



City of West Allis

Meeting Minutes

Commission on Aging

Patricia Wikenhauser, Chair
Gloria Dohearty, Mary Kay Flynn, Shirley Laux,
Diane Langford, Minerva Roman de Gibilian, & John Zentgraf, Nancy Harris

Monday, March 31, 2025

1:00 PM

Senior Center
7001 W. National Ave.

REGULAR MEETING

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Wikenhauser at 1:00 pm.

B. ROLL CALL

Present 4 - John Zentgraf, Mary Kay Flynn, Minerva Roman de Gibilian, Diane Langford
Excused 2 - Shirley Laux, Gloria Dohearty

Others present: Bob Leischow, Ashley Palen, Shannon Byrne, Rebecca Wakefield, Diane Anderson, John Langford

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[25-0125](#) Commission on Aging Minutes 2-24-2025

Attachments: [Commission on Aging Minutes 2-24-25](#)

Commissioner Flynn moved to approve the minutes of the 2-24-25 Commission on Aging meeting. Commissioner Roman De Gibilian seconded, motion carried

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ms. Anderson wanted to witness a COA meeting

E. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION

[25-0126](#) Discussion of name options to prepare for a member focus group as part of the Senior Center rebrand

Discussion ensued and 3 potential new names were selected along with the existing name to be brought to a focus group that includes Senior Center members for feedback.

[25-0127](#) Discussion of materials in new Commission on Aging Manual, as time allows

Commissioners determined that the policy portion of the manual had been reviewed to their satisfaction. Senior Center staff will create an updated version of the Commission on Aging manual for the Commissioners to approve at a future meeting.

F. ERAS SENIOR NETWORK

Eras is preparing for its volunteer fairs this spring. Anyone interested is

encouraged to volunteer with Eras Senior Network, especially if you are interested in driving clients.

G. STAFF REPORT

The Origami Cranes event held in conjunction with the Neighborhood Services department was successful. The first grief support group, led by UWM graduate student Rebecca Wakefield, went well and holds a promising future. Staff encouraged volunteers to sign up for the annual volunteer party on April 11.

H. NEXT MEETING

Next scheduled meeting to be held April 28th, 2025 at 3:00 pm.

I. ADJOURNMENT

*Commissioner Gelinskey moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:13 pm.
Commissioner Langford seconded, motion carried.*



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