



Karol Swartzlander, Executive Director  
Gavin Newsom, Governor

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

**Monday, March 18, 2024**

1:00 to 5:00 pm

Location: Hybrid on Zoom and at 2880 Gateway Oaks Dr., Suite 395, Sacramento

**1. Welcome**

Chair Cheryl Brown

**2. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair Brown called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

Tim Perry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Roll Call and Establish a Quorum**

Swartzlander called roll.

**Commissioners Present (Virtual):** Joaquin Anguera, Faisal Qazi

**Commissioners Present (In-person):** Marcy Adelman, Cheryl Brown, David Campos, Erika Castile, Anni Chung, Joe Cislowski, Janet Frank, Brendalynn Goodall, Meea Kang, David Lindeman, Shelley Lyford, Debbie Meador, Ellen Schmeding, Dana Toppel, Tim Perry

**Commissioners Absent:** Sedalia Sanders (Excused)

**Staff Present (In-person):** Karol Swartzlander, Leza Coleman, Marijke Melman, Patrick Smith, Peter Anderson

**A quorum was established.**

**4. Approve Agenda**

**Chair Brown announced two adjustments to the agenda:**

- Kim McCoy Wade will join us at 3 p.m., and;
- Commissioner Lindeman's presentation will be delayed to the May or June General Meeting.

M/S/C (Adelman/Kang)

**TO APPROVE THE MARCH 18, 2024, GENERAL MEETING AGENDA.**

**APPROVED.**

Abstentions: None

**5. Approve Minutes**

M/S/C (Kang/Adelman)

**TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 9, 2023, GENERAL MEETING MINUTES.**

**APPROVED.**

Abstentions: None

**6. Approve Minutes**

M/S/C (Schmeding/Kang)

**TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 25, 2024, GENERAL MEETING MINUTES.**

**APPROVED.**

Abstentions: None

**7. Comments from the Public on Issues not on this Agenda – Discussion**

None.

**8. Presentation: Assembly Aging and Long-Term Care Committee Updates and Priorities**

**Elizabeth “Liz” Fuller**, Chief Consultant, Assembly Aging and Long-Term Care Committee, provided a brief overview of the committee and focused on the March 19, 2024 Commissioner visit to the Capitol and discussions with Members and staff. She noted the unanticipated “State of the Judiciary” joint session of the Legislature, and potential delays resulting from crowds attending Agricultural Day at the Capitol. She advised the Commissioners to be brief and concise in discussing legislation with Members and staff, provide detailed fact sheets, highlight the legislative impact to Member’s districts, and stressed the value of networking and working with other constituency groups. She emphasized that it is not a good year for bills with costs, given the current budget deficit.

**9. Chair’s Comments**

Chair Brown discussed the importance of attendance and establishing quorums at Commission meetings. She stressed that all Commissioners must inform Karol and Marijke if they are unable to attend general meetings as outlined in our bylaws. Chair Brown emphasized that CCoA is held to a higher quorum standard because, in statute, there can be up to 25 members. She added that our sponsored legislation, AB 2620 (Baines) will lower the threshold of membership to 18, enabling the Commission to establish a quorum more easily.

**10. Presentation: CCoA Updated Committee Structure**

Karol Swartzlander and Patrick Smith shared ideas and potential changes regarding CCoA committee structure to improve the ability to respond to emerging issues. She shared a draft for discussion purposes of a new structure and noted that any changes will require amending the CCoA Bylaws.

**12. CCoA Legislative Visit Primer (Leza Coleman)**

A. Bill Review

**1. AB 1993 (Kaira) Residential care facilities for the elderly**

This bill would increase the current maximum of six beds to 10 without lowering any licensing or regulatory standards. Community Care licensing already licenses and supervises larger facilities, and the same safety and care measures would continue. The current six-bed cap was created in the 1970's when the average new home construction was less than 1500 sq feet and 3 bedrooms or fewer. Today's average home size is 2200 sq feet and 4 bedrooms or more. California has a larger population of older adults, and many want to live in RCFE home-like environments in their neighborhoods.

**2. AB 2207 (Reyes) State boards and commissions: seniors**

This bill would expand membership on various boards, committees, and commissions to include representation of the California Commission on Aging, the California Department of Aging, or both, or other representatives from organizations that serve or advocate on behalf of older adults.

**3. AB 2620 (Bains) Californian Commission on Aging**

This bill seeks to change the composition of the California Commission on Aging from 25 members to 18 members, reflecting the historical size. The bill also amends the Governor's appointment process to be more efficient, yet still reflects the importance of Area Agencies on Aging by ensuring two appointments are nominated by Area Agency on Aging (AAA) directors of the Triple A Council of CA. Finally, the bill clarifies the Commission is an 'advisory commission' as described by the Bagley-Keene Open Meetings Act and deletes outdated provisions.

**4. SB 1249 (Roth) Mello-Granlund Older Californians Act**

California Health and Human Services Agency and California Department of Aging (CDA) are providing technical assistance with this high-profile bill. SB 1249 is the result of many years of work including the Master Plan on Aging and CA 2023 initiatives, and the product of consumer interviews and stakeholder feedback. The bill seeks to reexamine the AAA network since its conception in 1973/1974, establish core programs and programmatic and fiscal performance metrics. The bill proposes a review of the interstate funding formula which originates from 50 years ago and should be revisited within the context of the current demographics and minority

growth. SB 1249 establishes timelines for CDA to engage in stakeholder consultations and conforms to recent federal regulations.

- B. The calendar for the March 19, 2024, legislative visits was discussed.
- C. Toolkits and schedules were distributed to Commissioners as well as their schedules for the March 19 legislative visits.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

AB 1249: Will Tift, PSA 4, opposed. Maggie Kraft, PSA 1, opposed. Clay Kempf, Director, Santa Cruz and San Benito Counties, opposed. Aneliza Del Pinal suggested amendments.

AB 2620: John Pointer asked for clarification of the language regarding the California Senior Legislature.

#### **13. Older American's Act (OAA) Anniversary and CCoA Commissioner Interviews**

Nelson Sheya, Communications Manager, California Department of Aging, filled in for Connie Nakano. Sheya explained that the department is sharing stories about CDA each week in honor of their 50th anniversary. He invited Commissioners to step out during the break and the meeting to share some thoughts on camera.

#### **14. Governor's Office Update**

**Kim McCoy Wade**, Senior Advisor for Aging, Disability, and Alzheimer's Office of Governor Gavin Newsom shared a recap of year four of the ten-year Master Plan on Aging (MPA). All 10 bold recommendations of Maria Shiver and the Governor's Task Force have been funded. The governor remains aligned with the two top stakeholder priorities with affording come and community care and housing. Wade appreciates our bill AB 1993's focus on assisted living, a critical part of the housing continuum. This current two-year cycle California for All Ages cycle with CDA will be the last budget and bill planning cycle with Governor Newsom. She is excited CCoA is focusing on workforce development for older adults including retraining and lifelong learning. She is watching several bills address reforming the Older Californians Act. If Proposition One passes, we will see new, revived, and expanded behavioral health planning councils that will need input from aging. To help implement the MPA throughout the state, local committees can adopt a local plan on aging and engage all the advisory bodies, including school boards. Aging experts need to participate on committees that do not focus on aging, e.g., labor, housing, transportation and behavioral health. CCoA's progress on behavioral health was discussed.

**15. Legislative Research Pairs**

**ITEM SKIPPED DUE TO LACK OF TIME.**

**16. CCoA Committee Reports**

**A. Executive Committee Report**

Commissioner Brown announced that at the February 14, 2024 meeting, the Executive Committee approved sponsoring SB 1249 (Roth). At the February 28, 2024 meeting, the Executive Committee approved the Legislative Advocacy Committee Bill Position Report.

**B. Legislative Advocacy Committee Report**

Commissioner Adelman reported that the meeting was postponed.

**C. Behavioral Health Committee Report**

Commissioner Frank reported that the committee has been meeting, including two subject matter experts, and drafted a strategic mission/policy goal statement. The committee has been receiving reports from the Department of Healthcare Services and CDA on their special grant programs. The committee is striving to create a statewide network of people in aging with a stake in behavioral health including applicants for grants to facilitate information sharing. They are currently waiting for data from the state on the number of older adults being served in behavioral health programs.

**D. Elder Justice Legislative Subcommittee Report**

Commissioner Perry noted an effort to recognize that the Commission has very good connectivity with legislative bodies, and executive branch agencies, regarding elder justice and the exploitation of older adults. There is significant evidence of exploitation but not a lot of enforcement actions. Perry would like to identify why there is a gap in addressing this problem.

**E. Anniversary Committee Report**

Commissioner Goodall announced that the committee has hired Kellie DeMarco, an award-winning news anchor and journalist who now owns her own communications company, to serve as emcee of the event. DeMarco will assist with coordinating vendors and developing the event run of show. Commissioner Goodall thanked the planning committee, Commissioners, and CA Foundation on Aging Board members for their support. \$100,000 in sponsorships have been secured, which is enough to underwrite the event. However, the goal is to raise another \$200-300K to support scholarships and fund planning for the K-14 Lifespan Curriculum Project. The



committee will be reaching out to past and present Commissioners seeking donations and attendance at the event.

**18. State Stakeholder Advisory Committees and Workgroup Reports**

A. Behavioral Health Task Force

Commissioner Adelman shared that there has not been a lot of discussion of older adults on the Task Force. She hopes to address the topic more in future meetings.

B. Elder and Disability Justice Coordinating Council

Coleman explained that the goal of the Council has not yet been determined, yet there has been a great deal of robust discussion. The subcommittees are working on pinpointing action items.

C. California Aging and Disability Research Partnership (CADRP)

Commissioner Lindeman discussed the Partnership's three subcommittees: behavioral health, housing, and workforce development, which all meet monthly. The group is working on putting a dashboard together and reports are in development for the fall meetings. The Partnership is pushing for broader collaboration across the state for academics, collecting data, and developing new research for improvement across the state.

D. Aging and Disability Resource Connection Advisory Committee

Swartzlander reported the exciting news that the committee is seeing progress around Medicaid Administrative Claiming (MAC). CDA staff are currently analyzing the time study data conducted by ADRCs to determine how much MAC funds could be available. The next step is to develop and submit a proposal to the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). CDA will also be developing a MAC training for the ADRCs. The committee is working to diversify its funding base to build sustainability for ADRC initiatives. They are in the process of allocating \$10M in ADRC infrastructure development funds to 25 ADRCs, \$90M to emerging ADRCs and \$180M to each designated ADRC.

**19. Staff Report (Swartzlander)**

A. Administrative Updates

a. The State Leadership Accountability Act (SLAA) Report has been submitted to Department of Finance. The report is required by all state entities to identify risks and how the organization plans to address them. Commissioner Meador and Anderson were commended for their assistance. Once approved, the SLAA Report will be posted on the CCoA website.

- b. Documents related to each of the CCoA policy priorities are posted to OnBoard under Resources/Background and Research. The ADRC meeting materials are also posted.
  - d. Commissioners and staff are encouraged to post materials from their advisory committee meetings to the OnBoard Resources page.
  - e. Villanueva will be working intermittently for the foreseeable future. She will focus her attention on projects that are not time-bound. Commissioners should direct correspondence/communications to other staff members.
  - f. Swartzlander hopes to work with a few Commissioners to bring a proposed updated Operational Plan to the full Commission in May.
- B. Housing Report  
THE HOUSING REPORT WAS POSTPONED DUE TO INSUFFICIENT TIME.
- B. New Meal Rates are now in effect for Travel Reimbursement Claims. These are an increase over previous rates and match federal guidelines. Lodging rates also saw a small increase. An analysis to show that you are using the most cost-effective mode of transportation is now required.
- C. Melman shared updates on CCoA's ongoing communications including the 50-year anniversary branding that now appears on all materials, anniversary event advertising, and the event's future ticket sales. Social media followers, AgeWatch subscribers, and website visitors have grown as has the breadth of content on the CCoA website. Commissioners can reference the CCoA website or OnBoard for Commission information.
- D. New Collaborations
- 1. Kim McCoy Wade arranged an introduction to the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency (CLWDA), Secretary Stewart Knox, Deputy Secretary for Workforce Strategy Abby Snay, Deputy Director for Evaluation Jennifer Sturdy, and CA Civil Rights Department Director Kevin Kish to discuss CCoA's interest in the older adult workforce. Learned that CLWDA is looking at doing an older adult workforce study.
  - 2. Commissioner Lyford connected CCoA to Ayrielle Franco, Program Officer at West Health Foundation (WHF), and Jon Zifferblatt, Chief Strategy Officer of the West Health Institute & West Health Policy Center (WHPC), to discuss the alignment of CCoA and WHF/WHPC's priorities, including leveraging Geriatric Emergency Departments for older adult behavioral health.
  - 3. Commissioner Lindeman made an introduction to Tod Stoltz, Director of Business Development at UC Davis Health System.

- University of California, Davis Center for Healthcare Policy and Research released a report on Planning for Healthy Aging Communities in 2021.
- UC Davis Health is consulting with AKT Investments to build an 8,000-home master-planned, intergenerational community, that is market rate and affordable, focused on healthy aging near Folsom.

E. 2024 General Meeting and Event Schedule

1. May 1-3, 2024 General Meeting and C4A Annual Conference, San Jose
  - In a new development, Commissioner Brown has arranged for the Commission to tour the premier Artificial Intelligence company, Nvidia, on March 30, from 3:00-5:00 pm, in San Jose.
2. June 26-27, 2024: CCoA 50th Anniversary Event and General Meeting, Sacramento
3. October 8, 2024: Local commissioners are invited to the CDA California for All Ages and Abilities event
3. October 21, 2024: General Meeting, San Bernardino

**20. Review Action Items**

Everyone should review the CCoA Policy Priorities 2024-2025 document and the housing slides in OnBoard.

Our tour of NVIDIA is on April 30, 3:00 pm, in San Jose.

**21. Commissioner Comments**

**22. Public Comment**

**23. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.