

Tuolumne County Commission on Aging

Agenda for Meeting on Monday, March 14, 2022, 1:30 pm

Zoom Meeting

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1. **Call to Order.**
2. **Introductions.**
3. **Public Comment:** Non-Commissioners are welcome to speak about senior-related issues NOT listed on this agenda (3 minutes maximum per speaker) – no discussion, please.
4. **Minutes:** Approval of Minutes of the February 14, 2022 COA meeting.
5. **Chair's Report:** Cathie Peacock
6. **Treasurer's Report:** Ted Michaud
7. **Corresponding Secretary's Report:** Melody Brotby
8. **County Report:** Supervisor David Goldemberg, District 1/Liz Peterson, CAO's Office
9. **Blue Zone Community Fair, Saturday, April 9:** Kristi Conforti.
10. **Unfinished Business:**
Commission Membership Status.
Committees and Goals for 2022.
Form 700 reminder. <https://www.fppc.ca.gov/Form700.html>
11. **New Business:**

Resolution to confirm Paula Burklin's induction as a COA Commissioner.
Resolution regarding holding next COA meeting in person or by remote communication.
12. **Public Comment.**
13. **Adjournment.**

Next COA Meeting:
April 11, 2022, 1.30 PM
Location: On Zoom

COA Executive Committee Meeting:
April 4, 2022, 2:00 PM
Location: On Zoom

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Tuolumne County Commission on Aging
Minutes of Meeting on Monday, February 14, 2022, 1:30 pm
**** Meeting held via Zoom ****

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 1:35 pm by Chair Cathie Peacock.
2. **Introductions: Commissioners Present:** Malcolm Carden, Ted Michaud, Jim Grinnell, Laurie Sylwester, John Featherstone, Tim Gillespie, Kristi Conforti, Matthew Rose, Cathie Peacock, Melody Brotby, Zandra Bietz. **Absent:** Catherine Driver, Serenity McQuirter, Jackie Sample, Carleton Penwell.
BOS/County Staff Representatives: David Goldemberg, District 1, Jason Terry, County Administration.
Guest: Myrna Doering.
3. **Public Comments:** Non-Commissioners are welcome to speak about senior-related issues NOT listed on this agenda (2 minutes maximum per speaker) – no discussion, please. None.
4. **Minutes:** Minutes of the January 10, 2022 COA meeting were approved as submitted.
5. **Chair’s Report:** Cathie welcomed everyone and asked them to introduce themselves. We will be having new Commission name tags made up for the newer Commissioners shortly – if any of the “older” Commissioners needs a replacement, please let us know. The California Senior Legislature is accepting applications for a Senator and a Representative for our area. Forms are available through Area 12 if you are interested. There has been an excellent reaction from the Supervisors to Cathie’s personal request that they nominate new Commissioners from their districts. One new application has already been received by the County. Cathie also asked the Supes to set out their expectations for the Commission for the coming year, particularly in light of the Planning Workshops they held last week.
6. **Treasurer’s Report:** No change in our balance with the County. Ted has been in touch with Debi Bautista re mechanics of reporting etc.
7. **Corresponding Secretary’s Report:** Nothing to report.
8. **County Report:** David thanked Matthew Rose for his service, and also thanked Myrna Doering for being on the call. The Supervisors held Planning Workshops last week to discuss goals for the next two years. Concrete action items will be put in place, rather than simply expectations. Covid is still an issue in the County – case numbers are falling, but not quickly enough, which is a concern. Cathie mentioned that Interfaith now has rapid tests, if anyone needs them. This is probably Jason’s last meeting with the Commission – he will be missed.
9. **AARP Age-Friendly Communities Presentation.** Kristi presented a short brief on the AARP AFC project, which opens up grant opportunities for Counties whose Administrations pass AF resolutions. Right now, California is recognized as an AF state, but Tuolumne County is not. To get on the list, a resolution by the BOS is needed. Jason suggested that the COA and the Blue Zones group should present the concept to the BOS at a future date. Kristi will find out more about the program and report back. David said he would support such a move, as did several Commissioners, who are concerned about the access to services by the elderly in the County. Kristi also mentioned the online Behavioral Health Survey of Needs for the coming year, a link to

which has been sent to all Commissioners.

10. Unfinished Business:

Commission Membership Status: Matthew announced that he is not renewing his COA membership, which reduces our numbers to 14, with 6 vacancies. As mentioned above, one new applicant is in the works.

Committees and Goals for 2022: Cathie asked for volunteers to chair the four Standing Committees the COA has in its Bylaws – Legislative, Community Relations, Education and Governance. Responses were as follows:

Legislative –Malcolm has volunteered to chair this Committee. He will liaise with Past Chair Rex Whisnand, who is a member of the California Senior Legislature. This is a complex task, since legislation appears continually at the Federal, State and CSL levels, and has to be tracked. Laurie suggested that we make contact with CSAC, on which she served while Supervisor. David also mentioned that the BOS will be focusing on legislation out of Sacramento, and any additional input would be welcome. The other area we need to keep tabs on is the State Agenda for Aging, which is already up and running, with millions of dollars committed to different parts of it in the State Budget.

Community Relations – Ted volunteered to be Chair of this Committee, and Melody offered to be on it also.

Education – John and Laurie both indicated that they would be on this Committee. A chair will be selected at some point.

Governance – no takers at this point, but Carleton has been the leader in nurturing this Committee in the past.

Transportation is the other area that we have focused on in the past, although it is not a Standing Committee. Tim agreed to report back regularly on the activities of the TCTC, since it is of major importance to the senior community in the County.

Cathie suggested that the other Commissioners volunteer for at least one Committee each, and that the Committees meet in some fashion as soon as possible, and start developing goals for the coming year.

11. New Business:

Form 700 reminder: Malcolm reminded everyone that a **signed, original** Form 700 is due to Debi Bautista at the County by April 1. The URL for the current year's form (please don't use an old one!) is <https://www.fppc.ca.gov/Form700.html>.

Resolution on Teleconferencing - A resolution covering Meetings by Teleconferencing for the next 30 days to comply with the Brown Act was passed unanimously by the 10 Commissioners present.

12. Public Comment:

There was a brief discussion on possible meeting rooms for face to face meetings once the current restrictions are lifted. David mentioned that the County is contemplating setting up a room for County committee meetings which will have call in facilities, such

as Zoom, for example.

John asked about current plans for Emergency Evacuations in the County. Cathie stated that several agencies are looking at this, including the Sheriff's Department and OES. Consultants hired by TCTC are also looking at areas of the County with limited egress.

13. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2.55 pm.

Next COA Executive Committee Meeting – Monday, March 7, 2022, 2 pm, on Zoom.

Next COA Meeting – Monday, March 14, 2022, 1.30 pm, on Zoom.

1 Commission on Aging

2 County of Tuolumne

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4 **FINDINGS OF THE COMMISSION ON AGING**
5 **AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS**
6 **OF THE COMMISSION ON AGING**
7 **FOR THE PERIOD ENDING APRIL 14, 2022**
8 **PURSUANT TO THE RALPH M. BROWN ACT.**
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10 **WHEREAS**, all meetings of the COMMISSION ON AGING and its legislative bodies are open
11 and public, as required by the Ralph M. Brown Act (Cal. Gov. Code §§ 54950 – 54963), so that any member
12 of the public may attend, participate, and view the legislative bodies conduct their business; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the Brown Act, Government Code section 54953(e), makes provisions for remote
14 teleconferencing participation in meetings by members of a legislative body, without compliance with the
15 requirements of Government Code section 54953(b)(3), subject to the existence of certain conditions and
16 requirements; and

17 **WHEREAS**, a required condition of Government Code section 54953(e) is that a state of emergency
18 is declared by the Governor pursuant to Government Code section 8625, proclaiming the existence of
19 conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the state caused by
20 conditions as described in Government Code section 8558(b); and

21 **WHEREAS**, a further required condition of Government Code section 54953(e) is that state or local
22 officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, or, the legislative body
23 holds a meeting to determine or has determined by a majority vote that meeting in person would present
24 imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees; and

25 **WHEREAS**, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom issued a Proclamation of a State of Emergency
26 declaring a state of emergency exists in California due to the threat of COVID-19, pursuant to the California
27 Emergency Services Act (Government Code section 8625); and,

28 **WHEREAS**, on June 11, 2021, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-07-21, which

1 formally rescinded the Stay-at-Home Order (Executive Order N-33-20), as well as the framework for a
2 gradual, risk-based reopening of the economy (Executive Order N-60-20, issued on May 4, 2020) but did
3 not rescind the proclaimed state of emergency; and,

4 **WHEREAS**, on June 11, 2021, Governor Newsom also issued Executive Order N-08-21, which set
5 expiration dates for certain paragraphs of the State of Emergency Proclamation dated March 4, 2020 and
6 other Executive Orders but did not rescind the proclaimed state of emergency; and,

7 **WHEREAS**, as of the date of this Findings, neither the Governor nor the state Legislature have
8 exercised their respective powers pursuant to Government Code section 8629 to lift the state of emergency
9 either by proclamation or by concurrent Findings the state Legislature; and,

10 **WHEREAS**, the California Department of Industrial Relations has issued regulations related to
11 COVID-19 Prevention for employees and places of employment. Title 8 of the California Code of
12 Regulations, Section 3205(5)(D) specifically recommends physical (social) distancing as one of the
13 measures to decrease the spread of COVID-19 based on the fact that particles containing the virus can travel
14 more than six feet, especially indoors; and,

15 **WHEREAS**, the COMMISSION ON AGING finds that state or local officials have imposed or
16 recommended measures to promote social distancing, based on the California Department of Industrial
17 Relations' issuance of regulations related to COVID-19 Prevention through Title 8 of the California Code
18 of Regulations, Section 3205(5)(D); and,

19 **WHEREAS**, as a consequence, the COMMISSION ON AGING does hereby find that it shall
20 conduct its meetings by teleconferencing without compliance with Government Code section 54953 (b)(3),
21 pursuant to Section 54953(e), and that such legislative bodies shall comply with the requirements to provide
22 the public with access to the meetings as prescribed by Government Code section 54953(e)(2).

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27 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, FOUND AND ORDERED** by the COMMISSION
28 ON AGING, County of Tuolumne, State of California, in regular session assembled on March 14, 2022

1 does hereby resolve as follows:

2 Section 1. Recitals. All of the above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated into this
3 Findings by this reference.

4 Section 2. State or Local Officials Have Imposed or Recommended Measures to Promote Social
5 Distancing. The COMMISSION ON AGING hereby proclaims that state officials have imposed or
6 recommended measures to promote social (physical) distancing based on the California Department of
7 Industrial Relations' issuance of regulations related to COVID-19 Prevention through Title 8 of the
8 California Code of Regulations, Section 3205(5)(D).

9 Section 3. Remote Teleconference Meetings. The COMMISSION ON AGING is hereby
10 authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of these Findings
11 including, conducting open and public meetings in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e)
12 and other applicable provisions of the Brown Act.

13 Section 4. Effective Date. These Findings shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and
14 shall be effective until the earlier of (i) April 14, 2022 or (ii) such time the COMMISSION ON AGING
15 adopts a subsequent Findings in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e)(3) to extend the time
16 during which its legislative bodies may continue to teleconference without compliance with Section
17 54953(b)(3).

18 ADOPTED this 14th day of March, 2022 by COMMISSION ON AGING by the following vote:

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20 YES: 0

21 NO: 0

22 ABSENT: 0

23 ABSTAIN: 0

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26 Attested by Malcolm Carden, Recording Secretary, COA