



# **Kern County Commission On Aging**

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## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**November 2, 2022, 1:30 PM**

Aging and Adult Services  
5357 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, CA  
**Video Meeting via Zoom**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Prado called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

### **ROLL CALL OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

(\*Chairperson, \*\*Vice Chairperson, \*\*\* Parliamentarian)

**Executive Members Present:** Barbara Goodlow, Kris Grasty, Jan Lemucchi, \*\*Stephanie Lynch, Linda Oswald, \*\*\*Judy Snyder, and \*Yolanda Prado

**Excused Absence:** None.

**Quorum present:** Quorum confirmed by Jeremy Oliver

**Commission on Aging Members Present:** None.

**Honorary Commissioners Present:** None.

**Aging & Adult Services Staff Present:** Laura Juarez

**Guests Present:** None.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- **2023 COA Regular Meeting Scheduled** – The scheduled was reviewed and discussed and will be placed on the Regular meeting agenda for approval.
- **COA Bylaws – Pages 4 & 7** – there was a discussion about the verbiage on pages 4 & 7 of the recently approved COA Bylaws. The Department's Board agenda staff suggested some changes for clarity of the Officer's terms. After discussion, the Bylaws were approved by the Executive Committee.

- **Senior Celebration** – The Senior Celebration held, October 22, 2022 at the Rasmussen Senior Center was well attended. Everyone in attendance left with a door prize. The Commissioners and NOR staff present worked very hard and it was a very successful event.
- **Kern County Fair** – Chair Prado addressed some concerns regarding Senior Day at the Kern County Fair. A letter will be sent on behalf of the COA addressing the issues re: lack of wheelchairs, trolley for parking, and the handout of program and map. Chair Prado will work on the letter.
- **Volunteer Recognition** – Commissioner Goodlow will work with Laura on getting certificates ready for the seniors at the Bakersfield Senior Center. Laura informed the committee she was not able to get the certificates completed for the Rasmussen Senior Center before Commissioner Snyder left on vacation. She will work on getting these done when Commissioner Snyder returns from vacation.
- **Kern Senior Living Book** – Chair Prado shared that information in the Kern County Senior Living book had many errors for the Department about Home Delivered Meals and Renamed Senior Centers. She also recommends sending a letter with correct information. Parliamentarian Snyder volunteered to work with them and draft a letter.
- **Employee Appreciation** – A discussion was had about what to provide to AASD staff for employee appreciations. After many suggestions, it was decided to give a pack of hot cocoa with a candy cane and poem. There are approximately 230 employees. The Employee Appreciation committee will get together to schedule a date to put packets together.
- **Recruitment of Commissioners** – The Commission has lost a lot of members and we need to actively recruit new Commissioners. Laura shared that many applications have come through the Clerk of the Board but no Supervisors have made appointments for their districts. Chair Prado suggested sending a letter of recommendation to District 1 for consideration of appointing Sherry Gomez. Commissioner Grasty volunteered to work on the letter of recommendation. Commissioner Grasty also said she attempted to contact another applicant, Tawny Rocha, to ask if she is still interested in serving on the COA but was unable to reach her. Parliamentarian Snyder said she knows someone who also applied. Commissioner Grasty said she would reach out to Commissioner Maier on the Commissioner Appointment Committee to ask if he will call the applicants to see if they are still interested.
- **California Senior Legislature (CSL) Appointment** – Commissioner Lemucchi was elected CSL Senior Senator, and Parliamentarian Snyder was elected as the CSL Assemblymember for a four-year term effective October 1, 2022. Congratulations to Commissioner Lemucchi for being selected as the CSL's 2022 Moira Jackson Award recipient. Commissioner Lemucchi received recognition for her distinguished service to the CSL, as well as with being part of forming the Aging Disability Resource Connection in Kern County. During the Annual Session, Joint Rules Committee Chair, John Pointer, shared with Commissioner Lemucchi that he spoke with Parliamentarian Snyder and is

very impressed. Kern County will be represented well with CSL Senator Lemucchi and CSL Assemblymember Snyder. The Legislative Committee is looking for volunteers to "Walk the Halls" at the Capitol. She volunteered for this but is not sure how much she'll be able to do after her medical procedure. She is expected to be out of commission for 4-6 months. CSL goes dark in December 2022.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. A letter will be sent to the Board of Supervisors, District 1 recommending the appointment of applicant Sherry Gomez to the Commission on Aging.
2. A letter will be sent to the Kern County Fair Board regarding issues at Senior Day at the Kern County Fair.
3. Letter sent to Kern Senior Living regarding verifying information for the Department in future publications.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. **Approval of September 7, 2022 Executive Committee Minutes** - The minutes were approved.  
**Motion/Second/Abstention/Objections (M/S/A/O) – Snyder/Lynch/Grasty, Lemucchi/None. Motion carried.**
2. **Approval of October 5, 2022 Executive Committee Minutes** – The minutes were approved.  
**(M/S/A/O) – Grasty/Lemucchi/Prado, Snyder/None. Motion carried.**
3. **Approval of November 2022 Regular Meeting Agenda** - The agenda was approved.  
**(M/S/A/O) – Grasty/Lynch/None/None. Motion carried.**
4. **Approval of 2023 COA Executive Meeting Schedule** – The schedule was approved.  
**(M/S/A/O – Snyder/Lynch/None/Objections). Motion carried.**

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting adjourned at 3:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeremy Oliver, Secretary