



**REGULAR MEETING
Approved Minutes**

The Commission On Seniors convened in a regular meeting on WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2014, Boards and Commissions, First floor in room 1101, 301 W. 2nd Street in Austin, Texas.

Member Dan Pruett called the meeting to order at 12:10p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Jacqueline Angel	Martin Kareithi	Dan Pruett
Dr. Tom Coopwood	Erica Garcia-Pittman	Jennifer Scott

Staff in Attendance:

Willie Williams, COA-HHSD	Sly Majid, Mayor and Council's office
Edna Staniszewski, COA-HHSD	

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

- Shubhada Saxena
 - Topic: Are housing and transport planners working together. Can they present together?

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- None.

3. OLD BUSINESS

- None.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Welcome aboard and Introductions.

- Jennifer Scott – Director of the Aging Services, Area Agency on Aging of the Capital Area
- Jacqueline Angel – Professor of Sociology and Public Affairs at University of Texas at Austin
- Dr. Tom Coopwood – Retired General Surgeon.
- Martin Kareithi – Accessible Transportation Specialist, Capital Metro Transportation Authority.
- Dan Pruett – President/CEO, Meals on Wheels and More.
- Erica Garcia-Pittman – Assistant Professor, UT Southwestern Medical Center

B. Nominations and election of Chair and Vice-Chair.

Election of Chair

- Member Dr. Tom Coopwood motioned to elect Member Ann Kitchen for Chair.
- Member Jacqueline Angel seconded the motion.
- Motion passed 6-0-0.

Election of Vice-Chair

- Member Martin Kareithi motioned to elect Member Erica Garcia-Pittman for Vice Chair.
- Member Jacqueline Angel seconded the motion.
- Motion passed 6-0-0.

C. Review and approve schedule dates, time, location and frequency of meeting calendar.

- Member Dr. Tom Coopwood motioned to adopt the meeting schedule presented.
- Member Dan Pruett seconded the motion.
- Motion passed 6-0-0.

D. Adopt and/or amend drafted standard bylaw template.

- Member Dan Pruett motioned to approve the bylaws recommended by the law department with a change to meeting monthly.
- Member Jacqueline Angel seconded the motion.
- Motion passed 6-0-0.

5. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- “Answer for Aging” conference to be held July in Dallas, Texas. Information to be forwarded to the members.
- The Mayors taskforce on Aging and the 2014 Aging Services Council report to be forwarded to the members.
- “Embracing an Age Diverse Austin” presentation to be forwarded to the members.
- The Austin American Statesman reported an article about the Mayor hosting an “Ask Me Anything” from 3-4pm today. Questions to Mayor are posted through the media of “reddit.com”.
 - Dr. Tom Coopwood motioned to have members submit their questions to the Mayor to Member Jennifer Scott for posting.
 - Member Jacqueline Angel seconded the motion.
 - Motion passed 6-0-0

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Presentation from the Neighborhood Housing and Community Development (NHCD) HUD office regarding their 5 year plan on the April 9th's meeting.
 - Member Martin Kareithi made a motion to have NHCD present and tailor their presentation to seniors and in particular, low income seniors.
 - Member Dr. Tom Coopwood seconded motion.
 - Motion passed 6-0-0
- A request for a representative from Austin Energy to do a presentation regarding utility assistance to help the elderly and individuals with low income.
- Establishment of the Commission on Seniors work plan.

ADJOURNMENT

- Member Dr. Tom Coopwood made a motion to adjourn.
- Member Dan Pruett seconded the motion.
- Motion passed 6-0-0.
- Meeting adjourned at 1:37p.m.