



Meeting Minutes

Commission on Aging

Monday, May 18, 2026

3:00 PM

Senior Center
7001 W. National Ave.

REGULAR MEETING

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Dohearty at 3:04 pm

B. ROLL CALL

Others present: Erin Hirn, Bob Leischow, Ashley Palen, Shannon Byrne

Present 7 - Mary Kay Flynn, Minerva Roman de Gibilian, Diane Langford, Gloria Dohearty,
Nancy Harris, John Zentgraf, Elyse Gelinsky

Excused 2 - Patricia Wikenhauser, Ray Turner

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes approved

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D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

E. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION

Commissioner Gelinsky's report on employment and volunteering resources, strengths, and needs in the community.

Elyse Gelinsky's report on employment and volunteering resources, strengths, and needs in the community: Commisisoner Gelinsky created a list of resources to share with the Commisison. Organizations of particular note included Goodwill, Employ Milwaukee, AARP, United Way, the humane society, and Hunger Task Force.

Erin Hirn's report on the status of the building at 7220 W National Ave

Erin Hirn's report on the status of the building at 7220 W National Ave: Ms. Hirn explained the timeline of the upcoming renovation to the building at 7220 W National Ave. Graef is the architectural firm that will be overseeing building's changes. The city plans to move forward with this building the future home of both the Southwest Suburban Health Department and the West Allis Senior Center.

F. SENIOR CENTER STAFF REPORT

The May rummage sale raised over \$1400 for the Senior Center, and resulted in many new members joining. The Senior Center’s new branding rollout has been going smoothly, including a new Facebook page and t-shirts available for purchase. Hiring is ongoing for a new Community Health Specialist. Many programs and presentations are planned for the upcoming month that members and Commissioners are encouraged to attend.

G. ERAS SENIOR NETWORK REPORT

Eras is increasing their community outreach, including a men’s symposium to be held May 28th at Washington Park Senior Center. Eras is still in need of volunteers, especially volunteer drivers. Interested individuals should contact Eras for more information.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting concluded at 4:05 pm

Next scheduled meeting to be held Monday June 22, 2026 at 3 pm



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