



Sonoma County Aging & Disability Commission Meeting



Minutes

Wednesday, June 17, 2026 | 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Carnelian Conference Room, 3725 Westwind Blvd. Santa Rosa 95403

In-person Attendance: Deanna Shaat, Robin Thompson, Trayce Beards, Terry Kelley, Suzanne Edwards, Jenny Helman, Rick Baum, Heather Hannan-Kramer, Pam Law, Micheal Margetts, Eric Larson (*Emeritus Member*), Don Streeper (*Emeritus Member*)

Virtual Attendance: Diane Spain (*Pre-approved*)

Absent: Priyanka Varma, Jaime Penaherrera, Alain Serkissian

Staff Attendance: Sara Avery, Cody Souza-Milner, Joni Huntsperger

1. **Doors Open (9:00 AM)**
2. **Welcome & Commission Member Introductions (Helman)**
3. **Public Comment and Commission Member Open Forum**
4. **Chair Updates: (Helman)**
 - North County Resource Fair was a success. Had approximately 250 attendees; including Senator Mike McGuire and Paul Dunaway. Received several request to host the event again.
5. **Director and Staff Updates: (Avery & Souza-Milner)**

Director Updates:

 - State Budget: The Governor's May Revision included proposals that would have significantly impacted Adult Protective Services, In-Home Supportive Services, the IHSS Public Authority, and the community's access to Medi-Cal. Legislature's Budget recommendation were released on Monday and the Governor's budget proposals were not adopted. The final budget will be signed by June 30th.
 - Here are the recommendations from the Legislature's budget:
 - i. The Adult Protective Services expansion would remain in place.
 - ii. The proposed IHSS county cost shift related to growth in assessed hours would not be implemented.
 - iii. The IHSS Back-Up Provider System would remain in place.
 - iv. The Governor's proposed reduction to Medi-Cal asset limits for older adults and people with disabilities to \$2,000 (individual)/\$3,000(couple) was not endorsed. The Legislature's recommendation maintains a higher asset-limit level for affected



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Medi-Cal populations, \$21,000 (individual)/\$31,000(couple), still a reduction from the current limits.

Staff Updates:

- Commissioner's will be asked to sign a new Conflict of Interest form for the upcoming year. There were no changes to the language from last year.
- Volunteer Logs are due on July 15th for January – June 2026.
- AAA Needs Assessment Update: Survey is complete and ready for dissemination. Plan committee is working on designing Focus Groups and Interviews. AAA plans to reach out to Commissioners to help support.
- Commission Computer Available: AAA now has a laptop that Commissioners could borrow to assist with any projects, research, or report writing. Contact Cody if you would like to borrow it.

6. Officer Elections – **Action** (Kelley)

- Chair: Jenny Helman – Elected by acclamation
- Vice Chair: Robin Thompson – Elected by acclamation
- Secretary: Deanna Shaat – Elected by acclamation
- Terms begin July 1, 2026
- Jenny Helman appoints Trayce Beards as Parliamentarian

7. Standing & Ad Hoc Committee Report (Helman)

Research Report Topic # 2 – **Action**

Research and summarize issues related to nutrition programs for older adults and adults with disabilities.

Lead: Diane Spain

Due: Request for extension until August 6, 2026

Motion: Extend the deadline until August 6, 2026

1st Motion: Rick Baum | 2nd Motion: Heather Hannan-Kramer | Vote Result: Approved

BOS Meeting Topics (New) - **Action**

Lead: Robin Thompson

Due: August 6, 2026

Motion: Establish an Ad Hoc focused on topics for BOS meetings.

1st Motion: Terry Kelley | 2nd Motion: Rick Baum | Vote Result: Approved

8. Getting to Know Your Fellow Commissioners (Spain)

9. Work Plan Development (Souza-Milner)

Facilitated an exercise to develop four SMART Goals the Commission wishes to achieve over the next year.



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Lunch Break

10. Work Plan Development (Souza-Milner)

Facilitated an exercise to develop areas of focus and activities to meet the four goals over the next year.

11. Next Steps/Evaluation Form (Helman)

Evaluation Form completed.

12. Aging & Disability Commission Jeopardy (Thompson)

13. Adjourn (Helman)(3:00 PM)

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Upcoming Aging & Disability Commission meetings:

- No Commission meeting in July 2026
 - Executive Meeting: Tuesday, August 11, 2026, from 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM
 - Commission Meeting: Wednesday, August 19, 2026, from 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
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