



# MINUTES

## Orange County Older Adults Advisory Commission

**Friday, August 9, 2024**

**9:30 A.M.**

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**Location:**

Easterseals

1063 McGaw Ave, Suite 100

Irvine CA 92614

1. CALL TO ORDER: Chair, Meredith Chillemi
2. INSPIRATION: Commissioner, Sandy Stang
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner, Nathan Steele
4. ROLL CALL: Secretary, Dave Tetzlaff  
PRESENT: Charlene Ashendorf, Linda Barcelona, Art Brown, Elizabeth Busick, Jerry Chang, Meredith Chillemi, Lynette Fujitani, Howard Hart, Gene Hernandez, Richard Hernandez, Ken Higman, Jackie Kim, Beck Levin, Felix Lopez, Patty Mouton, Ann Mudry, Joni Nichols, Rachel Owens, John Pointer, Amina Sen-Matthews, Marty Simonoff, Barbara Sloate, Sandy Stang, Nathan Steele, Dave Tetzlaff, Dave Wheeler  
ABSENT: Debbie Baker, Elaine Gennaway, Mariann Klinger, Crystal Miles
5. SECRETARY COMMENTS: Secretary, Dave Tetzlaff  
A. Monthly Volunteer Service Hours
6. PUBLIC COMMENTS  
*At this time, members of the public may address the Commission regarding any items within the subject jurisdiction, provided that no action is taken on off-agenda items unless authorized by law. (Comments shall be limited to three (3) minutes, unless the Chair pre-identifies a different time at the start of meeting for all public speakers).*  
No Public Comment

7. INTRODUCTIONS: Chair, Meredith Chillemi  
Meredith Introduced the three newly appointed commission members.
  
8. PRESENTATION:  
**General Benefits Information for Veterans and Dependents**  
Eric Ensley, County Veterans Service Officer  
Orange County Veterans Service Office
  
9. DISCUSSION ITEMS:
  - A. Commission Members Engagement on Social Media
  - B. Orange County Aging Services Collaborative – Review Report on Aging in Orange County
  - C. Review and Distribute new Office on Aging Brochure
  - D. Plan to Present the OAAC 2024-2025 Goals and Objectives to Board of Supervisors
  - E. Report on Email Campaign Outcome from Dave Wheeler
  - F. Does your senior center have a senior advisory committee?
  
10. SENIOR CENTER AND CITY LIAISON UPDATES: All Commission Members
  
11. CHAIR REPORT: Chair, Meredith Chillemi  
Chair Meredith Chillemi shared that the Legislative Bills affecting Older Adults are still being monitored, in particular the Assisted Living Bill which would increase the number of beds allowed in an assisted living facility.
  
12. OC OFFICE ON AGING UPDATES: Claudia Harris, Director, Office on Aging and Veteran Services or Designee
  
13. PRESENTATION SCHEDULE: Commission Members, Sandy Stang and Barbara Sloate
  
14. ANNOUNCEMENTS: All Commission Members  
Commissioner Amina Sen-Matthews shared that her Senior Center received a visit from the White House Initiative Group to discuss housing challenges for seniors in Orange County.  
  
Commissioner Art Brown shared that his Senior Center is having a Super Senior Saturday on August 17<sup>th</sup>, from 9am-12pm. Information on Medicare and Senior Living will be provided.
  
15. ADJOURNMENT