



Meeting Minutes Commission on Aging

Monday, June 22, 2026

3:00 PM

Senior Center
7001 W. National Ave.

REGULAR MEETING

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Patricia Wikenhauser at 3:03pm.

B. ROLL CALL

Others present: Bob Leischow, Ashley Palen, Shannon Byrne, Therese Lezala

This matter was Approved.

Present 7 - Mary Kay Flynn, Minerva Roman de Gibilian, Diane Langford, Gloria Dohearty,
Nancy Harris, Patricia Wikenhauser, Ray Turner

Excused 2 - John Zentgraf, Elyse Gelinsky

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ald. Dohearty moved to approve this matter, Ald. Flynn seconded, motion carried. , motion carried.

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Attachments: [Commission on Aging Minutes 5-18-26](#)

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

E. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION

Meet Terry Lezala, new Community Health Specialist

Ms. Lezala introduced herself and talked about her background in public health and healthcare, which was well received and welcomed warmly.

Brand Rollout Update

Ms. Byrne communicated that t-shirt sales are going well, with nearly 100 t-shirts sold thus far. She also recommended asking community members to Like, Share, and Follow the West Allis Senior Center on Facebook. In addition to that, Shannon said the newly formatted newsletter was received well.

Commissioner Wikenhauser's report on senior housing options in the community

Commissioner Wikenhauser defined each type of available senior housing available in the greater Milwaukee area. Then, she provided a list of available CBRFs, RCACs, senior housing communities, and subsidized housing communities. The commissioner also discussed the differences between adult

day care and respite care, and where each can be attained in the greater Milwaukee area. The presentation concluded with questions and input from other commissioners.

F. ERAS SENIOR NETWORK REPORT

No update provided.

G. SENIOR CENTER STAFF REPORT

Ms. Byrne presented usage statistics and highlighted a 3-month stretch of high and increasing attendance. Recent donations to Salvation Army and Habitat for Humanity Restore went smoothly, as did the recent Summer Cookout and West Allis a la Carte events. Ms. Palen restated the timeline for moving into the 7220 W National building that was discussed at the May commission meeting.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 4:15pm

Ald. Dohearty moved to approve this matter, Ald. Harris seconded, motion carried. , motion carried.

I. NEXT MEETING

Next scheduled meeting to be held Monday August 24, 2026 at 3 pm



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