



# MINUTES

## Orange County Older Adults Advisory Commission

**Friday, November 8, 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, Elizabeth Busick
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Vice Chair, Crystal Miles
4. ROLL CALL: Secretary, Dave Tetzlaff  
PRESENT: Charlene Ashendorf, Debbie Baker, Cash Benton, Elizabeth Busick, Jerry Chang, Meredith Chillemi, Lynette Fujitani, Elaine Gennaway, Howard Hart, Gene Hernandez, Richard Hernandez, Ken Higman, Mariann Klinger, Feliz Lopez, Crystal Miles, Patty Mouton, Ann Mudry, Joni Nichols, Rachel Owens, John Pointer, Amina Sen-Matthews, Marty Simonoff, Barbara Sloate, Sandy Stang, Nathan Steele  
ABSENT: Art Brown, Jackie Kim
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

8. PRESENTATION:

**As Our Communities Age**  
Dr. Laura Trejo  
L.A. Aging & Disability Department

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- A. Presentation Schedule
- B. 2024 California Senior Legislative Wrap-Up and 2025 Plans
- C. Meetings with Board of Supervisors on OAAC Goals Update
- D. Senior Center Liaison Topic:
  - i. Has your senior center received a copy of the Answers Guide?

10. ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Election of Officers  
*Recommendation: Accept nominations and conduct election for the following OAAC positions: Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, and three members At-Large to serve on the Executive Committee for a one (1) year term effective, January 1, 2025.*  
Sandy Stang nominates *Crystal Miles* for Chairperson, Rachel Owens seconds.  
Unanimous Approval  
Crystal Miles nominates *Rachel Owens* for Vice Chairperson, Joni Nichols seconds.  
Unanimous Approval  
Rachel Owens nominates *Ken Higman* for Secretary, Howard Hart seconds.  
Unanimous Approval  
Crystal Miles nominates *Sandy Stang* for At-Large Member, Charlene Ashendorf seconds.  
Unanimous Approval  
Crystal Miles nominates *Howard Hart* for At-Large Member, Elaine Gennawey seconds.  
Unanimous Approval  
Meredith Chillemi nominates *Amina Sen-Mathews* for At-Large Member, Joni Nichols seconds.  
Unanimous Approval
- B. OAAC Meeting Schedule  
*Recommendation: Review and approve the 2025 OAAC Meeting Schedule.*  
Moved by Crystal Miles, Second by Sandy Stang.  
Unanimous Approval

- 11. SENIOR CENTER AND CITY LIAISON UPDATES: All Commission Members
  
- 12. CHAIR REPORT: Chair, Meredith Chillemi
  
- 13. OC OFFICE ON AGING UPDATES: Claudia Harris, Director, Office on Aging and Veteran Services or Designee
  
- 14. PRESENTATION SCHEDULE: Commission Members, Sandy Stang and Barbara Sloate
  
- 15. ANNOUNCEMENTS: All Commission Members
  
- 16. ADJOURNMENT

**Next OAAC Meeting**  
January 10, 2025 – 9:30 a.m.

**Executive Committee**  
November 22, 2024 – 9:30 a.m.

DISCLAIMER: No member of OAAC shall sign a letter or make a statement purported to represent the position of OAAC as a body. Letters or verbal statements of support or opposition on any issue shall only be made or signed by the Chair of OAAC and shall be submitted to the Commission for pre-approval. The policy of the Board of Supervisors does not allow OAAC or its Chair to sign a letter of position on any matters pertaining to legislation. OAAC members may write personal letters or speak as individuals stating personal positions but may not do so as representing the position or opinion of OAAC or the County of Orange.