



# COMMISSION ON ELDER AFFAIRS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** Thursday, October 17, 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 (Absent/Excused)

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

Beth Cayce, Member, District 2 (Absent)

Vacant, District 3

Linda Adams, Member, District 4 (Absent/Excused)

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

Jill Lindsey, Member, District 6 (Present)

Atlanta Housing Authority (Absent)

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

Teresa Pearsall, Fulton Atlanta Community Action Authority (Absent/Excused)

Ruth Lyles-Bailey, Parliamentarian (Absent)

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

## **Visitors and Staff**

One member 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, October 17, 2024 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 September 27, 2024. Minutes were read aloud. A motion was not taken due to the lack of a quorum. The minutes were not approved.
- II. Roll Call was taken. No quorum was achieved. Four (4) Board Members were present; eight (8) were absent; there is one (1) vacancy.
- III. A motivational comment was shared by the Chair.
- IV. Senior Services update provided information on the senior Medicare wellness days locations and volunteer recruitment for AmeriCorps Senior Companion program.
- V. Committee reports
  - a. Advocacy Committee – COEA members were reminded that there is no working committee for advocacy. Information was shared about the 2025 Advocacy Day at the State Capital and record-breaking advance voting numbers.
  - b. Elder Abuse Committee – No report.
  - c. Dementia Education and Awareness Committee – COEA members received a copy of the Dementia Friendly Fulton minutes on October 16, 2024. A Dementia Friendly event will be held at the Spruill Oaks Library November 12, 2024. COEA members were encouraged to participate in the Atlanta Walk to end Alzheimer's November 2, 2024 at 7:15am at Truist Park.
  - d. Health and Wellness Committee – No Report
- VI. No guest speaker was on the October agenda.
- VII. Under unfinished business, the Chair requested to table Bylaws and COEA vacancies and include on the November meeting agenda. The Chair asked for a vacancy report and for the Secretary to contact Board of Commissioners with vacancies.

- VIII. Under new business, the Chair requested nominations for new officers. No nominations were offered by attending members.
  
- IX. Public comments shared regarding October Board of Commissioners public comment agenda item, transportation program changes and Youth Commissioner participation in the legislative process.
  
- X. According to the bylaws, officers shall be elected for a two-year term in November and assume office in January. COEA members are asked to consider serving in any position (Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and Chair Pro-tem, and Parliamentarian). LIHEAP begins on December 2, 2024, for seniors who are 65 or older. To make an appointment, call (404) 320-6715.
  
- XI. The meeting adjourned was by the Chair at 12:07 pm.

Ladisa Onyiliogwu, Secretary

Approved 11/21/2024 LO