

DEPARTMENT ON AGING ADVISORY BOARD

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MEMBERS

Russ Amo, President
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MEETING LOCATION
Old County Courthouse

Minutes: Thursday, January 22, 2026

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:03PM by President Russ Amo.

II. Roll Call

Present: Russ Amo, Commissioner Terry Collins, Carol Zawacki, Jeffrey Diconzo, Chris Peoples, Alan Dickerson, Julie Hackett, Rob Trevino
Also Present: Director Cari Rebottaro, Deputy Director Dillon Donaghy, Marketing and Communications Coordinator Jen Ambrose, Foster Grandparent Program Director Judy Bays
Absent: Commissioner Ralph Tillotson, Burt Fenby, Karol Bolton, Gloria Bortnichak

III. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes: December 4, 2025

Terry Collins made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Chris Peoples offered support. The motion was voted upon and passed.

IV. Presentation

A. Judy Bays, Foster Grandparent Program Director

V. Department on Aging Director's Report

A. LDA - Director's Report

Director Rebottaro shared that the new wheelchair-accessible van has arrived from WellWise.

Director Rebottaro shared that the Central Kitchen has been up and running and centers are adjusting well to the new routine. Director Rebottaro offered a thank you to the wonderful volunteer drivers who have been making sure participants continue to receive meals, even during harsh winter weather.

Director Rebottaro addressed questions and concerns about the new meal delivery system and shared that there have been some bumps, but it has been received well by new drivers.

Director Rebottaro shared that through the first quarter, the LDA saved roughly \$22,000 on food costs. Director Rebottaro also noted that the \$2.5 million for the kitchen was withdrawn from the LDA account.

VI. Existing Business

A discussion about the new meal delivery method continued.

VII. New Business

A. New Board Member Approval - Julie Wetherby

Rob Trevino made a motion to move Jeff Dicenzo to District 9, allowing Julie Wetherby to occupy a Senior Network vacancy. Chris Peoples offered support. The motion was voted upon and passed.

Chris Peoples made a motion to accept Julie Wetherby's application to the board for the Senior Network vacancy. Rob Trevino offered support. The motion was voted upon and passed.

VIII. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

IX. Board Member Comment

Jeff Dicenzo offered congratulations to Director Rebottaro for mediating some miscommunications at the Morenci Senior Center.

X. Adjournment

Terry Collins made a motion to adjourn. Alan Dickerson offered support. Russ Amo adjourned the meeting at 1:53PM.