



Kern County Commission On Aging

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

February 1, 2023, 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 1:31 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, *Yolanda Prado, and ***Judy Snyder

Excused Absence: None.

Quorum present: Quorum confirmed by Jeremy Oliver

Commission on Aging Members Present: Kevin Alvey

Honorary Commissioners Present: None.

Aging & Adult Services Staff Present: None.

Guests Present: Jesus Perez, of Supervisor Couch's Office

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- **COA Bylaws – Pages 4 & 7** – The COA Bylaws went to County Counsel and were approved. This item will be placed as an Action Item on February's COA Regular meeting agenda for voting.

- **Recruitment of Commissioners** – During the Board of Supervisors meeting on February 7, 2023, District 1 will appoint Debra Teofilo to represent their district on the COA, and District 3 will appoint Sherry Gomez to represent their district on the COA. After these appointments, three vacancies will remain on the COA (District 1, District 5, and North of the River Recreation and Parks District). Chair Prado talked with applicant, Anabel Hernandez, and she is interested in serving on the COA. Commissioner Grasty shared that if the Executive Committee agrees, the Appointment Committee can write a letter of recommendation for her appointment. Parliamentarian Snyder reported that North of the River Recreation and Parks is in the process of appointing a representative to the COA. A new application was received in January 2023. The Orientation Committee will need to schedule orientations for the new Commissioners.
- **Volunteer Recognition** – The last of the volunteer recognition certificates were mailed by Laura Juarez. Parliamentarian Snyder confirmed receipt of the certificates for the Rasmussen Senior Center and arrangements were made to distribute them to the volunteers. Commissioner Goodlow also confirmed receipt of the volunteer certificate for the Bakersfield Senior Center and she will make arrangements for distribution of those certificates.
- **Centenarian Recognition** – Vice-Chair Lynch discussed setting up a structure of how to go about recognizing Centenarians in Kern County. The COA Foundation would fund this project. We would use all of our contacts to get the names of the Centenarians. Vice-Chair Lynch will bring this up during "Commissioner Comments" during the February Regular meeting.
- **Public State of Emergency** – The Governor has lifted the Public Health of Emergency effective March 1, 2023. According to The Brown Act, in order to continue holding meetings virtually, we would need to have an in-person quorum, or the other option would be to designate all other areas throughout the county listed as teleconference locations; however, if you were attending from home, you would have to list your home address. Commissioner Grasty suggested sending a letter to State Legislation about changing the rule to have a quorum in person in order to be able to hold a teleconference. Commissioner L. Oswald suggested talking with our local State Legislators. Another suggestion by Commissioner Grasty is to ask our local Board of Supervisors to send a letter to State Legislators. Jose Perez shared that Assemblymember Dr. Jasmeet Baines is the Chair of the State's Aging and Long-Term Care Committee, so he suggested we can see if she would be willing to speak for one of our Commission on Aging meetings. Jeremy is scheduled to meet with her this month and he could invite her to attend one of the COA meetings but not sure if she can make February's meeting. Jeremy Oliver shared that he did reach out to other PSAs and they said they are going back to in-person, or alluded to the idea of having a couple of sites open for teleconferencing, but for the most part, everybody's going back to in-person meetings. COA Executive Committee meetings do not fall under The Brown Act so we can continue holding those meetings virtually, if you choose to do that. Executive Committee agreed to meet via Zoom in March.

- **Resource Guide** - Chair Prado shared that there is a California Resource Guide that she picked up at Aging and Adult Services. It is very nice. It states that California has the second highest average life expectancy, which is 81.9 years. There's a lot of good information in the guide with different topics.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. We received a request from Kern COG for a support letter by February 10, 2023, for funding for a study/strategy to consider forming a countywide rural consolidated transit agency. Commissioner Grasty received a majority of approval to send a support letter for Kern COG from the COA Foundation.
2. A letter will be sent to the Kern County Fair Board regarding issues at Senior Day at the Kern County Fair. Laura drafted the letter. If the letter hasn't gone out, Chair Prado would like to add that they be a part of the meeting or an opportunity to meet with the Fair Board as the date draws closer to Kern County Senior Day at the Fair.
3. Parliamentarian Snyder attempted to contact the editor, Steve, of Kern Senior Living regarding verifying information for the Department in their future publications. It has been challenging to get in contact with the right person so she will now send a letter directed to him.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. **Approval of November 2, 2022 Executive Committee Minutes** – The minutes were approved with a revision to page 2. **(M/S/A/O) – Lemucchi/Grasty/None/None. Motion carried.**
2. **Approval of January 23, 2023 Regular Meeting Agenda** - The agenda was approved with revisions. **(M/S/A/O) – Snyder/Lynch/None/None. Motion carried.**

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting adjourned at 2:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeremy Oliver, Secretary