

Washtenaw County Commission on Aging

January 9, 2026 | 9am – 11am | Remote Via Zoom

Join by Zoom:

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Minutes

- I. [Call to Order](#)
 - a. Quorum established, meeting called to order at 9:02
- II. [Roll Call](#)
 - a. Present: Marta Larson (D2), Marie Gress (D3), Margaret Reynolds (D4), Elizabeth Thompson (D5), Jennifer Green (D6), Phyllis Herzig (D7), Bruce Astrein (D8), Brenda McKinney (at-large), Alison Foreman (at-large), Madyn Litten (at-large), Annie Somerville (County Commissioner)
- III. [Public Participation](#)
 - a. None
- IV. [Commission Response to Public Participation](#)
 - a. N/A
- V. [Approval of Minutes – December 5, 2025](#)
 - a. Motion by to approve by Herzig, seconded by Litten. Motion passes.
- VI. [Discussion Items](#)
 - a. [Nomination and Election of Officers](#)
 - i. For position of Chair: Astrein nominated by McKinney, second by Reynolds. Astrein declined nomination. Larson nominated by Gress, second by Foreman. Larson accepted nomination and was approved unanimously.
 - ii. For the position of Vice Chair: Astrein nominated by Larson, seconded by Gress. Astrein accepted nomination and was approved unanimously.
 - iii. For the position of Secretary: Green nominated by Gress, seconded by Thompson. Green accepted nomination and was approved unanimously.

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b. 2026 Goals

- i. There was extensive discussion about which goals should be adopted for the calendar year 2026. This included a review of the goals stated on prior WCOA Annual Plans. New objectives were also discussed, including updates to bring the website current and a goal to establish a relationship with the new Director of Aging Services.
- ii. Action items:
 1. Officers to draft introductory e-mail to Director
 2. Chair to draft a list of proposed goals to be reviewed prior to February meeting

c. Subcommittee Discussion

1. Communications – Gress, Litten, Green
 - a. None
2. Future Planning – Herzig, Astrein, Reynolds
 - a. Revisited the Age Friendly Washtenaw County designation
 - b. Discussed potential county shift to in-person meeting requirements. Several commissioners have concerns about accessibility implications, but commissioners also appreciate the benefits of in-person meeting dynamics.
3. Townhall – McKinney, Litten, Foreman, Astrein
 - a. None
4. Millage – Larson, Astrein, Green, Foreman, Ballard
 - a. Thompson has withdrawn from committee. Next meeting is 1/21/26 at 4:00 p.m.

VII. Report from the Board of Commissioners (Somerville) ([Upcoming Meetings](#))

- a. No changes to leadership within the BOC.

VIII. Report from the Chair

- a. None

IX. New Business

a. 2026 Calendar

- i. Meetings will remain on the 1st Friday of each month from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. except for in February, so as to not conflict with the Board of Commissioners Planning Retreat. The February 2026 meeting will instead take place at the same time on the first Thursday of the month.

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- ii. Motion to approve calendar by McKinney, second not captured by recording. Motion passed unanimously.

X. Setting Next Meeting

- a. Thurs. Feb. 5, 2026

XI. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn by Thompson, seconded by Gress. Motion passed.
- b. Meeting adjourned 10:17 a.m.

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<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLR9rFHLfXEKHiQa3DQzHLSmdjlcf00Jtb>

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