

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING

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Meeting Date: June 25, 2025
Time: 10:00 am - Noon
Location: **DSS Building, 3433 South Higuera Street, Room #101, SLO**

- ✓ Call to Order
- ✓ Flag Salute (please stand if able)
- ✓ Check/announce meeting being recorded.
- ✓ Public Comment and Member/Agency Updates – *burning desires from members or guests about current concerns, issues, scams - 2 min. max*

Introductions: Members and Guests (please provide your name, Commission position, and **brief** agency description)

Member rollcall: Chair establish Quorum

Approve Minutes: May 28, 2025

Reports:

ASPC (2 min) – Jerry Mihaic
AAA (2 min) – Susannah Fenton
Scam Report (2 min) – Isabella Gaddinni DA VW

New Business:

Introduce prospective new member for vacant Alternate Member at Large

Applicant: Nicole Bennett

Call for vote – all members

Presentation: **Brainstorm Session for 2025-2026**
Hot Topics, Needs, Issues Facing Seniors
All Members and Public Participation

Facilitators: Anita Shower and Maryanne Zarycka, Co-Chairs

Next Meeting: July 23, 2025 – Veterans Panel

DSS Building, 3433 South Higuera Street, Room #101, SLO

***Please submit agenda and program items, ideas, and feedback to
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SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING
Department of Social Services Building, Conference Room #101 3433 South Higuera,
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401
June 25th, 2025 Minutes

Members Present: Maryanne Zarycka, Anita Shower, Paul Worsham, Laura Edwards, Jerry Mihaic, Mike Bossenberry, Jessica Yates, Danielle Raiss, Claryce Knupper, Paulina Flores Jimenez, Ilene Brill, Charmaine Petersen, Alexis Okumura, Dianna Votaw, Nicole Bennett

Members Absent: Sue Gibson, Kristin Allen, Louise Justice, Susannah Fenton, Paige Anderson, Rod Brown, Jamie Moothart

Call to Order: 10:00 am

Flag Salute.

"Meeting is Being Recorded" Announcement

Public Comment:

Claryce Knupper

- [SLO County Senior Resource Fair](#)
- October 18th, 2025 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM, Grace Bible Church, Arroyo Grande, CA

Judy Hemenway

- Atascadero Senior Center first time attending the COA meeting

Mike Bossenberry

- Wilshire Health will close June 30, 2025, ending 40 years of hospice care in SLO

Dixson Moore

- Countywide Senior Publication coming up in the next week, printed and digital covering the entire county
- Available just about anywhere seniors congregate/meet
- Covers topics such as gardening tips, yoga, health articles, interviews, fun senior topics, resource guide, entertaining etc...
- All the contributors of this publication are 65+
- Produced by seniors for seniors

Public

- Brought in a flyer to inform the services Wisdom Center provides

Public

- Meals that Connect is having their 2nd annual second annual "Pickleball for a Purpose" event on October 4, 2025
- Opening spaces for booths and are accepting volunteers

Approval of April 2025 Minutes: Motion to approve minutes as written was made by Mike Boysenberry, second by Paulina Flores Jimenez. Two abstentions – passed.

ASPC

Jerry Mihaic

- Presentation from John Beleutz, Executive Director
- Health Projects Center – ECM and MSSP in SLO County

AAA

N/A

Scam Update

Isabella Gaddinni

- Played a 90-second video about Artificial Intelligence (AI) scams

New Business

- Introduce new member applicant for vacant Alternate Member at Large
- Nicole Bennett call for vote all members; all in favor - passed

Presentation:

Brainstorm Session for 2025-2026

Hot Topics, Needs, Issues Facing Seniors

All Members and Public Participation

Commission on Aging engaged in a brainstorming session which identified issues and challenges currently faced by seniors (60+) within SLO County. The top 6 themes identified were:

- Education & Communication
- Technology
- Health / Well-Being / Medical
- Mobility / Transportation
- Financial Assistance / Planning
- Housing

Participants proceeded to rank issues and themes by priority. The outcome of the brainstorming session will be referenced in the Commission's annual report to the Board of Supervisors. The results will also be posted to the Commission on Aging Facebook and DSS County pages.

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Minutes submitted by Gabriela Garcia. Reviewed by Co-Chairs.