



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Aging & Disability Resource Center Governing Board

Consider:

Who benefits? Who is burdened?

Who does not have a voice at the table?

How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?

Monday, January 12, 2026

3:30 PM

Hybrid Meeting: Attend in person at
2865 N Sherman Ave or virtually by Zoom

Interpreters must be requested in advance; please see the bottom of the agenda for more information.

Los intérpretes deben solicitarse con anticipación; consulte el final de la agenda para obtener más información.

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The January 12, 2026 Aging & Disability Governing Board meeting will be a hybrid meeting. Members of the public can either attend in person or virtually via Zoom.

The public can attend in person at the ADRC, 2865 N Sherman Ave, Madison.

The public can access the meeting virtually with the Zoom application or by telephone.

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https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_9dFcDuodR7WJYm5_HNQ6AQ

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In person registrations to provide public comment will be accepted throughout the meeting.

VIRTUAL: Any members of the public wishing to register to speak on/support/oppose an agenda item **MUST REGISTER USING THE LINK ABOVE** (even if you plan to attend using your phone). Virtual registrations to provide public comment will be accepted until 30 minutes prior to the beginning of the meeting.

In order to testify (provide public comment) virtually, you must be in attendance at the meeting via Zoom or phone, you will then either be unmuted or promoted to a panelist and provided time to speak to the body.

If you want to submit a written comment for this meeting, or send handouts for board members, please send them to: moll.jana@dane county.gov

A. Call To Order

Staff and Guests Present: Jennifer Fischer, Jana Moll, Angela Velasquez

Chair Peterson called the meeting to order at 3:49 pm.

Present 9 - Vice Chair CASEY THOMPSON, ESTHER OLSON, Chair DAVID PETERSON, SARAH BOCHER, GERALDINE DAVENPORT, PHILP SAUNDERS, KEN GOLDEN, ROSA ROPERS, and ELIZABETH BUTLER

Absent 2 - BARBARA NICHOLS, and LISA JACKSON

B. Consideration of Minutes

A motion was made by GOLDEN, seconded by OLSON, that the minutes be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote 9-0.

2025 ADRC DECEMBER MINUTES
MIN-485

Attachments: [12.9.25 ADRC Minutes](#)

C. Presentations

NONE.

D. Action Items

NONE.

E. Chair's Report

NONE.

F. Board Member Reports

1. Geraldine Davenport - WISE Program

Davenport brought up her concern over the funding for the WISE program and the importance of it.

Fischer reported the funding comes from the Federal Government to the State which then contracts for the program. This program serves Dane County but is not funded by the county.

Fischer has been in contact with Sonja Lindquist, who runs the WISE program, the funding has been withheld from the Federal government since August 1 but the program has not been eliminated just put on hold.

Discussion continued and further explained.

2. Phil Saunders - Discussion and Exploration of a Flexible Property Tax Program for Senior Homeowners

Saunders spoke on residents in his neighborhood, he noticed a number of people are unable to take care of their homes.

He wondered about a flexible property tax for disadvantaged people.

Saunders investigated and found out it requires an amendment to the constitution of the State of Wisconsin.

Golden said the City has a reverse mortgage program - allows seniors to borrow against the equity in their house.

Golden explained there is further funding for other programs to do such things as home improvement.

Discussion continued and this is a possible guest speaker topic in the future.

3. Esther Olson - ADRC/AAA Joint Legislative meeting

Olson gave an update on a joint legislative meeting to happen in the Spring. A committee has been established to work on this with the AAA board and Lacy Fox. The committee will be made up of a couple people from the ADRC Board and the Legislative Advocacy Board of the AAA.

Attendance Update

Present 7 - ESTHER OLSON, Chair DAVID PETERSON, SARAH BOCHER, PHILP SAUNDERS, KEN GOLDEN, ROSA ROPERS, and ELIZABETH BUTLER

Absent 4 - BARBARA NICHOLS, Vice Chair CASEY THOMPSON, LISA JACKSON, and GERALDINE DAVENPORT

G. Manager's Report

1. General ADRC Update

Fischer shared data from 2025.

Fischer said the ADRC currently has three I&A positions that are being frozen and one open clerical position that is in the process of being filled.

2025 ADRC DATA
RPT-649

Attachments: [Board Data presentation](#)

2. Reframing Aging and Disability initiative

Fischer spoke about a state initiative that the board is able to participate in this. The movement is to end ageism and ableism in Wisconsin and encouraged the board to attend future trainings.

Olson requested a guest speaker from the State of Wisconsin who is heading this initiative.

2025 REFRAMING AGING AND DISABILITY INITIATIVE
RPT-650

Attachments: [Reframing Aging and Disability in Wisconsin Overview 12-19-25](#)

3. ADRC Marketing and Outreach

Fischer is working on a marketing plan for the ADRC this year. She would like to hear from the new board members where they do interact where they get their information from. In what venue they had heard about the ADRC. She would like to hear back by January 26.

H. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Monday, February 9, 2026 at 3:30 pm.

I. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

NONE.

J. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

NONE.

K. Adjourn

A motion was made by GOLDEN, seconded by ROPERS, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a voice vote 7-0.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jana Moll