



SAN MATEO COUNTY HEALTH
**AGING & DISABILITY
SERVICES**

CoA General Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2026 9:00am-11:00am
500 County Center, Manzanita Hall Redwood City, CA 94063

Commissioners Present: Irene Liana, Martin Nakai, Twila Dependahl, Kathy Uhl, Bill Lock, Maria Barr, David Linnell, Monika Lee, Brittany Saleem

Commissioners Excused: Patty Clement, Lauren Dai, Angela Giannini, Daniela Jonguitud, Ellen Tafeen, Liz Taylor

Members of the Public (Remote): Deborah Owdom, Julie Schneider, Wesley Taoka, Johnathan, Hope Ivory, Ophelie Vico, Angelina Almendral, Christina Irving, Lisa Wilson, Carmen Santoni, Erin Malone, Sandi Winter, Lori Lievore, Kurlene Cambridge, Jeanine Lu, Gabriela Flores, Adele Ryono

Members of the Public (In-Person): Elyse Brummer, Stephanie Figuera, Hope Ivory

Staff Present: Lee Pullen, Anna Sawamura, Harry Guan, Shawne O'Connell, Diane Madriz

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call, and Introductions

- Chair Liana called meeting to order at 9:05am
- Roll Call taken; Quorum established.
- Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Barr.

2. Public Comment

- Hope Ivory - Associate Director for Edgewood Kinship Program introduced herself.
- Elyse Brummer - Executive Director for AgeUp introduced herself and announced upcoming workshop events.
- Stephanie Figuera from Peninsula Volunteers Inc extended an invitation to the agency's March for Meals event.

3. Approval of Agenda - 3/9/2026

- Motion to approve 3/9/2026 agenda:
 - Moved by Commissioner Lee
 - Seconded by 1st Vice Chair Linnell
 - Motion Passed

4. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes - 2/9/2026

- Motion to approve 2/9/2026 meeting minutes:
 - Moved by Chair Liana



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- Seconded by Commissioner Barr
- Motion Passed

5. Update on Board of Supervisors (BoS) activities concerning older adults – Supervisor Canepa’s Office

- Michael Richardson reported that a target date of May has been set to rollout interns and the Youth Commission to begin technology literacy training for older adults.

6. Committee and Ad Hoc Reports

- Executive Committee
Action Item: Consider adoption of a meeting schedule that would establish in-person General Meetings in January, April, July, and November with hybrid participation option, and all other General Meetings conducted as hybrid meetings.

Motion to approve the Executive Committee action item: moved by Chair Liana; seconded by Commissioner Barr.

Roll call vote on original motion: Chair Liana – Yes, 1st Vice Chair Linnell – Yes; 2nd Vice Chair Lock – No; Commissioner Barr – Yes; Commissioner Dependahl – No; Commissioner Lee – No; Commissioner Nakai – No; Commissioner Saleem – No; Commissioner Uhl – No.

Result: Motion failed.

Commissioner Lee proposed an amendment to remove the phrase “with hybrid participation option.”

Motion to amend: moved by Commissioner Lee; seconded by Commissioner Saleem.

Roll call vote on amended motion: Chair Liana – Yes; 1st Vice Chair Linnell – Yes; 2nd Vice Chair Lock – Yes; Commissioner Barr – Yes; Commissioner Dependahl – Yes; Commissioner Lee – Yes; Commissioner Nakai – Yes; Commissioner Saleem – Yes; Commissioner Uhl – Yes.

Result: Motion passed unanimously.



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- California Senior Legislature 2026 Elections
Currently there are four candidate positions and applications are open through March 31st. Applicants from CoA include Commissioner Lee and Commissioner Lock.

- Information Resources and Community Engagement
 - Updates to the Help@Home guide have been finalized.
 - A new list pairing Commissioners with representatives from local senior centers and community centers has been created.
 - The committee discussed a potential name change from “Buddies.”
 - Commissioners were asked to begin thinking about presentations for the remainder of the year.
 - It was announced that the San Carlos Adult Community Center received recognition as the best senior center in California.

- Aging Readiness and Family Caregiver Support Committee
 - The last meeting did not establish quorum.

- Social Isolation and Transportation Committee
 - SamTrans and the Youth Commission will host intergenerational story time events at the Half Moon Bay Senior Center and Fair Oaks Library.
 - Monthly meetings are continuing. The most recent meeting with the Board of Supervisors addressed program service issues, including Peninsula Volunteers, Inc. being at capacity for transportation services due to high demand.
 - Supervisor Canepa’s office, in collaboration with local community centers and AT&T, plans to train young people to provide device-related technology support to older adults.

- Ad Hoc Legislative Advocacy Committee.
 - The committee will maintain its ad hoc status through the end of July.
 - The committee will review senior legislation to identify local priorities. Commissioner Owdom distributed the California Senior Legislature’s six priorities.

- Ad Hoc Help@Home Update Committee
 - Updates have been finalized, and the document was provided to Anna to begin the printing process.



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7. Staff Report – Lee Pullen, Director, Aging & Disability Services

- Lee Pullen announced new RFPs for the next four-year contract cycle. Notifications were sent to contractors.
- The RFPs have been divided into two solicitations: one for nutrition services and one for all other services.
- A bidders' conference will be held on Monday, March 23rd.
- One or two Commission on Aging commissioners may be selected to serve on the review panel.
- The County Executive's Office has added \$900,000 to the nutrition budget.
- Transportation funding remains a significant issue and will continue to receive attention.

8. Announcements

- Commissioner Lee attended County Stakeholders Briefing regarding financial issues facing the County.
- Supervisor Corzo discussed budget shortfalls, the impact of the Big Beautiful Bill on County safety net programs, and the vehicle license fee shortfall.

9. Stretch Break (10 Minutes)

10. Presentation: "Aging with Confidence: Money, Benefits, and Healthcare Planning" Presenter: Brad Hamada

- Commissioner Nakai introduced Brad Hamada.
- A powerpoint presentation was delivered followed by a question and answer session.

11. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn the meeting:
 - Moved by Commissioner Barr
 - Seconded by 1st Vice Chair Linnell
- Meeting adjourned at 11:05am