



COMMISSION ON ELDER AFFAIRS

Meeting Summary – November 21, 2024

I. Roll Call

- a. Meeting called to order at 11:35 am
- b. Quorum – Board Members Present (7), Absent (4), Vacant (1)
- c. One member from the public was present. Three (3) Senior Services staff present.

II. Motivational comment

- a. Given by Chair – encouraged members to continue serving and shared motivational quote by Confucius – “It doesn’t matter how slow you go, as long as you do not stop.”

III. Review/Approval of Minutes

- a. Minutes were emailed to Commission on Elder Affairs members October 30, 2024. Minutes were read aloud. A motion was taken and seconded. The minutes were approved.

IV. Senior Services Updates

- a. Senior Services provided updates regarding the Senior Medicare Wellness Days and anticipated FY25 budget approval in January.

V. Committee Updates

- a. Advocacy Committee – Marsetta Ray provided the committee update and attended a Trust Works presentation re: estate planning for seniors. Ms. Ray encouraged the committee to consider estate planning, documents that need to be put in place, irrevocable Medicaid trust that assists with long term care.
 - i. The Chair would like to invite a speaker to discuss this topic at a future meeting.
 - i. Stephanie Fiber-Sutton informed COEA members that the Co-Age Athens meeting was cancelled; pending rescheduled date.

- b. Elder Abuse committee

i. No report

c. Dementia Education and Awareness

1. Beth Cayce provided Dementia Friendly Fulton minutes sent to COEA members; Informed members Commissioner Ellis will attend next meeting and requested COEA members to invite their Commissioners to attend. Updates on DFF restaurants in partnership with Roswell Rotary to work with restaurants, task force training and pending meeting with Roswell City Mayor were provided. Ms. Cayce recommended that an integrated memory clinic speaker attend a future COEA meeting.

d. Health and Wellness Committee – no report

VI. No Guest Speaker

VII. Unfinished Business

a. COEA Bylaw discussion and review

- i. Motion made by Marsetta Ray that bylaws be amended and modified be approved; Stephanie Fiber-Sutton seconded motion COEA Bylaws amended and modified were approved.
- ii. COEA Vacancies

The Chair highlighted expectations to all members regarding attendance and vacancies; requested for the attendance report to be provided to COEA members & posted on the webpage and a copy of the Commissioner District map (see below link):

1. <https://fultoncountyga.gov/maps>; select Key District Facts and Maps; select Commission District Map Viewers

VIII. New Business

- a. A vote was taken and Ann Germany was approved as Chair.
- b. A vote was taken and Marsetta Ray was approved as Vice Chair.
- c. A vote was taken, and Stephanie Fiber-Sutton was approved as Chair pro-tem.
- d. A vote was taken and Ruth Lyles-Bailey was approved as Parliamentarian.

- e. The Chair tabled the Standing and special committees discussion after plans and goals for the New Year are established.

IX. Public Comments

- a. Guest (Ben Howard) shared comments regarding the Senior Services webpage, replacement of 2022 annual report and recommended further discussion about hybrid meetings. Comments were also made regarding the Senior Transportation cost share program and 4 round trips plus an optional medical trip. Mr. Howard expressed commendations to the Fulton County Youth Commission and their engagement with the State of Georgia Lawmakers to increase the dropout plateau for High School students.

X. Announcements

- a. There will be no December Meeting. The Chair will contact new leadership to schedule a planning meeting for the New Year.
- b. The Chair requested for COEA members to promote committee participation opportunities.
- c. COEA member Linda Adams inquired about dual participation at senior centers and available programs at the New Horizon Senior Center. The Senior Services Deputy Director responded and will follow up with Ms. Adams.
- d. COEA member expressed interest in continuing with the Commission in the New Year. Senior Services will inform the new Commissioner of Ms. Adams COEA meeting standings and desire to remain on board.

XI. Adjournment

- a. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Stephanie Fiber Sutton and seconded by Mary Blake. The meeting adjourned at 1:03 pm.