

**PLACER COUNTY
OLDER ADULT ADVISORY COMMISSION
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MEETING MINUTES

February 17, 2026

Attendance:

Members In Attendance: Cindy White, Karen Flanagan, Carolyn Fox, Michelle Nevins, Ken Catanella, Peter Rogosin, William Reed, Cassidy Paganucci, Stephanie Vierstra, Rebecca Hensley, Ben Eagleton, Suzanne Jones

Members Absent: Cheryll Moore, Murial Moore, Neva Parker

Public: Umer Waris, Irma Ratliff, Mary Lee Hope, Russell Loop, Sue Klabunde, Karolin Miller, Tolulope Popoola, Phyllis Kalbach, Brent Smedley

County Staff: Julie Avendano, Colby Hytoff, Samantha Marti

Call to Order:

- **Reed** called the meeting to order at 1:02pm. Introductions were made, and a quorum was established.

Commissioner's Absences:

- The motion was made by **White**, and seconded by **Flanagan**, to excuse "**C. Moore**" "**M. Moore**," and "**Parker**" as absent; **the motion carried.**

Approve 01/20/2025 Meeting Minutes:

- A motion was made by **Nevins**, and seconded by **Flanagan**, to approve January 20, 2026, minutes, with no corrections; **the motion carried.**

Executive Committee Report:

- **Hytoff** reviewed SB707 for remote participation for Commissioners. **Rogosin** asked about remote participation for people living in rural areas, **Hytoff** clarified remote appearances only apply to Commissioners. **Marti** requested members to RSVP as appearing remotely or in person.
 - A motion was made by **Eagleton**, and seconded by **Nevins**, to approve remote participation for Commissioners under SB707; **the motion carried.**
- **Marti** provided an update regarding the seat expirations. Seats were originally structured to stagger the expiration date based on the resolution that was passed on May 25, 2004, by the Board of Supervisors.
- **Marti** shared the OAAC brochure with updated information. Copies were

provided. **Reed** asked how to get more copies, **Marti** will provide more copies once the brochure is made ADA accessible for the website.

- **Reed** shared the March 17th meeting, will be in the Cordova Room. **Marti** will send a map with the meeting invite.

Public Comment:

- **Smedley** introduced himself and shared his involvement with the Silver Wishes. Silver Wishes will have a fundraiser on May 16th. **Marti** will share flyers via email.
- **Kalbach** introduced herself and shared her interest in joining the OAAC.
- **Ratliff** introduced herself and shared her interest in joining the OAAC.
- **Popoola** provided follow up information on 2050 General Plan.
- **Klabunde** introduced herself and her interest in joining the OAAC.

County Report: Jones

- **Jones** introduced herself and is looking forward to being more involved.
- **Rogosin** asked what older adult issues the Board of Supervisors should be advised on, **Jones** shared that she is here to help address issues of older adult constituents and shared her experience with the “sandwich theory.” **Catarella** asked for advice on the “sandwich theory” and **Jones** share it's important for caregivers to have respite and have additional support methods to help lessen stress and financial strain. **Nevins** provided more information on respite care through Del Oro and Kaiser. **Rogosin** asked about the process of getting services through the PACE program in Placer's Northern area. **Jones** will research and will follow up.

Presentation: VITA Free Tax Assistance

- **Miller** presented on the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program, volunteers partner with the Internal Revenue Services (IRS) to provide confidential, free, accurate, certified tax preparation services for low to moderate income taxpayers. Eligibility guidelines are determined by the IRS and change from year to year, currently the income limit is \$69,000. Tax preparation is available in multiple languages and many locations. Appointments can be scheduled from February 2nd through March 27th by calling 2-1-1. Visit www.placer.ca.gov/FreeTaxPrep for more information. **Miller** provided flyers for the OAAC.

Staff Report:

- **Hytloff** provided the following Placer County Older Adult Services program statistics:
 - Adult Protect Services (APS) – In December 2025, there were 406 new APS referrals, of which 353 became APS cases. There were 560 reports of abuse by others and 330 reports of self-abuse (physical self-neglect).

- Abuse by others – 5 reports of abandonment, 1 report of abduction, 422 reports of financial abuse, 3 reports of hoarding, 15 reports of isolation, 39 reports of neglect, 18 reports of physical abuse, 56 reports of psychological abuse, 1 report of sexual abuse and 0 reports of suspicious death.
- Abuse by self – 330 reports were self-neglect. There were 188 physical care, 91 residences, 33 financial, and 18 hoardings.
- Senior Peer Counseling – In December 2025, there were 7 clients screened for services and 1 was connected to counselors. There were 2 counselors who had 17.2 volunteer hours.
- In Home Supportive Services (IHSS) – In December 2025, IHSS had 5,766 IHSS recipients and 5,877 providers. There were 173 new applications, 60% new approved cases and 77 terminated cases. The Public Authority Registry served 2,466 recipients with 1,226 providers, 135 Scheduled Orientations, 109 Completed Orientations, 18 registry matches and 62 provider referral lists sent to recipients.
- **Hytoff** shared 2-1-1 celebrated “2-1-1 day” on February 11th. Provided handouts and shared the benefits and success of 2-1-1.
- **Avendano** shared APS is extremely busy, and the Home Safe Program is active and helps individuals find housing.
- **Paganucci** shared a positive experience with Silver Wishes and announced she will be presenting the DA's Shop Safe program at the National Collaboratory to address Elder Mistreatment's Mentorship Program Convening for the USC Keck School of Medicine. **Paganucci** brought awareness to a recent scam of door-to-door solicitors attempting to scam older adults and targeting those with dementia in hopes of financial gain.

AAA4 Reports: Hensley

- **Hensley** shared AAA4 will be launching a senior survey that will be active for about 3 months, the results would help secure future funding. **Hensley** asked for volunteers to help distribute surveys to older adults. **Jones** asked how the surveys will be distributed, **Hensley** shared that the surveys will be emailed and printed out for those who want to drop off the survey.

Older Adult Legislation: Flanagan

- **Flanagan** reported some bills are currently being picked up. California Senior Legislature (CSL) is helping move the bills along. The bill focused on seniors who are 60+ and raising their grandchild now can receive a \$2500 tax credit. The bill to increase personal needs allowance is now \$50. **Reed** asked how to join the CSL, **Flanagan** shared the process for joining CSL and the success that CSL has with advocating for bills that affect older adults.

Older Adult Housing Report: Eagleton

- **Marti** shared **Eagleton's** report, "New Disclosure Requirements Regarding Smoke when Selling Real Estate, effective January 1, 2026: Assembly Bill 455 modifies existing disclosure requirements when selling real estate and necessary disclosures that materially affect the desirability of real estate. The modified law requires sellers who have firsthand knowledge of smoke residue, or a history of smoking or vaping, in a residence being sold to disclose this information in the applicable Transfer Disclosure Statement. This modification protects buyers, many of whom are seniors, and who require more assistance in advocating for themselves when purchasing property. It also applies to leased property, and this directly affects a large population of our aging community. To be clear, there are exceptions to this new law, and not all transactions are included."

Older Adult Cultural Competency Report: Parker

- **Parker** was not in attendance.

Member Report:

- **Fox** provided a written and verbal report.
- **Flanagan** provided a written and verbal report.

Member Announcements:

- **Nevins** shared Del Oro's Caregiver Action and Resource Education Series and Del Oro has a fundraiser on June 18th. Flyers were provided.
- **Rogosin** suggested **Supervisor Jones** follow up on a previous topic discussed by the Commission. **Supervisor Jones** indicated that she will research the topic and report back. **Hope** and **Kalbach** shared information and personal experiences.
- **Flanagan** shared Justice in Aging will have a Zoom presentation on March 10th about protecting state medical revenue.

Adjourn Meeting:

- A motion was made by **Rogosin** to adjourn the February 17th meeting and **Flanagan** seconded the motion. **The meeting was adjourned at 2:21pm.**

Next Meeting

Date: March 17, 2026

Time: 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Location: HHS Center, Cordova Room
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