



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Area Agency on Aging - Legislative / Advocacy Committee

Consider:

Who benefits? Who is burdened?

Who does not have a voice at the table?

How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

9:00 AM

This is a Hybrid Meeting: Attend in person at 2865 N Sherman Ave, Conference Room 109; Attend virtually via Zoom.

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The Wednesday April 23, 2025 AAA Legislative/Advocacy Committee meeting will be a hybrid meeting.

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If you want to submit a written comment for this meeting, or send handouts for board members, please send them to: Matulle.Cindy@danecounty.gov

Staff and Guests Present: Joe Aguilar, Ann Albert, Casey Bultman, Lacy Fox, Beth Freeman, Lynn Forshaug, Lacy Fox, Shannon Gabriel, Randi Miranda, Jill McHone, Claire Purkis, Amy Scarr, Tiffany Scully, Gretchen Stutz, Diane Turner, Angela Velasquez, and Melissa Woznick.

A. Call To Order

Chair LEZOTTE called the meeting to order at 9 am.

Present 5 - TED BUNCK, JIM SCHMIDLKOFER, NATALIE RAEMISCH, ANNA LEZOTTE, and JODIE CASTANEDA

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2024](#)
[MIN-465](#)

AAA Legislative//Advocacy Committee Minutes from February 26, 2025.

Attachments: [2025_0226 AAA Leg-Adv Community Minutes](#)

Introduction of Dane County Legislative Lobbyist Lacy Fox. Lacy has many years of experience working with state delegates and legislative matters.

A motion was made by RAEMISCH, seconded by BUNCK, that the minutes be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote.

C. Action Items

1. Advocacy Supporting Federal & State Programs

[2025](#)
[ACT-001](#)

OAA Draft Letter

Attachments: [New advocacy Letter 4.21.25](#)

Disability and Aging Administrator Angela Velasquez presented detailed Federal 2026 Budget information gathered from a US Aging Emergency Advocacy Call on Monday, April 21. VELASQUEZ presented a draft advocacy letter reflecting the information from the US Aging call and requesting the letter be sent to the AAA Board for approval in advocating for older adults to the State and Federal delegates.

A motion by SCHMIDLKOFER, seconded by CASTANEDA, to approve the revised advocacy letter to be forwarded to the AAA Board with a recommendation the letter be approved and sent by the AAA Board. The motion carried by a voice vote.

2. 2026 Budget Priorities

[2025](#)
[ACT-003](#)

2026 Budget Request-Transportation Share Costs

Attachments: [2026 Budget Request-Transportation](#)

VELASQUEZ presented the transportation funding request for consideration should additional funding be available in the 2026 budget deliberations as submitted by the Focal Point Directors. Discussion among committee members about transportation additional funding request from Focal Points.

A motion was made by CASTANEDA, seconded by BUNCK, to forward the budget paper to the AAA Board for their information. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 - BUNCK, SCHMIDLKOFER, LEZOTTE and CASTANEDA

Abstain: 1 - RAEMISCH

D. Presentations

None.

E. Reports to Committee

1. Wisconsin Senior Advocates

No Report.

2. ADRC Governing Board

[2025](#)
[RPT-003](#)

ADRC Governing Board Minutes March 10

Attachments: [2025_0310_ADRC_Board_Minutes](#)

3. County/State/Federal Legislative Update

Introduction of Lacy Fox, Government Affairs Dane County- "Lobbyist" was done at beginning of the meeting.

4. State's Aging Advisory Council

No Report.

5. Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network

[2024](#)
[RPT-653](#)

WAAN 2025-27 State Budget

Attachments: [Action Alert_WAAN_2025-27_State_Budget_4-07-25](#)

[2024](#)
[RPT-654](#)

GWAAR Board Update

Attachments: [Advocacy Update_GWAAR_Board_4-11-25-Final](#)

6. Chair & Staff Reports

[2025](#)
[RPT-004](#)

Response from Senator Ratcliff to Advocacy Letter

Attachments: [Senator Ratcliff Response](#)
[Letter to WI Congressional Delegation_MA Cuts](#)

[2025](#)
[RPT-013](#)

Advocacy Letter from Social Worker student

Attachments: [Advocacy Letter](#)

VELASQUEZ noted the Advocacy letter from Senator Radcliff and will be responding to the social work student about their advocacy letter for Dane County older adults.

F. Report out items to AAA Board

Advocacy letter to State and Federal Delegates

G. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 21, 2025 at 9 am via Hybrid

H. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None.

I. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

None.

J. Adjournment

A motion was made by SCHMIDLKOFER, seconded by RAEMISCH, that the meeting be adjourned at 10:01 am. The motion carried unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Cindy Matulle.