



# COMMISSION ON ELDER AFFAIRS

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** October 14, 2022

**Time:** 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**Live via Zoom** <https://zoom.us/j/92154181214>

**Facilitator:** Marsetta Ray, Chair

### Board Members

Marsetta Ray, Chair, South Fulton Senior Services (present) | Beth Cayce, District 2, Vice Chair (present) | Mary Blake, At-Large (present) | Ruth Lyles-Bailey, Parliamentarian, Council on Aging, West (present) | Stephanie Fiber-Sutton, District 1 (present) | Rosalind Elliott, District 3 (present) | Linda Adams, District 4 (**absent**) | Barbara Brown, Council on Aging South (**absent**) | District 5 (**vacant**) | Jill Lindsey, District 6 (**absent**) | Council on Aging East (**vacant**) | Ann Germany, Senior Services North Fulton (**absent**) | La Tanya D. Walker, Senior Services Representative (non-voting) (**absent**)

### Visitors and Staff

Nine (9) visitors present | Two (2) senior services staff

### Motivational Thought:

***The Importance of Resilience*** - *Resilience is the ability to recover quickly from difficulties. Resilience is an important trait for leaders. Nelson Mandela is quoted as saying, "Do not judge me by my success; judge me by how many times I fell down and got back up."*

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m., with Chairperson Ray, Chair Pro-Tem Blake, Parliamentarian, Lyles-Bailey, Rosalind Elliott, Stephanie Fiber-Sutton, present to constitute a quorum. A motion to was called by Chairperson Ray to approve the agenda. Mary Blake made the motion and Stephanie Fiber-Sutton seconded the motion with all present approving. The vote to approve the agenda was taken.

## Approval of Minutes

There were no meeting minutes during the September Board meeting. There was a problem with Zoom which prevented it from being recorded. The Meeting Summary will serve as the minutes for this meeting.

## Monthly Information Feature

**Topic: Senior Safety – Patrol Officer Idlett:** The top three concerns are fraud and scams against seniors, theft of property from cars, and threats from those within the home. The advice given for each respectively are A) Do not divulge personal information to anyone over the phone. B) Maintain a clean car with no valuables. C) Know and trust those who have access to your home.

**Voter Updates for 11/22 Election – Shantel Stephens:** Advance voting begins on October 17 and ends November 4. If voting absentee, mail ballots or deliver to election offices (see locations online). There are currently only 7 drop boxes, down from 35. The runoff is scheduled for December 6.

## Officers and Standing Committee Reports

**Chairperson Ray** – Reported on the recent webinar on September 29. It was successful with 34 attendees. The Long-term Care workshop in November will be through a scheduled webinar by New York Life. Links will be provided.

**Communications** – R. Elliott reported that she continues to advise residents of her building and others about meetings and encouraging attendance.

**Programming** – M. Ray reported the COEA completed the 2<sup>nd</sup> webinar of 2022 on September 29 with Alicia Lipscomb from Social Security and Janet Payne from GA SHIP as presenters. The topic for the November monthly meeting is Managing Emotional Health.

**Civic Life** – M. Ray stressed the importance of voting in the upcoming election and in voting early

**Health & Wellness** – No report provided.

**Senior Services** – No report provided

**Safety & Security** – No report provided

**Technology** – No report provided

## Senior Services Report

Mr. Gregory, Program Manager, Multipurpose – provided report. 92 COVID booster shots delivered to seniors at Multipurpose sites. The department will be hosting a Senior Summit will be held at the Darnell Center on October 21 at 10am. Plans are underway to restart following programs at four facilities: AARP diving course and hair salons. Senior Services appealing to ARC for funding for alternative transportation program.

## Unfinished Business

SSA/Medicaid/Medicare workshop: Approval has been given. Representative from SSA will be available to present. Flyer is in progress. Zoom information will be provided on the flyer.

## New Business

- The Atlanta Mayor's Ball will be held on October 22.
- Next meeting will be on November 4<sup>th</sup>, one week early due to holiday

## Public Comments

[I didn't see any in the Zoom transcript. If there were some feel free to include during the next meeting]

## Announcements

None provided

## Motions Approved

The November meeting was moved from November 11 to November 4 due to holiday

## Next Meeting

January 2023 | 12:30 p.m., virtually via Zoom