

RIVERSIDE COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING GENERAL MEETING

Location: 3610 Central Avenue, Suite 102 Riverside, California
44-199 Monroe Street, Suite B, Indio, California

Date: April 10, 2024 Time: 10:00am – 12:00pm

Facilitator: Renne Sanchez, Supervising Program Specialist

Agenda Items

1. First Order of Business – Mark Cox, Chair

1.1 Call to Order: **10:11 am**

1.2 Establish Quorum:

Roll Call: 8/14, Quorum = 5/8					
Barbara Adams	absent	Tyler Cobb	absent	Steve Mehlman	✓
Don Brock	✓	Mark Cox	✓	Milissa Meyer	✓
Leezett Casal	✓	Debbie Franklin	✓	Barbara Mitchell	absent
Teresa Chappell	✓	Cynthia Lemus	absent	Sterlon Sims	absent
Barbara Christian	✓	Javier Lopez	absent		

1.3 Self-Introductions

1.4 ADA Guideline Requests

1.5 Invocation

1.6 Pledge of Allegiance

1.7 Public Comments - **None**

1.8 Chair Reports and Reminders

- **Reminder of attendance requirements in Advisory Council Bylaws, and a request to notify the Chair or staff if members will miss meetings.**

2. Department/ADRC Updates – Renne Sanchez, Supervising Program Specialist

2.1 The Office on Aging’s May “Older Americans Month” (OAM) Activities

- **Staff noted OAM projects are in development and discussed the possibility of integrating the Access To Technology program and disaster preparedness into OAM activities.**

2.2 Update on Mileage and Travel Reimbursements

- **Staff has provided member travel reimbursement information to the Fiscal team.**

2.3 Advisory Council Bylaws Updates

- **The Riverside County Board of Supervisors will likely approve the latest Bylaws revisions**

prior to the May Advisory Council meeting.

2.4 General Department Updates

- The new Office on Aging logo has been approved.
- The Area Plan draft has been posted on the Office on Aging website (<https://rcaging.org/about-us/area-plan-aging>).

3. Presentations

3.1 Access to Technology Program Overview – *Juana Gonzalez, Deputy Director of Programs & Operations*

- Juana Gonzalez provided Members with an overview of the SLATE/ Access To Technology program, its expansion across the county, and assessment procedures. Gonzalez noted the cohorts are typically groups of 24 and the program provides training and resources to seniors along with items such as tablets, computers, and fall detection devices. Gonzalez discussed the program goals of reducing loneliness and depression and improving cognitive abilities.

4. Discussion and Action Items – *Mark Cox, Chair*

4.1 Approval of March 13, 2024 General Council Meeting Minutes

Description: Members will vote to approve the March 13, 2024 meeting minutes.

Discussion: **None.**

Public Comments: **None.**

Motion: **Debbie Franklin – motion to approve March 13, 2024 meeting minutes.**

Second: **Barbara Christian**

Member Vote: 4/4 – Vote Passes					
Barbara Adams	absent	Tyler Cobb	absent	Steve Mehlman	abstain
Don Brock	✓	Mark Cox	abstain	Milissa Meyer	abstain
Leezett Casal	abstain	Debbie Franklin	✓	Barbara Mitchell	absent
Teresa Chappell	✓	Cynthia Lemus	absent	Sterlon Sims	absent
Barbara Christian	✓	Javier Lopez	absent		

4.2 California Senior Legislature Candidate Review

Description: Office on Aging Staff will share the names of CSL applicants. Applicants will have the opportunity to present their qualifications to the Council.

Discussion: **The Chair informed members of the open CSL assembly member position and requirements of members: making proposals to the legislature. Barbara Christian presented her qualifications for a position, noting she will enhance CSL and wishes to make proposals regarding housing, transportation, and senior health. As the only applicant, Christian is to be automatically selected by the Council and the Office on Aging.**

Public Comments: **None.**

Motion: **Don Brock** – motion to submit Barbara Christian to the CSL to fill an assembly member vacancy.

Second: **Steve Mehlman**

Member Vote: 7/7 – Vote Passes					
Barbara Adams	absent	Tyler Cobb	absent	Steve Mehlman	✓
Don Brock	✓	Mark Cox	✓	Milissa Meyer	✓
Leezett Casal	✓	Debbie Franklin	✓	Barbara Mitchell	absent
Teresa Chappell	✓	Cynthia Lemus	absent	Sterlon Sims	absent
Barbara Christian	abstain	Javier Lopez	absent		

Recess: 11:09 am – 11:14 am

4.3 Formation of Ad-Hoc Committees and Meeting Dates

Description: Members will review and discuss the establishment of ad-hoc committees and their potential meeting dates.

Discussion: **The Chair reminded members of the Bylaws limitations for member participation in ad-hoc and standing committees. The Chair noted there are several members with three-year evaluations due in 2024.**

Public Comments: **None.**

Motion: **Don Brock** – motion to add Teresa Chappell, Javier Lopez, and Barbara Mitchell to the membership committee.

Second: **Debbie Franklin**

Member Vote: 8/8 - Vote Passed					
Barbara Adams	absent	Tyler Cobb	absent	Steve Mehlman	✓
Don Brock	✓	Mark Cox	✓	Milissa Meyer	✓
Leezett Casal	✓	Debbie Franklin	✓	Barbara Mitchell	absent
Teresa Chappell	✓	Cynthia Lemus	absent	Sterlon Sims	absent
Barbara Christian	✓	Javier Lopez	absent		

Discussion: **Members discussed possible Membership Committee meeting dates.**

Public Comments: **None.**

Motion: **Debbie Franklin** – motion to schedule the Membership Committee meeting for April 24, 2024, at 10:00 am.

Second: **Don Brock**

Member Vote: 8/8 - Vote Passed					
Barbara Adams	absent	Tyler Cobb	absent	Steve Mehlman	✓
Don Brock	✓	Mark Cox	✓	Milissa Meyer	✓
Leezett Casal	✓	Debbie Franklin	✓	Barbara Mitchell	absent
Teresa Chappell	✓	Cynthia Lemus	absent	Sterlon Sims	absent
Barbara Christian	✓	Javier Lopez	absent		

Discussion: **Members discussed the need for a Nominating Committee due to upcoming officer selections.**

Public Comments: **None.**

Motion: **Don Brock – motion to form an ad-hoc Nominating Committee.**

Second: **Debbie Franklin**

Member Vote: 8/8 - Vote Passed					
Barbara Adams	absent	Tyler Cobb	absent	Steve Mehlman	✓
Don Brock	✓	Mark Cox	✓	Milissa Meyer	✓
Leezett Casal	✓	Debbie Franklin	✓	Barbara Mitchell	absent
Teresa Chappell	✓	Cynthia Lemus	absent	Sterlon Sims	absent
Barbara Christian	✓	Javier Lopez	absent		

Discussion: **Members discussed who should serve on the Nominating Committee.**

Public Comments: **None.**

Motion: **Don Brock – motion to add Teresa Chappell, Barbara Christian, Barbara Adams, Leezett Casal, and Sterlon Sims, to the Nominating Committee, with Don Brock as the alternate member.**

Second: **Barbara Christian**

Member Vote: 8/8 - Vote Passed					
Barbara Adams	absent	Tyler Cobb	absent	Steve Mehlman	✓
Don Brock	✓	Mark Cox	✓	Milissa Meyer	✓
Leezett Casal	✓	Debbie Franklin	✓	Barbara Mitchell	absent
Teresa Chappell	✓	Cynthia Lemus	absent	Sterlon Sims	absent
Barbara Christian	✓	Javier Lopez	absent		

Discussion: **Members discussed who should Chair the Nominating Committee.**

Public Comments: **None.**

Motion: **Don Brock – motion to promote Teresa Chappell to Chair of the Nominating Committee.**

Second: **Steve Mehlman**

Member Vote: 8/8 - Vote Passed					
Barbara Adams	absent	Tyler Cobb	absent	Steve Mehlman	✓
Don Brock	✓	Mark Cox	✓	Milissa Meyer	✓
Leezett Casal	✓	Debbie Franklin	✓	Barbara Mitchell	absent
Teresa Chappell	✓	Cynthia Lemus	absent	Sterlon Sims	absent
Barbara Christian	✓	Javier Lopez	absent		

5. Committee Reports from Chairs

5.1 Bylaws Committee - None

5.2 Membership Committee – None

5.3 Healthy Living – None

5.4 Community Connections – None

6. **Liaison Reports** - None

7. **Ambassador Reports** - None

8. **Member Reports** – None

- **The Chair stated the Council has not been submitting member and ambassador reports recently, which is an important Council duty.**

9. **Closing Comments & Special Announcements**

- **Don Brock reminded the Council of the upcoming Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Symposium.**
- **The Chair reminded the Council of Senior Rally Day, which will be held virtually on May 8, 2024.**
- **The Chair reminded the Council of their June meetings on June 5th and 12th, 2024.**

10. **Adjourn** – *Mark Cox, Chair*

Discussion: **None.**

Public Comments: **None.**

Motion to Adjourn: **Don Brock**

Second: **Debbie Franklin**

Member Vote: 8/8 - Vote Passed					
Barbara Adams	absent	Tyler Cobb	absent	Steve Mehlman	
Don Brock		Mark Cox		Milissa Meyer	
Leezett Casal		Debbie Franklin		Barbara Mitchell	absent
Teresa Chappell		Cynthia Lemus	absent	Sterlon Sims	absent
Barbara Christian		Javier Lopez	absent		

Adjourned at: **11:57 am**

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