



**COMMISSION ON SENIOR
MEETING MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10TH, 2020**

The Commission on Seniors convened a Regular Meeting via Videoconferencing.

Board Members in Attendance: Chair, *Janee Briesemeister*, Vice Chair, *Peter Varteressian*, *Adam Hauser*, *Amy Temperley*, *Billy Jackson*, *Diana Spain*, *Emily De Maria Nicola*, *Erica Garcia-Pittman*, *Fred Lugo*, *Jacqueline Angel*, *Karen Grampp*, *Martin Kareithi*, *Natalie Cagle*, *Patricia Bordie*, and *Sally Van Sickle*.

Board Members not in Attendance: *None*

Staff in Attendance: *Tabitha Taylor*, Age Friendly Plan Program Coordinator, Austin Public Health and *Halana Kaleel*, Public Health Educator II, Austin Public Health

Presenters: *Sofia Barbato*, Director of Supportive Services, Foundation Communities and *Commissioner Lugo*, Travis County.

Chair, *Janee Briesemeister* called the Board Meeting to order at 1:04pm. The Commission introduced themselves.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE COMMISSION ON SENIORS APRIL 29TH, 2020 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

- A. The minutes for the Special Called Meeting of April 29th were approved on Vice Chair Varteressian motion, Commissioner Cagle second on a 14-0 vote. Commissioner Kareithi was absent.
- B. Commissioner Kareithi entered the dais.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. There will be a community conversation regarding people of color and COVID-19. The conversation will be recorded and then shared with the Commissioners.
- B. Commissioner Temperley gave update on the Social Isolation Working Group Technology Survey through the Aging Council. Aging is Cool will be providing in home services through COA PARD.
- C. Commissioner Kareithi gave update regarding access to food during COVID-19 response from CapMetro including Good Apple sign up.
- D. Commissioner Nicola gave update on food access during COVID-19 response including what 250 organizations are doing through Austin/Travis County to provide food. This includes Mobile Pantries, Drive Thru Services, large mass distributions, partnership with AISD, and ACC Highland Mall Location.

- E. Commissioner Bordie gave update regarding access to food, incontinence supplies, social isolation, technology support, in home services, and dental services being supported by Area Agency on Aging. They will be holding their Striking a Balance-Annual Caregiver Conference this summer.
- F. Commissioner Hauser gave update on Meals on Wheels and how they are providing shelf stable meals during the pandemic. They have seen an influx in requests for meals.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Presentation: Foundation Communities: Access to Health Services for Seniors, Sofia Barbato, Director of Supportive Services
 - i. Sofia Barbato presented on Access to Health Services for Seniors.
 - ii. Foundation Communities receives grant to provide sustainable access to physical, mental health, and dental care through whole-person case management, targeted services, and stable, affordable housing for individuals 55 and over.
- B. 2020-2021 Officer Elections, Commissioner Briesemeister
 - i. Chair Briesmeister and Vice Chair Varteressian are willing to serve again but also welcome anyone who would like to be Chair or Vice Chair to step forward.
 - ii. Recommendation adopting Chair Briesmeister as Chair for 2020-2021 was approved on Vice Chair Varteressian motion, Commissioner Van Sickle second on a 15-0 vote.
 - iii. Recommendation adopting Vice Chair Varteressian as Vice Chair for 2020-2021 was approved on Commission Hauser motion, Commissioner Cagle second on a 15-0 vote.
- C. COVID-19 Response Updates and Discussion, Commissioner Lugo
 - i. Commissioner Lugo presented on Emergency Operations Center Response, Social Services Branch, Senior Taskforce.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Commission Work Plan – Standing Item
 - i. No discussion currently.
- B. Updates from Working Groups – Standing Item
 - i. Age Friendly Action Plan Implementation Working Group
 - No discussion currently.
 - ii. Transportation, Housing and Outdoor Spaces Working Group
 - No discussion currently.
 - iii. Social Participation, Respect and Social Inclusion, Civic Participation and Employment Working Group
 - No discussion currently.
 - iv. Community Support and Health Services Working Group
 - No discussion currently.
- C. Update on Joint Inclusion Committee – Standing Item (Janee Briesmeister)

- i. No discussion currently
 - D. City of Austin Budget – Standing Item (Janee Briesmeister)
 - i. No discussion currently
 - E. Update on the Equity Action Team – Standing Item (Emily De Maria Nicola)
 - i. No discussion currently.

V. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- A. None

VI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. None

VII. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Chair, Janee Briesemeister adjourned the meeting at 2:29p.m. without objection.