

Tuolumne County Commission on Aging
Minutes of Meeting on Monday, April 11, 2022, 1:30 pm
Meeting held via Zoom
(hosted by John Featherstone)

Call to order: Meeting was called to order by Chair Cathie Peacock at 1:32 pm.

2. Introductions: Commissioners present: Tim Gillespie, Ted Michaud, John Featherstone, Melody Brotby, Paula Burklin, Cathie Peacock, Jackie Sample, Harry Ohls, Laurie Sylwester, Zandra Bietz. Absent: Malcolm Carden, Carlton Penwell, Kristi Conforti, Catherine Driver. BOS/County Staff Representatives: David Goldemberg, District 1, Liz Peterson, County Administration. Guests: Chris McCoy, Kristin Milhoff, Area 12.

3. Public Comments: Non-commissioners are welcome to speak about senior-related issues NOT listed on this agenda (2 minutes max per speaker)- no discussion, please. None.

4. Minutes: Minutes of the March 14, 2022 COA meeting were unanimously approved as submitted.

5. Chair's Report: Cathie reported that Emily Fife, CEO of the TC Senior Center submitted her application to become a COA commissioner after attending the April COA Executive Committee meeting. Cathie shared a concern that we have not had anyone from COA regularly attend the various group meetings dealing with senior issues. The goal of attending would be to hear what these organizations believe are priorities for seniors. It is not necessary to be a member of these groups, just to attend and gather information we can share with the Board of Supervisors. She has a list of these groups which will be included in the minutes and are available to all commissioners. If any of us are aware of groups not on this list please give her the pertinent information.

6. Treasurer's Report: Ted reported that Matthew Powell is a very good connection in Debi Bautista's office who keeps us well informed regarding our budget and county budget issues in general. This month the only expenditure has been \$300.00 to Malcolm for hosting the Zoom meetings throughout the Covid pandemic. Next month there will be a sizable expenditure for name tags for commissioners. Cathie will pick them up next week. Ted reported he and Malcolm wore their name tags while attending the Blue Zone Community Fair last week and this made it easy to connect with other's attending and share information regarding COA.

The current balance in our County account is \$10,445.44.

7. Corresponding Secretary's Report: A note was sent to Carlton noting we missed him at the March meeting as well as a welcome note to Emily Fife,

CEO of the Senior Center for attending the Executive Committee meeting.

8. Area 12 Agency on Aging member Chris McCoy gave a presentation on ADRC (Aging and Disability Resource Connection). This new group brings together resources for both aging and disability regardless of income, and allows those served to only need to share their story once to get resources for both age and disability. Slides from this presentation will be made available to commission members. Resources for all five counties (Alpine, Almador, Calaveras, Mariposa, Tuolumne) are available. The address for the Resource Directory is "<https://adrcofthemothelode.myresourcedirectory.com>". Chris is available at Area 12 for more information.
9. County Report: David stated the DRAIL information is very good. He also appreciates all that COA does and passes on to the BOS. The board has recently been focusing on setting priorities and objectives and at their meeting tomorrow and the next BOS meeting will begin to flush out "action" items. He stated that although the latest Covid variant has not hit Tuolumne County yet it is "right on the edge". All need to be aware and careful, that we are not done with Covid yet. He stated there was an excellent turn out at the Blue Zone event, there seemed to be much support for participating in a "good life style". David stated Eric Sergienko is phasing out and Dr Kim Freeman is the new County Health Officer. Dr. Sergienko will be recognized at the April 10 BOS meeting. He reminded all that for those fully vaccinated the 4th Covid booster is available. Liz reported the county is gearing up for the budgeting process.
10. Unfinished Business: At the present time we have 15 COA members. Cathie stated we need to review the goals presented over the last two years. Due to Covid meeting with committee members has been difficult, and it's time to start working to meet our current goals. Cathie has a list of current committees and members. She asked all commissioners to choose a committee to participate on.
11. New Business: The informal Senior Homeless Survey done by Cathie through Interfaith was presented to the Board of Supervisors and has helped to make members of the homeless in Tuolumne County visible to all.-- COA commissioners attending community meetings, noting comments, and bringing back for discussion as well as to pass on to the BOS allows further information on senior needs to become a focus.-- Regarding in-person meetings we have not heard back from the Senior Center regarding room availability. --A resolution for holding the next COA meeting either in person or by remote communication passed. At the present time the May 16, 2022 COA meeting will meet in person. Remote meetings will end as of May 11, 2022.--All members thank Malcolm for keeping the Zoom meetings going.
12. Public Comment: None

13. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:11 pm

Next COA Executive Committee Meeting—May 2, 2022, 2 pm , Interfaith

Next COA Meeting Monday, May 9, 2022, 1.30 pm—Location TBD

Melody Brotby
Acting Recording Secretary, COA.

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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 JUNE 9, 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 May 9, 2022 does

1 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) June 9, 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 9th day of May, 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