



Commission on Aging
Communications Meeting -on ZOOM
May 19, 2025, 10am-11am

ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners: Linda Bergofsky, Yvette Monroe, Kathleen McGuinness, Marie Sloan, Marcia Pruzan; Vernell DeWitty, Katie Smith. County Staff: Peter Illig, Jennifer Long

The meeting was called to order at 10:00am by Co Chairs Marie Sloan & Kathleen McGuinness. While the agenda was sent to Tremayne, it was not sent out in advance to all, only shared internally with cochairs.

Old Business

Peter mentions we are not allowed to do AI for meeting notes. Nor are we allowed to use meeting CHAT. Linda B mentions that both Directors mention in last COA meeting that CHAT was allowed. Kathleen MM volunteers to take minutes of this meeting for the first time.

Marie shared & discussed the upcoming COA schedule. Linda Bergofsky was asked to share her experience with her participation at the most recent COA presentation 5/17 at QO. Small but very engaged and grateful audience.

Reminder: Peter I. needs 30 days' notice if the PIO office needs to produce a Press Release & Ambassador posting online. It is each COA Ambassador's presenters responsibility to advise the ComCom Team, of David, Kathleen & Marie, if they will need a Press Release. Preferably on the intake sheet they provide to get on the COA schedule.

New Business

Kathleen advised she will send a notification of any Ambassador COA presentations to each Council Member whose district it is in. Also, to Mayors office wherever possible to inform all of activity taking place in their districts.

After discussion, Marie advises she will send out the final ComCom documents for final Ambassador list calendar of Presentations, Operational Guidelines, Final FAQ's & Intake & final Confirmation forms to all.

Linda mentioned she would send the list of new COA Ambassadors. We should all do some outreach and try to keep them informed of upcoming COA presentations for a good orientation of what we do. Also, several suggested that current COA's buddy up with new commissioners and engage them to help them choose a committee. If properly utilized, we can bring them into service and help us defray some of our current workload/overload since all the administrative support we requested will probably not be approved in the FY26 budget. Many Commissioners reported contributing far more hours than they had initially anticipated.

50 Plus: Katie Smith checks in and reports on next TV shows. Marcia suggested it would be good for Katie to do some live filming and recording at May 21 COA Forum event. She agrees.

Possible new Budget Priorities: Latest on Moco approved Budget: Since it was 10:55am further conversation on FY 97 budget priorities was tabled till next Comcom meeting. Linda B provided this link for all in the chat. <https://mocoshow.com/2025/05/15/montgomery-county-council-reaches-preliminary-agreement-on-7-6-billion-fiscal-year-2026-operating-budget/>

Marie posed the questions for all Commissioners on call to consider for next meeting: What would you like to see discussed in future ComCom meetings? Pls email comments to us David, Marie & Kathleen

Next Communication Meeting is June 16 at 10am