

Tuolumne County Commission on Aging

Agenda for Meeting on Monday, September 12, 2022, 1:30 pm

To be held via Zoom at:

Time: Sep 12, 2022 01:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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- 1. Call to Order.**
- 2. Introductions.**
- 3. Public Comment:** Non-Commissioners are welcome to speak about senior-related issues NOT listed on this agenda (3 minutes maximum per speaker) – no discussion, please.
- 4. Minutes:** Approval of Minutes of the August 8, 2022 COA meeting.
- 5. Chair's Report:** Cathie Peacock
- 6. Treasurer's Report:** Ted Michaud
- 7. Corresponding Secretary's Report:** Melody Brotby
- 8. County Report:** Supervisor David Goldemberg, District 1/Mark Fischer, CAO's Office.
- 9. Guest Speaker:** Kim Freeman, Tuolumne County Public Health.
- 10. Committee Reports and Group Discussion on COA Goals and Strategy - all**
 - **Community Relations**
 - **Transportation**
 - **Education**
 - **Legislative**

- Governance

11. Unfinished Business:

Commission Membership Status.

12. New Business:

In-Person Meetings.

Resolution for holding next COA meeting on Zoom, if needed.

13. Public Comment.

14. Adjournment.

**COA Executive Committee Meeting:
Monday, October 3, 2022, 2:00 PM
Location: Interfaith**

**Next COA Meeting:
Monday, October 10, 2022, 1.30 PM
Location: TBD**

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Tuolumne County Commission on Aging
Minutes of Meeting on Monday, August 8, 2022, 1:30 pm
**** Meeting held via Zoom ****

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm by Chair Cathie Peacock.
2. **Introductions: Commissioners Present:** Malcolm Carden, Ted Michaud, John Featherstone, Tim Gillespie, Cathie Peacock, Kristi Conforti, Jackie Sample, Zandra Bietz, Melody Brotby.
Absent: Paula Burklin, Catherine Driver, Emily Fife, Carleton Penwell (LOA), Harry Ohls (LOA).
BOS/County Staff Representatives: Mark Fischer, County Administrator's Office.
Guests: Kristin Milhoff, Area 12.
3. **Public Comments:** None.
4. **Minutes:** Minutes of the July 11, 2022 COA meeting were approved unanimously as submitted, with one abstention. JF/MB.
5. **Chair's Report:** Cathie will be making a 6 month report to the BOS on August 16. Aug 17, there will be an event at the Fairgrounds sponsored by Sonora Area Foundation, for people in crisis. Area 12 will have a booth there, per Kristin. The Centenarian Event will be at the Senior Center on November 10, 11.30 – 12.30. Kristi offered Blue Zones support. Cathie made a presentation to the League of Women Voters on homelessness.
6. **Treasurer's Report:** No change in our balance with the County. Name Tags invoice for \$75 will be posted to the account soon.
7. **Corresponding Secretary's Report:** Nothing to report.
8. **County Report:** Mark will be our representative going forward. David unable to attend today due to special BOS meeting. Changes to the Homelessness Commission being contemplated.
9. **Blue Zones Update:** Kristi described the Age Friendly resolution which will be presented to the BOS for approval on August 16. The Age Friendly initiative is sponsored by the AARP, and was set up in 2012 following the creation of a global network by the WHO in 2006. Tuolumne County will be the first rural county in the U.S. to join the network if the resolution passes. The network currently has over 600 members, both cities and urban counties, in the U.S. Kristin mentioned that, along the same lines, Area 12 is getting a \$300,000 grant to promote intergenerational activities.
10. **Committee Reports and Group Discussion on Goals and Strategy.**

Community Relations Committee – Ted said the committee is pursuing getting a regular place in the UD for COA items going forward, plus is looking at other media possibilities. They will also support the Centenarian event. The committee is trying to obtain a count of handicapped people in the County, but the sources are rather fragmented. Cathie suggested the Committee look at resuscitating the Senior Volunteer of the Year event.

Transportation Committee – County will have a booth at the Aug.17 event at the Fairgrounds. The Groveland/Columbia College route is due to start up on Aug 29. The electric bus will be up and running shortly. A new bus route to the proposed Pallet Village off Hwy 108 is being looked at.

Education Committee – John has secured the new County Public Health Director (Kimberly Freeman) as a speaker in September.

Legislative Committee – nothing to report.

Governance Committee – no report.

10. Unfinished Business:

Commission Membership Status: We are currently at 14, with 2 members on LOA. Scott Dasko's application will go to the BOS on 8/16, so we will then be at 15, with 13 effectives.

11. New Business:

In-Person Meetings – The possibility of meeting in person in Groveland in October was discussed.

Resolution on Teleconferencing – A resolution covering Meetings by Teleconferencing for the next 30 days to comply with the Brown Act was passed unanimously by the 9 Commissioners present.

12. Public Comment: Malcolm mentioned he will be absent for the first half of September. Arrangements are being made to cover the Zoom hookups and the recording of minutes while he is away.

13. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2.55 pm.

Next COA Executive Committee Meeting – TUESDAY, September 6, 2022, 2 pm, at Interfaith, with a Zoom hookup.

Next COA Meeting – Monday, September 12, 2022, 1.30 pm, on Zoom.

Commission on Aging

County of Tuolumne

**FINDINGS OF THE COMMISSION ON AGING
AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS
OF THE COMMISSION ON AGING
FOR THE PERIOD ENDING OCTOBER 12, 2022
PURSUANT TO THE RALPH M. BROWN ACT.**

WHEREAS, all meetings of the COMMISSION ON AGING and its legislative bodies are open and public, as required by the Ralph M. Brown Act (Cal. Gov. Code §§ 54950 – 54963), so that any member of the public may attend, participate, and view the legislative bodies conduct their business; and

WHEREAS, the Brown Act, Government Code section 54953(e), makes provisions for remote teleconferencing participation in meetings by members of a legislative body, without compliance with the requirements of Government Code section 54953(b)(3), subject to the existence of certain conditions and requirements; and

WHEREAS, a required condition of Government Code section 54953(e) is that a state of emergency is declared by the Governor pursuant to Government Code section 8625, proclaiming the existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the state caused by conditions as described in Government Code section 8558(b); and

WHEREAS, a further required condition of Government Code section 54953(e) is that state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, or, the legislative body holds a meeting to determine or has determined by a majority vote that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom issued a Proclamation of a State of Emergency declaring a state of emergency exists in California due to the threat of COVID-19, pursuant to the California Emergency Services Act (Government Code section 8625); and,

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2021, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-07-21, which

1 formally rescinded the Stay-at-Home Order (Executive Order N-33-20), as well as the framework for a
2 gradual, risk-based reopening of the economy (Executive Order N-60-20, issued on May 4, 2020) but did
3 not rescind the proclaimed state of emergency; and,

4 **WHEREAS**, on June 11, 2021, Governor Newsom also issued Executive Order N-08-21, which
5 set expiration dates for certain paragraphs of the State of Emergency Proclamation dated March 4, 2020
6 and other Executive Orders but did not rescind the proclaimed state of emergency; and,

7 **WHEREAS**, as of the date of this Findings, neither the Governor nor the state Legislature have
8 exercised their respective powers pursuant to Government Code section 8629 to lift the state of
9 emergency either by proclamation or by concurrent Findings the state Legislature; and,

10 **WHEREAS**, the California Department of Industrial Relations has issued regulations related to
11 COVID-19 Prevention for employees and places of employment. Title 8 of the California Code of
12 Regulations, Section 3205(5)(D) specifically recommends physical (social) distancing as one of the
13 measures to decrease the spread of COVID-19 based on the fact that particles containing the virus can
14 travel more than six feet, especially indoors; and,

15 **WHEREAS**, the COMMISSION ON AGING finds that state or local officials have imposed or
16 recommended measures to promote social distancing, based on the California Department of Industrial
17 Relations' issuance of regulations related to COVID-19 Prevention through Title 8 of the California Code
18 of Regulations, Section 3205(5)(D); and,

19 **WHEREAS**, as a consequence, the COMMISSION ON AGING does hereby find that it shall
20 conduct its meetings by teleconferencing without compliance with Government Code section 54953
21 (b)(3), pursuant to Section 54953(e), and that such legislative bodies shall comply with the requirements
22 to provide the public with access to the meetings as prescribed by Government Code section 54953(e)(2).

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27 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, FOUND AND ORDERED** by the COMMISSION
28 ON AGING, County of Tuolumne, State of California, in regular session assembled on September 12,

2022 does hereby resolve as follows:

Section 1. Recitals. All of the above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated into this Findings by this reference.

Section 2. State or Local Officials Have Imposed or Recommended Measures to Promote Social Distancing. The COMMISSION ON AGING hereby proclaims that state officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social (physical) distancing based on the California Department of Industrial Relations' issuance of regulations related to COVID-19 Prevention through Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations, Section 3205(5)(D).

Section 3. Remote Teleconference Meetings. The COMMISSION ON AGING is hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of these Findings including, conducting open and public meetings in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e) and other applicable provisions of the Brown Act.

Section 4. Effective Date. These Findings shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall be effective until the earlier of (i) October 12, 2022 or (ii) such time the COMMISSION ON AGING adopts a subsequent Findings in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e)(3) to extend the time during which its legislative bodies may continue to teleconference without compliance with Section 54953(b)(3).

ADOPTED this 12th day of September, 2022 by COMMISSION ON AGING by the following vote:

YES: 0

NO: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

Attested by Malcolm Carden, Recording Secretary, COA