



COMMISSION ON ELDER AFFAIRS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Date: Thursday, September 19, 2024

Time: 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

In-Person – Helene S. Mills Senior Multipurpose Facility 515 John Wesley Dobbs Ave., Atlanta, GA 30312

Zoom Meeting ID 782 455 4023

<https://zoom.us/j/7824554023?omn=94334440244>

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 (Present)

Vacant, District 3

Linda Adams, Member, District 4 (Present)

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

Jill Lindsey, Member, District 6 (Present/Zoom)

Atlanta Housing Authority (Absent)

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

Teresa Pearsall, Fulton Atlanta Community Action Authority (Present)

Ruth Lyles-Bailey, Parliamentarian (Present)

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

Visitors and Staff

Two members from the public was 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, September 19, 2024 at the Helene S. Mills Senior Multipurpose Facility and virtually via Zoom, the Chair and Secretary being present. The meeting was called to order at 11:45 a.m. Minutes were emailed to Commission on Elder Affairs members August 14, 2024. Minutes were read aloud. A motion was taken to accept the minutes and seconded. The minutes were approved.
- II. Roll Call was taken and resulted in a quorum. Nine (9) Board Members were present; three (3) were absent; there is one (1) vacancy.
- III. A motivational comment was shared by the Chair.
- IV. Senior Services update provided and answered questions regarding advance voting sites, Senior Medicare Wellness Days, and the transportation program.
- V. Committee reports
 - a. Advocacy Committee – COEA members were notified of the Georgia Council on Aging priorities and upcoming general elections.
 - b. Elder Abuse Committee – Continued messaging on the importance of staying alert was reported.
 - c. Dementia Education and Awareness Committee – COEA members informed of podcast taping with Beth Cayce and Senior Services September 19, 2024, story from Australia and answered questions regarding Champion training & outreach.
 - d. Health and Wellness Committee – No Report
- VI. Under unfinished business, the Chair requested a motion to place unfinished business items Bylaws and COEA vacancies on October meeting agenda. The motion was taken, seconded, and approved.
- VII. Under new business, Marsetta Ray commented [comment inadvertently missed by Secretary; will recommend Minute amendment during October meeting]

- VIII. Public comments shared regarding past COEA meetings and distribution of document that provided updated attendance record of each COEA member. A second comment referenced the housing arena issues, expedited eviction notice and scarce resources for redress.
- IX. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Stephanie Fiber-Sutton; seconded by Mary Blake. The meeting adjourned at 1:14 pm.

Ladisa Onyiliogwu, Secretary