



AREA AGENCY ON AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL

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Meeting Minutes: Thursday, March 20, 2025

Proceedings: The Imperial County Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Advisory Council met for a regular meeting on Thursday, March 20, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. at the Imperial County Workforce Development Board – Conference Room, Located at 2799 S. Fourth Street, El Centro, CA 92243.

Voting Attendees:

Cynthia Alba
Cheryl V. Walker
AJ Gaddis
John Hernandez
Patricia Burnworth
Mike Lara
Manuel Sanchez
Patricia Thompson
Daniel Romero
Oreda Chin
Benjamin Horton
Javier Moreno
Ana Rodriguez
Ember Haller

Representing Sector:

District 1
District 2
District 3
District 4
District 5
Senior Advocate
Senior Advocate
Service Provider
Senior Legislature
Senior Organization
HICAP
Law Enforcement
At-Large
Alternate At-Large

Non-Voting Attendees/Providers:

Sarah Enz
Monica V. De Leon
Karla Flores
Sofia Vasquez
Daniel Flores
Joanna Zepeda
Andrew Briseno
Ivan Romero
Polo Salazar
Shawn Angulo
Agnes Zsigovics
Kirk Mann
Isis Montes
Stella Jimenez
Alex Cardenas

ICAAA Director
ICAAA Manager
ICAAA LTC Ombudsman Coordinator
ICAAA Community Service Worker
ICAAA I & A Coordinator
ICAAA Administrative Analyst
Imperial County Counsel
Catholic Charities/Program Manager
Catholic Charities/Program Manager
ICAAA Volunteer
Alzheimer's Association / Program Manager
Imperial Valley Housing Authority / Executive Director
Imperial Irrigation District/Customer Service Officer
Imperial Irrigation District/Senior Public Affairs Coordinator
Imperial Irrigation District/Director



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Absent:

Paul R. Monarrez	Disabled Interests
Sylvia Chavez	League of Cities
Helen Lopez	Senior Legislature
Lucy M. Hendry	At-Large
Ismael Lopez	Alternate At-Large
Supervisor Peggy Price	Alternate At-Large
Supervisor John Hawk	County of Imperial

Agenda Item / Action Taken:

I. FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL (MEMBERS), AND INTRODUCTIONS (GUESTS):

Chair AJ Gaddis called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. Mike Lara led the Advisory Council in the Flag Salute. Roll call was completed. Guests introduced themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Moreno/Thompson (M/S/C) to approve the minutes of February 20, 2025, Advisory Council meeting as presented with no abstentions.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

AJ Gaddis opened the floor for comments. No comments.

IV. PRESENTATION:

a) Imperial Irrigation District – Senior Discounts – Alex Cardenas, Board Member

Isis Montes, Customer Service Officer, conducted the presentation for the Imperial Irrigation District. Montes presented on the Residential Energy Assistance Designed for You (READY), Energy Assistance for Special Equipment, Residential Energy Assistance Program (REAP), Emergency Energy Assistance Pledge (EEAP), eGreen discount, Average Bill Payment Plan, and Energy Assistance for Special Equipment (EASE). Montes reviewed how to qualify and how to apply for all programs. Montes and Director Alex Cardenas gave a rate update and IID open house starting on April 1st. The presentation concluded with a Q&A with the council.

V. AREA AGENCY ON AGING DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

Director Sarah Enz provided a written report. Enz gave a quick update on the written report provided.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Executive Committee: Chair AJ Gaddis reported that the committee has been meeting regularly to look at potential agenda items, attendance rosters, strategic planning, and other potential items.

Legislative Committee: Helen Lopez provided a written report. John Hernandez requested to see if someone from congress can come and provide an update on Medicaid.

Nutrition Committee: Patricia Burnworth gave a brief report on the Calexico site monitoring.



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Transportation Committee: AJ Gaddis reported that Imperial County Transportation Commission is currently conducting a survey and encouraged members to respond to the survey.

Social & Health Committee: Manuel Sanchez has nothing to report.

VII. INFORMATION:

Chair Gaddis reminded members to review informational items: Information & Assistance Coordinator Reports, Ombudsman reports, Calz Connect Report, Member Attendance Roster, and upcoming events list and Public Hearings. Oreda Chin added that she and Ana Rodriguez conducted a Public Hearing during the Calipatria Senior Congregate meals.

VIII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Chair Gaddis opened the floor for member requests. Daniel Romero recommended a special session for the General Manager from the IID to do a presentation. AJ Gaddis recommended that the IID presentation be sent to the Legislative Committee.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MEMBERS:

Chair Gaddis opened the floor for announcements. Oreda Chin announced that the following month will be her last month, and she will leave out of state by the end of April. AJ Gaddis reminded members that the form 700 needs to be completed by all members. Kirk Mann provided a quick update on The Imperial Valley Housing Authority.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Gaddis adjourned the Advisory Council meeting at 10:38 a.m.

Monica V. De Leon
AAA Manager

Daniel Flores
Recording Clerk