MISSION STATEMENT

The Kern County Commission on Aging will serve in an advisory capacity to the Aging and Adult Services Department and the Kern County Board of Supervisors in all issues relating to the needs of the senior and disabled adult population in Kern County. They will serve as advocates for all seniors and disabled adults and ensure there are programs that will meet their needs and are available in the community.

Commission On Aging

"Making a difference in the lives of older adults."

KERN COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING

AGENDA

March 16, 2026

Lunch – 11:30 p.m.
Guest Speaker: 12:00 p.m.

Alexandra Lainez, Recovery Coordinator Supervisor of Clarvida

Emily Lyles, Administrator of Kern Behavioral Health and Recovery Services

Presentation of Appreciation to Senior Nutrition Volunteers
Commissioner Ellen Linder

Regular Meeting – 1:00 p.m.

Taft Senior Center, 500 Cascade Place, Taft, CA 93268

via Zoom - available for COA Ex-Officio Members & the Public
(Please contact Laura Juarez at 661-868-1052 for link to join via Zoom)

All agenda item supporting documentation is available for public review at the Department of Aging and Adult Services, 5357 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93309, during regular business hours, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday, following posting of the agenda. Any supporting documentation that relates to an agenda item for an open session of any regular meeting that is distributed after the agenda is posted and prior to the meeting will also be available for review at that same location.

OPENING

- Call to Order – **PLEASE TURN CELL PHONES OFF OR SET TO SILENT**
- Flag Salute and Moment of Silence
- Roll Call of Commission Members
- Correspondence

COMMENTS OF GENERAL INTEREST (limited to no more than 3 minutes)

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons desiring to address the Commission on any matter not on this agenda and over which the Commission has jurisdiction. Action may not be taken on any items that are not specifically included on this agenda and an action item. On request, items may be placed on future agendas for discussion and action. Speakers are limited to three minutes. Please state your name and address for the record before making your presentation.

- Public Comments
- Commissioner's Comments

ACTION ITEMS:

- Approval of Minutes: February 23, 2026, Regular Commission on Aging Meeting

SERVICE PROVIDER PRESENTATIONS

- Senior Center Report – **Angela Domingos/Julie Baca**
- General Services - Parks and Recreation – **Isaac Preston**
- Veterans Office – **Jose Lopez**
- Public Health Services Department – **Sara Swertfager**
- Kern Behavioral Health and Recovery Services – **Chad Acker**
- Department of Human Services – **Daisy Neri/Gayla Hughes**
- Employers Training Resource – **Peggy Langels**
- Planning and Natural Resources – **Catherine Vasquez**
- Independent Living Center – **Jessica Carrillo**
- Victim Witness Program – **Kayla Pinkston/Adriana Talamantez**

STAFF PRESENTATIONS

- **Director's Report** – Jeremy Oliver, Aging and Adult Services

COMMITTEE REPORTS (Limited to no more than 5 minutes)

Bylaws Committee *– S. Bodnar; Y. Sherrell*

California Senior Legislature *– J. Lemucchi; J. Snyder*

Commissioner Appointment *–S. Gomez*

Employee Recognition *– E. Linder*

Executive Committee *– S. Bodnar; S. Gomez; J. Juarez-Ceja, J. Lemucchi, Y. Prado; C. Ray; J. Snyder*

In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Advisory *– A. Griffin*

Long-Term Care *– S. Dhillon; N. Jackson; C. Ray*

Marketing and Orientation Committee *– J. Juarez-Ceja; M. Salazar; J. Snyder; Y. Prado;*

Nomination Committee – B. Goodlow; *N. Jackson*

Senior Center Advisory *– S. Bodnar*; B. Goodlow; *A. Griffin; C. Ray*

Sunshine Committee *– E. Linder*

The Area Agency on Aging Council of California (TACC) *– S. Dhillon; S. Gomez*

Transportation *– J. Lemucchi; M. Salazar*

Volunteer Recognition *– E. Linder; Y. Sherrell*

INFORMATION ITEMS:

- Centenarian Recognition Program
- Older Americans Month Resource Fair – May 2, 2026, 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
- Elder Abuse Prevention Conference – June 11, 2026
- ADAKC's Caring for the Caregiver Conference – November 7, 2026, Hodel's Country Dining

NEXT MEETINGS:

EXECUTIVE MEETING
Wednesday, April 1, 2026
1:30 p.m.
Via Zoom - Please contact Laura Juarez at 661-868-1052 for link to join the meeting.

REGULAR MEETING
Monday, April 20, 2026
1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Ridgecrest Senior Center
125 S. Warner St., Ridgecrest, CA 93555

ADJOURNMENT – (No later than 3:30 p.m.)

Upon the advice of County Counsel, action may not be taken on any action items that are not specifically included on the agenda for the days' discussion as an action item. New action items may be proposed for a future meeting.

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