



GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

Executive Committee

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 4, 2010

8:15 am – 9:15 am

Governor's Office on Aging

Conference Room

1700 W. Washington Street, Suite 240

Phoenix, AZ 85007

Council Members Present

George Evanoff, Bill Engler, Joyce Finkelstein, Bernadine Hoffman, Noreen Nickerson-Cruz, Joe Woods

Council Members Absent

Council Staff Present

Cathy De Lisa

Call to Order

Council Chair George Evanoff called the meeting to order promptly at 8:15 am.

Review of Minutes & Approval

Following a review of the January 7, 2010 draft Executive Committee minutes, *Bill Engler made a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting as presented; Bernadine Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*

New Council Member Appointments & Orientation

Council Chair George Evanoff announced the appointment by the Governor of three new Council Members: Larry Woods of Sun City West, Neva Crogan Pomilla of Tucson, and Charles Brown of Pearce, Arizona and provided a brief overview of the new members' backgrounds. Chairman Evanoff stated that with those three appointments and the reappointments of Kati Bates and Marilyn Johnson, 14 of the 15 positions are now filled, and he hoped this would help the Council's meet its nine member quorum statutory requirement for Council meetings.

Office on Aging and Council Roles and Responsibilities

At the request of Chairman Evanoff, Ms. De Lisa provided a brief overview of the current roles and responsibilities of staff related to the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging and the Governor's Office on Aging. A discussion ensued about the Council's statutory purpose, the Council's Bylaws and the revenue funding flow. No recommendations made.

Office Updates

- *HB2026:* Deputy Executive Director Cathy De Lisa reminded the group that HB 2026, the continuation legislation for the Advisory Council on Aging, has been referred to the Senate Health and Medical Liability Reform Committee. She indicated that with the cancellation of the Senate (and House) Committees in lieu of budget work, the date and time of the Senate Health Committee's hearing on this continuation legislation is unknown at this time. Members of the Executive Committee requested Ms. De Lisa continue to provide updates to the Council members. Ms. De Lisa also shared with the group that during the sunset review process, the importance of tracking volunteer hours was evident and shared some ideas from other groups on how that might happen. Following further discussion, Ms. De Lisa was asked to bring an official definition of a volunteer and value of volunteer time to the next Executive Committee meeting. Also: Council Chair George Evanoff stated that after having reviewed the statutory role of the Council as defined during the sunset review process, he has determined that reporting concerns impacting older Arizonans directly to federal legislators is not a part of the Council's statutory mandate but alerting the Governor and state legislators is part of the Council's statutory role.
- *Requests to the Council on Aging and Office on Aging:* Ms. De Lisa shared an invitation from the YWCA to have a Council speaker for their May 13th Committee on Aging meeting in Glendale, Arizona. Members of the Executive Committee requested Ms. De Lisa provide that presentation.
- *Council Budget:* With the inclusion of the two new members from Tucson and Pearce, Ms. De Lisa indicated budgeting for Council travel is being discussed with the Division of Aging and Adult Services staff members who coordinate the budget process.

Request for Turning Off Cell Phones During Meetings

Council Chair George Evanoff asked for Executive Committee member input on requesting Council Members and those in attendance at Council meeting to turn off their cell phones during meetings. After discussing in detail, it was agreed that Council members and those in attendance at Council meetings would be asked to place their cell phones to a setting (silent or vibrate) that would not disrupt the meeting and demonstrate respect for others.

Announcements

Bill Engler shared a schedule conflict with the March 11th Council meeting for complete attendance in person, but indicated he would be willing to join this meeting via phone.

Next Steps

Deputy Executive Director Cathy De Lisa will continue to provide updates on HB 2026 to the Council and will provide an official definition of a volunteer and value of volunteer time at the next Executive Committee meeting.

Adjournment

Council Chair George Evanoff adjourned the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Next Meeting *The date and location of the next Executive Committee meeting to be determined and announced by Public Meeting Notice posted at the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging website: <http://www.azgovernor.gov/gaca/>*