



Older Adult Advisory Committee

Commissioner Barbara Zinner - Older Adult Advisory Committee Chair
Commissioner James M. Perna - Older Adult Advisory Committee Vice Chair

District 1 – Tom Matthews
District 2 – Vacant
District 3 – Vacant
District 4 – Kathy Western
District 5 – Barbara VanSyckel
District 6 – Moira Smith

District 7 – Marcia Relyea
District 8 – Joe Silbernagel
District 9 – Jennifer Hammel
District 10 – Carol Weidenbach
District 11 – Carole Wiseman
District 12 – Suzanne Ostosh

District 13 – Walter J. Martin
At-Large – Rochelle Fuqua
At-Large – Meghan Mott
At-Large – Kathleen Rubino
At-Large – Carol Thompson

DRAFT MINUTES

DATE/TIME: Tuesday, September 23, 2025, 3:00 PM

COMMITTEE: Older Adult Advisory Committee, an advisory committee to the Board of Commissioners

COMMITTEE CHAIR: Commissioner Barbara Zinner, Vice Chair James M. Perna

LOCATION: Administration Building, One South Main Street, 9th Floor, Mount Clemens, MI 48043

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson at 03:01 PM in the Administration Building, 1 South Main Street, 9th Floor, Mount Clemens, Michigan 48043.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Attendance Roll Call

Present: Jennifer Hammel, Walter J. Martin, Tom Matthews, Meghan Mott, James M. Perna, Marcia Relyea, Kathleen Rubino, Joe Silbernagel, Moira Smith, Carol Thompson, Barbara VanSyckel, Kathy Western, Carole Wiseman, Barbara Zinner

Absent: Rochelle Fuqua, Suzanne Ostosh, Carol Weidenbach

4. Adoption of Agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda dated Tuesday, September 23, 2025. THE MOTION PASSED.

Motioned by: James M. Perna

Seconded by: Kathy Western

Vote Summary: (14 - 0 - 0)

Aye - Jennifer Hammel, Walter J. Martin, Tom Matthews, Meghan Mott, James M. Perna, Marcia Relyea, Kathleen Rubino, Joe Silbernagel, Moira Smith, Carol Thompson, Barbara VanSyckel, Kathy Western, Carole Wiseman, Barbara Zinner

Nay - None

Abstain - None

5. Approval of Minutes

a) dated August 26, 2025

Motion to approve the minutes dated August 26, 2025. THE MOTION PASSED.

Motioned by: Kathy Western

Seconded by: Tom Matthews

Vote Summary: (14 - 0 - 0)

Aye - Jennifer Hammel, Walter J. Martin, Tom Matthews, Meghan Mott, James M. Perna, Marcia Relyea, Kathleen Rubino, Joe Silbernagel, Moira Smith, Barbara VanSyckel, Kathy Western, Carole Wiseman, Carol Thompson, Barbara Zinner
Nay - None
Abstain - None

6. Public Participation (three minutes max per speaker related only to issues on the agenda)

None

7. Presentations

a) Forgotten Harvest / Eric Candela, Director of Government Relations

Motion to receive and file the Forgotten Harvest presentation by Eric Candela, Director of Government Relations. THE MOTION PASSED.

Motioned by: James M. Perna

Seconded by: Joe Silbernagel

Vote Summary: (14 - 0 - 0)

Aye - Jennifer Hammel, Walter J. Martin, Tom Matthews, Meghan Mott, James M. Perna, Marcia Relyea, Kathleen Rubino, Joe Silbernagel, Moira Smith, Barbara VanSyckel, Kathy Western, Carole Wiseman, Carol Thompson, Barbara Zinner

Nay - None

Abstain - None

8. Committee Items

a) BOC Monthly Updates: September 2025

b) OAAC Action Item Tracker

Motion to receive and file the BOC Monthly Updates for September 2025 and the OAAC Action Item Tracker. THE MOTION PASSED.

Motioned by: Kathy Western

Seconded by: Marcia Relyea

Vote Summary: (14 - 0 - 0)

Aye - Jennifer Hammel, Walter J. Martin, Tom Matthews, Meghan Mott, James M. Perna, Marcia Relyea, Kathleen Rubino, Joe Silbernagel, Moira Smith, Barbara VanSyckel, Kathy Western, Carole Wiseman, Carol Thompson, Barbara Zinner

Nay - None

Abstain - None

9. Correspondence

- a) Focus Macomb Article: Embracing the Golden Years: How Macomb County is Supporting its Aging Population - Sheila Cote, Director, Office of Senior Services (August 2025)
- b) Public Health Macomb Newsletter - September is Healthy Aging Month (September 2025)

Motion to receive and file Correspondence items 9a and 9b. THE MOTION PASSED.

Motioned by: Kathy Western
Seconded by: James M. Perna

Vote Summary: (14 - 0 - 0)

Aye - Jennifer Hammel, Walter J. Martin, Tom Matthews, Meghan Mott, James M. Perna, Marcia Relyea, Kathleen Rubino, Joe Silbernagel, Moira Smith, Barbara VanSyckel, Kathy Western, Carole Wiseman, Carol Thompson, Barbara Zinner

Nay - None

Abstain - None

10. Public Participation (three minutes max per speaker)

None

11. Comments from Members

Speakers

Kathy Western

Tom Matthews

Kathleen Rubino

Walter J. Martin

Carole Wiseman

12. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the September 23, 2025 meeting at 04:14 PM. THE MOTION PASSED.

Motioned by: Carole Wiseman
Seconded by: Tom Matthews

Vote Summary: (14 - 0 - 0)

Aye - Jennifer Hammel, Walter J. Martin, Tom Matthews, Meghan Mott, James M. Perna, Marcia Relyea, Kathleen Rubino, Joe Silbernagel, Moira Smith, Barbara VanSyckel, Kathy Western, Carole Wiseman, Carol Thompson, Barbara Zinner

Nay - None

Abstain - None