	Barbara Mitchell	Abstain
Teresa Chappell	Abstain	Cynthia Lemus	Abstain	Donna Olson	Absent
Barbara Christian	<b>Yes</b>	Javier Lopez	Absent	Sterlon Sims	<b>Yes</b>

Minutes approved.

5. Discussion Items

Mark Cox, Chair

5.1 Recognition Ideas

Ideas to honor Gary Robbins were discussed. Plaque options will be shared at the December 13, 2023 meeting for consideration.

5.2 Advisory Council Meeting in Indio

Discussion was held on the possibility of holding an Advisory Council meeting in Indio before June 2024. The presence of Advisory Council in the East County would be positive for residents as well as for Council members. County Counsel will be consulted about this idea. The availability of the Indio Office on Aging location in March or May will be researched. This item will be placed on the December 13, 2023 agenda for further discussion.

5.3 Bylaws Discussion and Recommendations

Revision of the bylaws was discussed. At the December 13, 2023 meeting, the focus areas of revision will include:

- Alignment of bylaws with OOA 4-Year Plan
- Attendance language too general; add detail, add specifics
- Chair, Vice Chair and Parliamentarian service terms, roles, and responsibilities

Member Lemus will take notes and prepare a proposal document for presentation at the December 13, 2023 meeting.

Next steps include Advisory Council member review of the proposal document during the January 2024 meeting. If approved; submission of the current bylaws, proposed changes to bylaws and a final draft of these changes will be presented to County Counsel for review.

- 6. Committee Reports - None
- 7. Liaison Reports - None
- 8. Ambassador Reports - None
- 9. Member Reports - Member Franklin, Member Adams, Member Casal  
Informational member reports were included in the agenda.

10. Closing Comments

Requests were made to add the following items to the December 13, 2023 agenda:

- The Annual Report Committee and its members
- Liaison Report will be presented by Mark Cox
- CSL “Top 10 Legislative Proposals” will be presented by Steve Mehlman, Milissa Meyer and/or Mark Cox

11. Adjourn

Mark Cox, Chair

Motion to Adjourn: Don Brock

Second: Sterlon Sims

Motion Approved: Unanimously approved by all members present.

Adjourned at: 11:32 a.m.

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Minutes Recorded By:	Libby Garcia
Signature:	_____
Position:	Executive Assistant II, Office on Aging
Signature Date:	_____
Minutes Approved by Advisory Council on:	_____

<b>Riverside County Board of Supervisors</b>	
<b>Kevin Jeffries</b>	<b>Supervisor, District I</b>
<b>Karen Spiegel</b>	<b>Supervisor, District II</b>
<b>Chuck Washington</b>	<b>Supervisor, District III</b>
<b>V. Manuel Perez</b>	<b>Supervisor, District IV</b>
<b>Yxstian Gutierrez</b>	<b>Supervisor, District V</b>

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<b>Advisory Council Office on Aging Staff</b>	
<b>Jewel Lee</b>	<b>Director</b>
<b>Renne Sanchez</b>	<b>Supervising Program Specialist</b>
<b>Libby Garcia</b>	<b>Executive Assistant II</b>
<b>Alyssa Peeters</b>	<b>Services Assistant</b>

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## Advisory Council on Aging Members

<b>Member</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>City</b>
<b>Mark Cox</b>	Chair	<b>Yucaipa</b>
<b>Debbie Franklin</b>	Vice Chair/ Appointee, District V	<b>Banning</b>
<b>Cynthia Lemus</b>	Parliamentarian	<b>Perris</b>
<b>Sterlon Sims</b>	Appointee, District I	<b>Perris</b>
<b>Barbara Christian</b>	Appointee, District II	<b>Corona</b>
<b>Barbara Adams</b>	Appointee, District III	<b>Murrieta</b>
<b>Milissa Meyer</b>	Appointee, District IV	<b>Indian Wells</b>
<b>Don Brock</b>	Member	<b>Jurupa Valley</b>
<b>Leezett Casal</b>	Member	<b>Perris</b>
<b>Teresa Chappell</b>	Member	<b>San Jacinto</b>
<b>Tyler Cobb</b>	Member	<b>Menifee</b>
<b>Javier Lopez</b>	Member	<b>Indio</b>
<b>Steve Mehlman</b>	Member	<b>Beaumont</b>
<b>Barbara Mitchell</b>	Member	<b>Riverside</b>
<b>Donna Olson</b>	Member	<b>Corona</b>
<b>Vacant</b>	Member	
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## Advisory Council on Aging Committees

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>Member(s)</b>
<b>Advocacy</b>	Teresa Chappell	Mark Cox Steve Mehlman
<b>Annual Report</b>	Mark Cox	Vacant
<b>Bylaws</b>	Javier Lopez	Debbie Franklin
<b>Executive</b>	Mark Cox	Debbie Franklin Cynthia Lemus
<b>Healthy Living</b>	Vacant	Barbara Mitchell Debbie Franklin
<b>Membership</b>	Cynthia Lemus	Don Brock Debbie Franklin
<b>Planning</b>	Debbie Franklin	Vacant

## Advisory Council on Aging Liaisons

California Senior Legislature (CSL)	Mark Cox, Senior Assembly Member
California Senior Legislature (CSL)	Milissa Meyer, Senior Assembly Member
California Senior Legislature (CSL)	Teresa Chappell, Senior Assembly Member
California Senior Legislature (CSL)	Vacant, Senior Assembly Member
California Senior Legislature (CSL)	Don Brock, Senior Senator
California Senior Legislature (CSL)	Steve Mehlman, Senior Senator
Continuum of Care	Javier Lopez
Foundation on Aging	Mark Cox
Grandparents Raising Grandchildren (GRG)	Mark Cox
Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP)	Debbie Franklin
Housing	Javier Lopez
In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Advisory Council	Barbara Mitchell Don Brock
Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program (LTCOP)	Teresa Chappell
Older Adults System of Care	Barbara Mitchell
Public Health	Vacant
Transportation Services	Steve Mehlman
Triple A Council of California (TACC)	Mark Cox Debbie Franklin
Veterans Services	Mark Cox Don Brock

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## Advisory Council on Aging 2023 – 2024 Meeting Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Member Reports Due
September 6, 2023	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	In-Person Meeting	August 28, 2023
October 4, 2023	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	In-Person Meeting	September 25, 2023
November 8, 2023	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	In-Person Meeting	October 30, 2023
December 13, 2023	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	In-Person Meeting	November 27, 2023
January 10, 2024	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	In-Person Meeting	December 26, 2023
February 14, 2024	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	In-Person Meeting	January 29, 2024
March 13, 2024	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	In-Person Meeting	February 26, 2024
April 10, 2024	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	In-Person Meeting	March 25, 2024
May 8, 2024	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	In-Person Meeting	April 22, 2024
June 12, 2024	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	In-Person Meeting	May 27, 2024

**In-Person Meeting Locations:**

**Riverside County Office on Aging:**

3610 Central Avenue, Suite 102, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Training Room, Riverside, CA 92506

**Riverside County Office on Aging East County Office:** 44199

Monroe Street, Room 402, Indio, CA 92201

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