



Karol Swartzlander, Executive Director
Gavin Newsom, Governor

CCoA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 20, 2026

Meeting Location

2880 Gateway Oaks Drive, Conference Room 390, Sacramento, CA 95833

Committee Members

Chair David Lindeman, Vice Chair Ben Jauregui, Commissioners Erika Castile, Alex Davis, Janet Frank, Brendalynn Goodall, Jeannee Parker Martin

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

Chair Lindeman called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Executive Director Karol Swartzlander called the roll.

Members Present: Chair Lindeman, Vice Chair Jauregi, Commissioners Castile, Davis, Frank, Goodall, Parker Martin

A quorum was established.

2. The December 17, 2025 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes were approved.

3. Chair Comments

Chair Lindeman expressed appreciation for everyone's work preparing for the February General Meeting.

4. New Business

A. Staff reviewed Commissioners' policy interests.

- Workforce Development:
 - Serving Older Adults: Commissioners Frank, Lyford and Selenski
 - Older Adult Workforce: Commissioners Davis, Lindeman and Selenski
- Housing and Homelessness: Commissioners Jauregi and Yourman
- Nutrition: Commissioners Costa and Frank
- K-14 Lifespan Curriculum: Commissioners Davis and Parker Martin

B. CCoA Policy Priorities for 2026

- Commissioners reviewed and discussed proposed policy priorities for 2026.

- A. Behavioral Health: Commissioner Frank is now officially appointed to the Behavioral Health Planning Council. Behavioral Health Special Committee meetings are currently scheduled for February and March.
- B. Workforce Development
 - Older Adults: The Age Inclusive Management Strategies (AIMS) cohort will meet over a 6-month period beginning in March. The kick-off meeting will be held in-person in Sacramento. Chair Lindeman spoke with the Colorado Commission on Aging and reported they have a workforce development project in which they would like CCoA to partner.
 - Workforce Serving Older Adults: The California Foundation on Aging (CFoA) will be participating in fundraising for the Cheryl Brown Gerontology Scholarship Program. A work group will be established consisting of Commissioners and CFoA Board Members. CFoA is also establishing a website where sponsors can make donations.
- C. Emergency Preparedness: Given the release of the CCoA report in 2025, Emergency Preparedness was added as a priority.
- D. Housing and Homelessness: Staff will work with Commissioners Jauregi and Yourman to identify discuss potential Housing and Homelessness advocacy. Chair Lindeman introduced the concept of co-housing as a potential focus area.

The topic of older adult loneliness and isolation was also discussed. It is included in Behavioral Health as part of preventive health and is something each committee can take into consideration as they discuss their respective priorities.

- Informational Hearing: Chair Lindeman suggested surveying the Commission on informational hearing topics.

C. VOTE-

Motion to approve the Policy Priorities outline as discussed and amended.

(M/S/C) (Frank / Castile)

APPROVED.

C. Legislative Advocacy Committee Report

Smith reported recommendations from the December 22, 2025 meeting.

1. Pursue Sponsorship of the Office of the Public Guardian Bill Concept.

2. Pursue co-sponsorship of the Longterm Care Mutual Aid Bill Concept with Leading Age California.
3. Send Gerontologist Licensing Bill Concept to the Research and Policy Development Committee for further research.

Motion to approve the Legislative Committee Report.

(M/S/C) (Parker Martin/ Frank)

APPROVED.

D. Component Fund Sponsorship Requests

Two sponsorship requests were received: Justice in Aging; CA Health Advocates & Senior Medicare Patrol.

1. Justice in Aging requested a sponsorship of \$1,000.
2. The CA Health Advocates & Senior Medicare Patrol request was past due.

Motion to approve sponsorship of the Justice in Aging annual fundraising event at \$1,000.

(M/S/C) (Frank / Jauregi)

APPROVED.

5. Executive Director Updates

A. CCoA Operational Budget History

Staff provided an update on budget allocations, which showed growth from \$600,000 in 2021-22 to over \$1 million in the current fiscal year, with most funding coming from Federal Trust Fund.

B. Collaborations

- Eldera. A Quarterly Report was distributed to the committee. More data will become available at the end of our pilot period in March. CCoA staff is consulting with the CA Office of Data and Innovation Data regarding additional terms to ensure data privacy for any future MOUs.
- Age Inclusive Management Strategies (AIMS) Cohort Project. The first meeting will be convened in March.

C. February 11-12 General Meeting Update



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- Presenters include the Department of Aging leadership, Elizabeth “Liz” Fuller, and a representative from AIMS.
- The agenda provides 45 minutes for Legislative Visit discussion and preparation. The Legislative Toolkit will include talking points.
- The Legislative Lunch program is in development and will be shared upon completion.

D. Upcoming Executive Committee Meetings in 2026.

- First Tuesdays, February through December, 10:00 am to 11:30 am. The February 3 meeting will be held a half-hour (10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.)

E. Legislative Advocacy

Staff reported the Aging & Disability: What Legislative Staff Need to Know for 2026 webinar successful. There were over 300 registrants, and staff received a lot of positive feedback.

6. Commissioner Comments

None

7. Public Comment

None

8. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:12 a.m.