



COMMISSION ON ELDER AFFAIRS

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Date: Thursday July 13, 2023

Time: 11:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Live via Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/92154181214>

Facilitator: Ann Germany

Board Members

Marsetta Ray, Past Chair, South Fulton Senior Center (Present)

Ann Germany, Board Chair, Sr. Services N. Fulton (Present)

Mary Blake, Chair Pro-Tem (Absent)

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

Beth Cayce, Member, District 2 (Present)

Gary Snyder, Member, District 3 (Present)

Linda Adams, Member, District 4 (Absent)

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

Jill Lindsey, Member, District 6 (Absent)

Sarah Hilton, Member, Atlanta Housing Authority (Absent)

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

Teresa Pearsall, Fulton Atlanta Community Action Authority (Absent)

Ruth Lyles-Bailey, Parliamentarian (Absent)

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

Visitors and Staff

One (1) visitor present; One (1) Senior Services staff

- I. **Meeting Called to Order:** 11:34 a.m.
- II. **Roll Call | Attendance:** Board Members Present (5), Absent (7)
- III. **Review/Approval of Minutes:**
 - a. Action: Motion made, seconded, and carried.
- IV. **Updates from Officers or Board Members**
 - a. No updates provided
- V. **Senior Services Update**
 - a. Provided updates on AmeriCorps Senior Companion, Senior Farmer Markets and Facility-Based Programs
 - b. Answered questions from COEA members regarding Uber/Lyft transportation and farmers markets accessibility
- VI. **COEA Committee Reports**
 - a. **Advocacy - Marsetta Ray, Chair**
 - i. GA CO-AGE Annual meeting held in Macon, Georgia on July 13, 2023
 1. To highlight 2024 issues for legislative consideration
 2. COEA has 7 votes; Voting opens after July 14, 2024
 - ii. COEA members asked to contact Congress regarding:
 1. SSA increased call wait times for disability claims
 2. Older Americans Act 2023 – changes in regulations
 3. Prohibit forced arbitration and claims in the workplace and linkage to age discrimination
 - a. HR2593 (creation of SEC taskforce to identify challenges seniors face while investing and recommendations to changes in laws)

4. HR7107 (no current bill)
- iii. AARP and Alzheimer's Association to host Family Caregiver Forum – July 20, 2023 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- iv. Call for new Advocacy subcommittee members

VII. Dementia Education, Awareness, Training and Support - Beth Cayce, Chair

- a. Committee met June 28, 2023; next meeting July 27, 2023
- b. Welcomed new members from Finance, GA Public Library System and Service Organization (Rotary)
- c. Discussions regarding making the journey easier for those caring for loved ones with Dementia

VIII. Health and Well-being - Sarah Hilton, Chair

- a. Committee members unable to meet in July 2023

IX. Unfinished Business

- a. No unfinished business from June 2023 COEA meeting

X. New Business

- a. In-person meeting tentatively scheduled for September
- b. Chair requested the following:
 - i. Advocacy subcommittee chair to compose letter for COEA members to share with network and potential subcommittee members
 - ii. All COEA subcommittees to pick 1-2 focus points for FY23
 1. Both items to be included in August COEA agenda under Old Business

XI. Public Comments – One (1) Comment

- a. Unfinished business should be delineated; “According to Robert’s Rules of Order, the chair or leader of the meeting should never ask the group if there is any unfinished business. This information should already be known and recorded from the most previous meeting and the secretary should have automatically included it on the present agenda.”

- b. “Appreciative of great new information and questions that extract details from the Senior Services update”
- c. “Will attempt to share with seniors that there are opportunities to serve on COEA subcommittees”

XII. Announcements

- a. COEA Chair asked for members to review COEA emails and respond
- b. Next meeting – August 10, 2023, 11:30 a.m.

XIII. Adjournment

- a. Action: Motion made, seconded, and carried.
- b. Meeting adjourned 12:00 noon