



# COMMISSION ON ELDER AFFAIRS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** Thursday, April 18, 2024

**Time:** 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Zoom Meeting ID 782 455 4023

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Facilitator: Ann Germany

## **Board Members**

Ann Germany, Board Chair, Sr. Services North Fulton (Present)

Marsetta Ray, Past Chair, South Fulton Senior Center (Present)

Mary Blake, Chair Pro-Tem, At-Large (Present)

Stephanie Fiber-Sutton, Member, District 1 (Present)

Beth Cayce, Member, District 2 (Absent/Excused)

Vacant, District 3

Linda Adams, Member, District 4 (Present)

Dr. Sandra Wright, Member, District 5 (Absent)

Jill Lindsey, Member, District 6 (Absent)

Sarah Hilton, Member, Atlanta Housing Authority (Absent)

Tracie Grant, Member, Fulton Atlanta Community Action Authority (Present)

Teresa Pearsall, Fulton Atlanta Community Action Authority (Present)

Ruth Lyles-Bailey, Parliamentarian (Present)

Ladisa Onyilogwu, Secretary, Department of Senior Services (non-voting)

## **Visitors and Staff**

Five (5) visitors present; Three (3) Senior Services staff present

- I. The regular monthly meeting of the Fulton County Commission on Elder Affairs (COEA) was held on Thursday, April 18, 2024 virtually via Zoom, the Chair and Secretary being present. The meeting was called to order at 11:32 a.m. Minutes were emailed to Commission on Elder Affairs members April 17, 2024. Minutes were read aloud. A motion was taken to accept the minutes, seconded, and carried.
- II. Roll Call was taken and resulted in a quorum. Eight (8) Board Members were present; four (4) were absent; there is one (1) vacancy.
- III. The chair shared a motivational comment. Two guest speakers presented on two separate issues; 1) Homecare Services (Speaker - LaTashia Prince, member of the COEA Health and Wellness Sub-Committee, Founder and Owner Hearts for Healing Homecare) and 2) Elder Abuse and Awareness (Speaker - Jill Hollander, Deputy DA; member of the COEA Elder Awareness Sub-Committee)
- IV. Committee reports
  - a. Advocacy committee: COEA informed that the Older Americans Act will expire unless reauthorized and to keep this in mind as COEA increases advocacy with legislators. On March 7<sup>th</sup>, the President and CEO of NCOA presented to Congress regarding benefits of OAA. There will be a meeting of the NCOA in Washington, DC May 6-8.
  - b. Elder Abuse committee: COEA asked to be aware of their surroundings.
  - c. Dementia Education and Awareness committee: COEA informed that Dementia Champions training is underway; subcommittee is organizing how to roll out Dementia Friends training as well as garner resources for webpage, proper calendaring of key events and determine priorities for placement on web page.
  - d. Health and Wellness – No Report
- V. No action, reports or motions were made for unfinished or new business.
- VI. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Stephanie Fiber-Sutton, seconded by Marsetta Ray, and carried. The meeting adjourned at 12:28 pm.

Ladisa Onyiliogwu, Secretary

Approved May 16, 2024

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