

Washtenaw County Commission on Aging

May 3rd, 2024 | 9am – 11am | Remote Via Zoom

Join by Zoom:

<https://washtenawcounty.zoom.us/j/83980272102>

Meeting ID: 839 8027 2102 Phone: 1-312-626-6799

County Site: <https://www.washtenaw.org/3402/Commission-on-Aging>

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order – 9:04 am
- II. Roll Call
 - a. Present: Thompson, Gress, Cooper, Astrein, Herzig, Somerville, Ballard, Smith
 - b. Absent:
 - i. Excused: Heckendorn, Foreman, Reynolds
 - ii. Absent: Green, McKinney
 - c. Public Attendance: 3
- III. Public Participation - none
- IV. Approval of Minutes – April 5th, 2024
 - a. Moved: Thompson, Seconded: Larson Passed: 9:06 am
- V. Discussion Items
 - a. Older Michiganian's Day - Thompson
 - i. Discussed Older Adult advocacy week; OMD is a historical event where advocates go and discuss needs for older adults, put on by Association of Area Agencies on Aging, discussed legislative platform
 - b. Topic Scheduling
 - i. Bylaws and purpose of the COA as a body
 - ii. Tasking Moving Forward Subcommittee to creating solutions to address aging concerns
 - c. Subcommittee Updates – open to public
 - i. Communications – Larson, Heckendorn, Green, Cooper
 - 1. Not met
 - ii. Moving Forward/Future Planning/Millage – Herzig, Cooper, Astrien, McKinney, Ballard, Foreman
 - 1. Discussed updates during topic scheduling
 - iii. Townhall – McKinney, Heckendorn, Reynolds, Thompson
 - 1. Flyers have been distributed
- VI. Report from the Board of Commissioners ([Upcoming Meetings](#))

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VII. Report from the Chair

- a. SEMCOG: series on aging in SE Michigan ([Home | SEMCOG](#))
- b. Rural transportation Conference with potential 9% cut to various budgets to transportation services
 - i. Transit committee reformed (bipartisan) (not active since 1990s)
- c. CHART and Healthy Aging Collaborative
 - i. NEMT survey
- d. Sharing home survey – Washtenaw Senior Alliance
- e. [National Goal on Aging](#) – goes through U of M
 - i. Thompson: sharing [link](#) for Michigan polling

VIII. New Business

- a. Learning from other counties – potential subcommittee for just a few months
 - i. Thompson, Astrein
- b. Implement more action? Observe other commissions in Washtenaw County – tasked Future Planning

IX. Setting Next Meeting – June 7th, 2024; no meeting in July reminder

X. Adjournment

- a. Moved: Somerville, Supported: Larson

Washtenaw County Commission on Aging meetings are recorded and are available at

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLR9rFHLfXEKHiQa3DQzHLSmdjlcF00Jtb>

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