

Tuolumne County Commission on Aging

Agenda for Meeting on Monday, June 13, 2022, 1:30 pm

To be held via Zoom

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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 May 9, 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 Zones and Senior Homelessness updates.**
10. **Unfinished Business:**
Commission Membership Status.
In-Person Meetings – status.

Committee Reports:

- **Community Relations**
- **Transportation**
- **Education**
- **Legislative**
- **Governance**

11. New Business:

Resolution for holding next COA meeting by remote communication, if needed.

12. Public Comment.

13. Adjournment.

**Next COA Meeting:
Monday, July 11, 2022, 1.30 PM
Location: TBD**

**COA Executive Committee Meeting:
TUESDAY, July 5, 2022, 2:00 PM
Location: Interfaith**

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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 JULY 13, 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
12 member 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
18 emergency is declared by the Governor pursuant to Government Code section 8625, proclaiming the
19 existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the state
20 caused by 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
22 local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, or, the legislative
23 body holds a meeting to determine or has determined by a majority vote that meeting in person would
24 present 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
26 Emergency declaring a state of emergency exists in California due to the threat of COVID-19, pursuant to
27 the California 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
5 set expiration dates for certain paragraphs of the State of Emergency Proclamation dated March 4, 2020
6 and 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
9 emergency 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
14 travel 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
21 (b)(3), pursuant to Section 54953(e), and that such legislative bodies shall comply with the requirements
22 to provide 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 June 13, 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
5 Social 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) July 13, 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
16 time during which its legislative bodies may continue to teleconference without compliance with Section
17 54953(b)(3).

18 ADOPTED this 13th day of June, 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

Tuolumne County Commission on Aging
Minutes of Meeting on Monday, May 9, 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, John Featherstone, Tim Gillespie, Kristi Conforti, Catherine Driver, Carleton Penwell, Jackie Sample, Cathie Peacock, Paula Burklin, Emily Fife, Melody Brotby. **Absent:** Zandra Bietz, Harry Ohls.
BOS/County Staff Representatives: David Goldemberg, District 1.
Guests: Kristin Milhoff, Area 12, Britne Gose, Southside Services.
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 April 11, 2022 COA meeting were approved as submitted, with two abstentions.
5. **Chair's Report:** Laurie Sylwester has regrettably resigned. Cathie thanked her for her service, and has asked Melody to send her a thank you note. The new name tags have still not arrived, Cathie will visit the store tomorrow.
6. **Treasurer's Report:** No change in our balance with the County. The new membership badges will need to be paid for. There may be a request for funds for a new COA brochure shortly.
7. **Corresponding Secretary's Report:** A card was sent to Laurie Sylwester, as requested by the Chair.
8. **County Report:** David mentioned that Covid is still around. An excellent article appeared in the SF Chronicle two days ago, which he will send to the Commission, which contains interviews with numerous people in the County, including several Supervisors, describing the impact of Covid on community relationships. In other areas, homelessness and ARP funding are under review at present, as well as detailed goals for the BOS. He and other supervisors met with state legislators and staff in Sacramento recently, which was a positive experience.
9. **Elder Abuse Conference, June 22.** Details on this event, which is being put on by the DA's office, are still somewhat unclear, apart from the fact that it will be at the Fairgrounds. Cathie will follow up and see how the COA can participate.
10. **Unfinished Business:**

Commission Membership Status: We are still at 14 members, with Laurie Sylwester's resignation offset by Emily Fife's appointment by the BOS. We have another application in hand, and will interview the candidate shortly. One other person has expressed interest, also.

In-Person Meetings: The Senior Center will reopen next week. However, it appears that we either have to hold a full in-person meeting or a Zoom meeting, hybrid meetings not being encouraged by the County. This could cause difficulties for some Commissioners who will have challenges in getting to the meeting, for various reasons. It was generally agreed that we would stay on Zoom for the next meeting in June, at least, so that we can get a better feel for the

situation.

Committee Reports:

Community Relations – committee has met, minutes will be forthcoming. Discussion centred around better communication with the community, including the publication of a new brochure.

Transportation – Tim mentioned several developments in this area, including a two year extension of the funding for his position as Mobility Manager, and a two year extension of the Groveland bus program, which has proved very successful. TCTC has also been looking at implementing a daily Groveland to Columbia College service, with one trip a day in both directions.

Education – committee hasn't met yet, due to Laurie's resignation and John's absences in the past month. Carleton asked if any speakers had been approached, suggested the new CMO at Adventist Health.

Legislative – Malcolm and John have discussed how to proceed in the wake of Rex Whisnand's apparent lack of involvement with the California Senior Legislature now. Kristin mentioned that she might be able to connect into legislative happenings in Sacramento through the Agency on Aging Directors' Committee, of which she is a member.

Governance – nothing to report.

11. New Business:

Resolution on Teleconferencing - A resolution covering Meetings by Teleconferencing for the next 30 days to comply with the Brown Act was passed, 10 votes for, one abstention, by the 11 Commissioners present at the time.

12. Public Comment: Emily invited everyone to the reopening of the Senior Center on Monday, May 16, at 11 am.

13. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3.02 pm.

Next COA Executive Committee Meeting – Monday, June 6, 2022, 2 pm, on Zoom or in person.

Next COA Meeting – Monday, June 13, 2022, 1.30 pm, on Zoom.