



# 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?*

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Wednesday, February 25, 2026

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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See below for additional instructions on how to attend the meeting and provide public testimony.

The Wednesday, February 25, 2026 AAA Legislative/Advocacy 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 building, 2865 N Sherman Ave Room 109, Madison.

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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: [Matulle.Cindy@danecounty.gov](mailto:Matulle.Cindy@danecounty.gov)

Guests & Staff Present: Lacy Fox, Kat Froehlich, Shannon Gabriel, Cindy Matulle, and Lynn Riley.

**A. Call To Order**

Chair LEZOTTE called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.

**Present** 6 - TED BUNCK, JIM SCHMIDLKOFER, NATALIE RAEMISCH, ANNA LEZOTTE, JODIE CASTANEDA, and AMY WURF

**B. Consideration of Minutes**

[2025](#)  
[MIN-376](#) Minutes from October 22, 2025

**Attachments:** [2025\\_1022\\_AAA Leg-Adv Committee Minutes](#)

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

**C. Action Items**

None.

**D. Presentations**

a. Update on In-District Meeting planning for Dane County

AAA Manager Lynn Riley reported WAAN wants the meeting to be done between middle of March 2026 and the middle of October 2026. Will connect soon with Esther Olson, ADRC Governing Board member about all of the details.

b. Save the Date: WAAN 2026 Aging Advocacy Day of Action

Mark your calendars, on Wed., May 6, 2026, the Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network (WAAN) will host a "Day of Action" including a virtual training followed by an online campaign. We will use this day to celebrate Older Americans Month and lift priority aging network issues for the next budget and legislative session. Our day of action will be complemented by local, in-district meetings held by WAAN core members throughout the state.

Chair LEZOTTE stated this would be a virtual training day. RILEY stated she is on the WAAN leadership team and will share when the invite comes out.

**E. Reports to Committee**

a. ADRC Governing Board

[2025 RPT-736](#) ADRC Minutes and Agenda

**Attachments:** [2026\\_1225\\_ADRC Board Minutes](#)  
[2026\\_0209 ADRC Board Agenda](#)

Nothing Aging to add.

b. County/State/Federal Legislative Update

LEZOTTE stated clients are reporting changes to benefits are starting to have an impact. Lacy Fox and intern Hannah provided some bills that have passed through the assembly by the State's Task Force. Grant for falls awareness, DHS economic support staff through ADRC, preventing scams, and allows financial service providers to take certain actions when a vulnerable adult is suspected. Higher penalties to people who commit crimes against older adults. Next round of bills will be April 2.

FOX discussed Next of Kin bill has passed through the Assembly and is moving forward to the Senate. Revisions have been made to the bill to the Senate.

Discussion by committee members about the POA and Next of Kin bills. Main issue is older adults being discharged from a facility and not having a say of where they go.

c. State's Aging Advisory Council

RILEY checking on membership and see if someone will join the AAA Legislative/Advocacy Committee to keep updates coming to the committee.

d. US Aging Legislative Update

RILEY stated she was including the WAAN State Legislation Tracking sheet with this as well. Update from Janet Zander, GWAAR, of what bills passed in the Assembly.

e. Wisconsin Aging Advisory Network

i. GWAAR-WAAN State Legislation Tracking

[2025](#)  
[RPT-737](#)

GWAAR-WAAN

**Attachments:** [GWAAR-WAAN State-Legislation-Tracking 2025-2026 Jan-2026 REV](#)

RILEY shared concerns over Next of Kin bill SB 98 and AB 795. These both passed fairly quickly through the Assembly.

ii. Understanding the Impact of H.R. 1 on Older Immigrants' Access to Health Care-Justice in Aging

[2025](#)  
[RPT-738](#)

Justice in Aging

**Attachments:** [Understanding the Impact of H.R.1 on Older Immigrants' Access to Health Care - Justice in Aging](#)

RILEY wanted committee members to review this attachment and be aware if any concerns come about from the bill. RILEY talked with bilingual staff at ADRC and nothing has been noticed so far as impacting Spanish speaking clients. RILEY will check in with ADRC if any changes are seen and impacting clients.

f. Chair & Staff Reports

i. AAA is recruiting Advisory Council Members

[2025](#)  
[RPT-739](#)

Advisory Council

**Attachments:** [AAA Dane Advisory Council Interest](#)

RILEY shared the advertising for recruiting members for the Advisory Council. Please post in areas where people could see the notice and get members signed up.

**F. Report Out Items to AAA Board**

None.

**G. Future Meeting Items and Dates**

Next meeting: Wednesday April 22, 2026 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 BUNCK, seconded by SCHMIDLKOFER, that the meeting be adjourned at 9:42am. The motion carried unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Cindy Matulle.