



# AREA AGENCY ON AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL

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## Meeting Minutes: Thursday, March 16, 2023

### Proceedings:

The Imperial County Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Advisory Council: Regular meeting of Thursday, March 16, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. at the Imperial County Department of Social Services – Classroom A, located at 2895 S. Fourth Street, El Centro, CA 92243.

### Voting Attendees:

Cheryl Viegas Walker  
AJ Gaddis  
John Hernandez  
Benjamin Horton  
Virginia Ward  
Mike Lara  
Manuel Sanchez  
Patricia A. Thompson  
Helen Lopez  
Oreda Chin  
Javier Moreno  
Patricia Burnworth

### Alternate Attendees

Ismael Lopez  
Lucy M. Hendry  
Supervisor John Hawk

### Representing Sector:

District 2  
District 3  
District 4  
District 5  
League of Cities  
Senior Advocate  
Senior Advocate  
Service Provider  
CSL – Senate  
Senior Organization  
Law Enforcement  
At-Large

Alternate At-Large  
Alternate At-Large  
County of Imperial Alternate

### Non-Voting Attendees/Providers:

Joanna D. Zepeda  
Karla Flores  
Monica Veliz De Leon  
Andrew Briseno  
Polo Salazar  
Marisol Enriquez  
Cynthia Rodriguez  
Jecell Murguia  
Jennifer Zapata

ICAAA Administrative Analyst I  
ICAAA LTC Ombudsman Coordinator  
ICAAA Information & Assistance Coordinator  
County of Imperial, Counsel  
Catholic Charities, Senior Nutrition, Program Manager  
Catholic Charities Senior Nutrition Case Manager  
Calexico Wellness Center  
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### Absent:

Paul Monarrez  
Sedalia Sanders  
Cynthia Alba  
Supervisor Mike Kelley  
Daniel Romero

Disabled Interests  
At-Large  
District 1  
County of Imperial  
CSL - Assembly

Agenda Item / Action Taken:



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

Chair Oreda Chin called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Member Walker led the Flag salute roll call was completed and quorum was established. Staff introduced guests.

## II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Walker/Lopez(M/S/C) To approve the minutes of the January 19, 2023, Advisory Council meeting as presented.

## III. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Member Walker suggested that future format of meeting minutes be more concise and summarize the major points of what happened at the meeting, recording only results of voting on action items brief summaries of comments. Member Lopez concurred and suggested referral to the Executive Committee for further discussion.

Chair Chin opened Public Comments with acknowledgement and thanks given to staff member Monica De Leon for her service, as she transfers to another position within the county.

## IV. **PRESENTATION:**

### a) **Calexico Wellness Center-Senior Health Services Program Update :**

Cynthia Rodriguez-Marketing/Outreach Manager for Calexico Wellness Center, provided a brief summary of services provided under the AAA contract for Senior Health as well as other services the Center provides. Member Gaddis asked if they receive any funding through the Heffernan Memorial Healthcare District, Ms. Rodriguez provided that although the Center had applied, they had not been awarded funding. Members Gaddis and Walker suggested that the AAA Advisory Council consider providing a letter of support for this purpose and that the matter be referred to the Social/Health Committee.

## V. **ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

### a) **Chair to Appoint Nominating Committee to review applications for vacant HiCap member position:**

Chair Chin appointed members Sanchez, Horton, and Walker.

### b) **Chair to Appoint New Council member to Committee:**

Chair Chin appointed new member Hendry to Nutrition Committee.

### c) **Council to Sign Up to Host 2022-23 Public Hearings:**

Members Hendry, Thompson, Sanchez, Gaddis, Hernandez, Horton and Monarrez were added to the schedule of Public Hearings with members Lopez, Chin and Burnworth. A revised schedule will be distributed by staff.

## VI. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Executive Committee:** Chair Chin reported that the Committee has started meeting a week before the regularly scheduled Advisory Council meeting to discuss Agenda



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items. Next meeting will focus on “House Rules” to be provided in writing to all members.

**Planning & Finance Committee:** Combined with Executive Committee.

**Legislative Committee:** Report distributed in writing before meeting.

**Nutrition Committee:** No report.

**Transportation Committee:** Met Feb 27<sup>th</sup>, reminded all members to respond to ICTC survey.

**Social & Health Committee:** No Report

**Ad-Hoc By-Law Committee Report:** Member Lopez reported Committee had completed draft of revised bylaws and staff would be submitting to County Council, after which the approved draft would come to the Council for review and vote. ETA June meeting.

## VII. INFORMATION:

Chairman Chin reminded members to review informational items: Current Member Roster and Member Attendance Roster.

## VIII. AREA AGENCY ON AGING DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

Written report provided and attached to Agenda.

## IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MEMBERS:

Chair Chin opened the floor for announcements. Staff reported on SCAN project work, and their interviews with staff regarding local health care system gaps, including Long Term Care gaps. Member Walker announced that UCSD has stepped in to assist ECRMC, a positive movement and Chair Chin added no such assistance has occurred at Pioneers to date. Member Gaddis announced the UCSD Garden Smart pick-up day is Sat 12:30-2:30 2/18. In depth discussion regarding the difficulties with the our local health care systems ensued. Member Ward announced Holtville’s Farmers Market this evening.

## X. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- a) Chair to add discussion of format for minutes to Executive Committee
- b) Social Health Committee to discuss developing a letter of support for grant applications to Calexico Wellness Center

## XI. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Chin adjourned at To Adjourn at 10:23 am

Sarah Enz  
Public Administrator/ICAAA Director

Monica Veliz De Leon  
Recording Clerk