



City of Albuquerque

Department of Youth & Family Services

Timothy M. Keller, Mayor

Director Jess R. Martinez

Older Americans Advisory Council

Monday, July 13, 2026

Members Present

- Mel Pearson, Chair
- Beth Black
- Guillermina (Gigi) Osoria (Online)
- Meggin Lorino (Online)
- Audrey Caufield

Members Absent

- Lynne Anker-Unnever, Vice Chair
- Dr. Joseph Roybal-Sanchez
- Joby Wallace
- Bill Tallman
- Khadijah Asili Bottom

Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Staff

- Michelle Briscoe
- Kyle Kemp
- Dayna Griego
- L. Theresa Smith
- Collette Baldwin

Guests

- Agnes Vallejos, AWC
- Maria Martinez
- Aimee Brown, ALTSD

MINUTES

I. Call to order.

The Older Americans Advisory Council (OAAC) meeting was called to order at 2 p.m. by Chair Mel Pearson.

II. Introductions.

Staff, OAAC members, and guests held introductions.

III. Review and approval of agenda for Monday, April 12, 2026

Chair Mel Pearson asked for a motion to approve the agenda from April 13, 2026. Member Beth Black motioned to approve the agenda. Member Meggin Lorino seconded. Motion was unanimously approved.

IV. Review and approval of minutes from January 12, 2026.

Chair Mel Pearson asked for a motion to approve the minutes from April 13, 2026. Member Meggin Lorino motioned to approve the agenda. Member Beth Black seconded. Motion was unanimously approved.

V. Area Agency on Aging requests and updates.

Ms. Briscoe began the meeting by informing the council that the FY 2027-2030 area plan has not been finalized. She assured the council that we have a grant contract signed and executed to continue services. Ms. Briscoe then shared the draft budget for approval. Ms. Briscoe provided an overview of the funds and the state funding plan requirements and how AAA exceeds the minimum service requirements in service categories. A motion to approve. Meggin Lorino made a motion to approve the budget. Beth Black seconded the motion. The budget was unanimously approved.

Ms. Lorino asked how does the AAA get the appropriate number of services for our community and how can the council support these endeavors? Which lead into how can we advocate for a study to give an idea of the number of services that would be needed in the area to support the total aging population. This study would help create the needed number of services for the entirety of our state. Ms. Briscoe stated that we largely rely on the council to advocate on our behalf she also shared the history of an alliance in years past. It consisted of all Area Agency on Aging along with major direct service provider of the state to do joint advocacy. Ms. Agnes Vallejos added information on the alliance, she noted that it was organized by Non-Metro AAA due to having a legislature on their board. Ms. Briscoe committed to reaching out to Ms. Lorino regarding the study to provide us with the number needed for services in our community.

Aging Well Collective (AWC) was introduced as a secondary provider for case management. Ms. Vallejos attended the meeting as our representative of AWC. AWC was founded in 2025. Their model is unique due to the fact that they partner with a for profit organization that has expertise in the aging network. She shared that with model they are able to provide services or numerous resources to the client. They began case management in June and have been able to connect senior with services and are continuing to clear backlog of 600 clients. Ms. Briscoe shared that we are very excited to bring them onboard and look forward to bridge any gaps in service with their unique business model.

VI. Recruitment to fill vacancies, member terms:

Ms. Briscoe reported that there is one county vacancy. The council discussed terms of service and that we foresee some turnover in our council. She encouraged members to make recommendations of candidates.

VII. Advisory Member Community Feedback

There was no community feedback during this meeting.

VIII. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday, October 19, 2026 at 2 p.m.-3 p.m. tentatively at Los Volcanes Senior Center.

IX. Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Audrey Caufield. Guillermina (Gigi) Osoria seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. Meeting was adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

Chairperson's Signature: _____

Prepared by: _____