



AREA AGENCY ON AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL

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Meeting Minutes: Thursday, May 15, 2025

Proceedings: The Imperial County Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Advisory Council met for a regular meeting on Thursday, May 15, 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:

John Hernandez
Patricia Burnworth
Supervisor John Hawk
Paul R. Monarrez
Sylvia Chavez
Manuel Sanchez
Helen Lopez
Benjamin Horton
Lucy M. Hendry
Ana Rodriguez

Representing Sector:

District 4
District 5
County of Imperial
Disabled Interests
League of Cities
Senior Advocate
Senior Legislature
HICAP
At-Large
At-Large

Non-Voting Attendees/Providers:

Sarah M. Enz ICAAA Director
Monica V. De Leon ICAAA Manager
Sofia Vasquez ICAAA Community Service Worker
Shawn Angulo ICAAA Volunteer
Andrew Briseno County of Imperial, County Counsel
Linsey J. Dale County of Imperial, Registrar of Voters
Ivan Romero Catholic Charities, Quality Case Manager
Polo Salazar Catholic Charities, SNP Program Manager
Michelle Romo Catholic Charities, FGP/SCP Program Manager
Alan Azevedo-McCaffrey Elder Law & Advocacy, Attorney
Pablo Corona Elder Law & Advocacy, HICAP Education & Outreach Coordinator
Victoria Ramirez Elder Law & Advocacy, Program Assistant
Agnes Zsigovics Alzheimer's Association, Community Engagement Manager

Absent:

Cynthia Alba District 1
Cheryl V. Walker District 2
AJ Gaddis District 3
Patricia Thompson Service Provider
Daniel Romero Senior Legislature
Javier Moreno Law Enforcement
Ismael Lopez Alternate At-Large
Ember Haller Alternate At-Large
Supervisor Peggy Price Alternate At-Large



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Agenda Item / Action Taken:

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

Vice Chair Paul R. Monarrez called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. Flag salute and roll call were completed. Guests introduced themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Burnworth/Rodriguez (M/S/C) to approve the minutes of April 17, 2025, Advisory Council meeting as presented with no abstentions.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Vice Chair Monarrez opened the floor for comments. Agnes Zsigovics representing the Alzheimer's Association invited the Advisory Council to attend the second Community Engagement Committee, taking place later today at the DayOut Center in El Centro. She also invited them to attend the Town Hall Meeting which will take place on June 26, 2025. She will send additional information and an invitation to AAA Staff for distribution. This concluded with the Public Comments.

IV. PRESENTATION:

a) Elder Law & Advocacy Program Update – Alan Azevedo-McCaffrey, Attorney and Pablo Corona, HICAP Community Outreach Specialist

Alan Azevedo-McCaffrey provided a very thorough overview of the Elder Law & Advocacy which included introducing staff and explaining their roles, the history of Elder Law & Advocacy, and the services the organization offers. He ended the presentation with an update on the services being offered and funded by the grant received from the AAA.

Pablo Corona, HICAP Community Outreach Specialist, provided a very brief overview of the HICAP Program and provided an update on the activities and services provided by the HICAP Program with the funds provided by the AAA. They ended their presentation by opening for questions.

b) Elections Administration Plan – Linsey Dale, Registrar of Voters

Linsey Dale, Registrar of Voters provided an overview of the voting options currently available to Imperial County Voters, explained the Voter's Choice Act, and finally explained the Voting Action Plan proposed changes to improve the voting process in Imperial County.

V. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEM(S):

a) Senior Advocate At-Large Member Appointment

The Nominating Committee recommends that the Advisory Council appoint Ember Haller, current Alternate At-Large Member, to the vacant At-Large Member position as the new Senior Advocate.

Helen Lopez seconded the recommendation from the Nominating Committee. Motion carried unanimously with no nays and no abstentions.

b) Announcements of Vacancies

Vice Chair Monarrez announced the two vacancies left which are as follows:



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- One (1) At-Large Member position (recommended to represent a Senior Organization)
- One (1) Alternate At-Large Member position

He further stated that the announcement was sent out and that the deadline to apply was set for Thursday, May 29, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. This concluded his announcement.

VI. AREA AGENCY ON AGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Director Sarah Enz provided a brief update on the proposed cuts on Medical and other changes being proposed by the Federal Government's Proposed Budget. Staff will be following this closely and will report any changes that may have an impact on the senior population directly. This concluded her report.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Vice Chair Monarrez asked the Committee Chairs to email out any pertinent information to the Advisory Council. No verbal reports were made.

VIII. INFORMATION:

Vice Chair Monarrez reminded members to review informational items provided.

IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Vice Chair Monarrez opened the floor for member requests. None were received.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MEMBERS:

Vice Chair Monarrez opened the floor for announcements. None were received.

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

Vice Chair Monarrez adjourned the Advisory Council meeting at 10:40 a.m.

Sarah M. Enz
AAA Director

Monica Veliz
Recording Clerk