

DEPARTMENT ON AGING ADVISORY BOARD

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MEMBERS

Russ Amo, President
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MEETING LOCATION
Old County Courthouse

Minutes: Thursday, February 26, 2026

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:00pm by President Russ Amo.

II. Roll Call

Present: Russ Amo, Commissioner Ralph Tillotson, Commissioner Terry Collins, Gloria Bortnichak, Julie Wetherby, Jeff Dicenzo, Chris Peoples, Julie Hackett

Also Present: Director Cari Rebottaro, Deputy Director Dillon Donaghy, Marketing and Communications Coordinator Jennifer Ambrose, Community Engagement Specialist Quinn Wilt

Absent: Burt Fenby, Karol Bolton, Alan Dickerson, Carol Zawacki, Rob Trevino

III. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes: January 22, 2026

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. Connie Fenby-Beevers, Nutrition Director

V. Department on Aging Director's Report

A. LDA - Director's Report

Director Rebottaro shared several updates on the nutrition program. She stated that congregate meal numbers are down drastically from 2019 while home delivered meal numbers are higher than they have ever been.

Director Rebottaro shared that TRIAD has an event on 3/18 at the Human Services building. Martha York from WellWise Services Area Agency on Aging will be speaking about fall prevention.

The centers will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day on 3/12 with a special corned beef and

cabbage lunch at 11:30am.

Director Rebottaro was happy to share that the Home Care Services staff is currently full. This has resulted in decreased waitlists and more clients served on a monthly basis. In addition, the Home Services team has taken on monthly training sessions via laptops that were acquired through WellWise and grant funding. The first training session was on 2/25.

Director Rebottaro shared that the department is still looking to hire for the open Cook I and Route Coordinator positions. There is still a need for volunteer drivers in Adrian and Hudson.

The annual senior resource fair will be held on 4/23 from 9am-12pm at the Adrian Senior Center. Lunch is included and a variety of businesses and organizations from Lenawee County will be in attendance to engage with older adults in our community. This will be held on the same day as the United Way Health Check.

Director Rebottaro clarified a few numbers on the highlight sheet with regard to sight numbers and meals.

VI. Existing Business

Home Delivered Meal volunteer numbers and processes were discussed.

VII. New Business

A. New Member Approval - Cathy Burr

Cathy Burr's application to the Lenawee Department on Aging Advisory Board as the District 4 representative was reviewed and discussed.

Terry Collins made a motion to approve her application. Ralph Tillotson offered support. The motion was voted upon and approved. It will go to the Board of Commissioners for final approval.

VIII. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

IX. Board Member Comment

Jeff Dicenso questioned the Ebeid programming being advertised. Director Rebottaro shared that she would look into it.

Gloria started a conversation about volunteer driver protocols and training. Director Rebottaro confirmed that these are highlighted during yearly reviews between center directors and volunteer drivers.

X. Adjournment

Ralph Tillotson made a motion to adjourn. Terry Collins offered support. Russ Amo adjourned the meeting at 1:38pm.