



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, October 22, 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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testimony.

The Wednesday October 22, 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 & Guests Present: Lacy Fox, Kat Froehlich, Shannon Gabriel, Diana Jost, Cindy Matulle, Claire Purkis, Lynn Riley and Diane Turner.

A. Call To Order

Chair LEZOTTE called the meeting to order at 9:05 am.

Present 5 - TED BUNCK, NATALIE RAEMISCH, ANNA LEZOTTE, JODIE CASTANEDA, and AMY WURF

Absent 1 - JIM SCHMIDLKOFER

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2025](#)
[MIN-336](#)

Minutes from August 27, 2025.

Attachments: [2025_0827_AAA Leg-Adv Committee Minutes](#)

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

C. Presentations

- a. WAAN Update: Planning and Hosting In-District Legislative Forum in 2026.

[2025](#)
[PRES-168](#)

Examples of Planning and Hosting In-District Legislative Forum in 2026

Attachments: [Aging Advocacy Day-Local Forums](#)

[Sample Planning and Hosting an In-District Legislative Meeting](#)
[072025](#)

RILEY reported WAAN is changing the annual Advocacy Day to hosting in odd numbered years. This would be in the middle of the 3-year Aging Plans. In place of the annual Advocacy Day the ADRC Governing Board and AAA Board/Committees would like to plan a combined open house in early 2026. Members from ADRC and AAA Boards, AAA Legislative/Advocacy Committee would work together to plan and host an In-District Legislative forum for all Dane County Delegates.

Discussion by members about making sure there are topics to advocate for with the delegates and make sure topics are shared with each county. Having 72 different counties advocating different needs would be confusing and not have the same goals as the annual Advocacy Day. GABRIEL shared an example of State Delegates awarding additional money to ADRC's for Nutrition Programming. The delegates are not aware that AAA is separate from ADRC and AAA's never saw the added funding for nutrition.

This committee will need to designate two members to join others from the boards to lead in the planning of this event.

<https://gwaar.org/advocacy-toolkit>

b. Dane County AAA Advisory Council

RILEY discussed dissolving the AAA Access Committee and replacing it with AAA Advisory Council. The council is required from the Older Americans Act and is in the Dane County 2025-2027 Aging Plan.

D. Action Items

- a. Proposed Meet and Greet for the Dane County State Legislative Delegation. (Esther Olson and Lynn Riley)

[2025](#)
[ACT-236](#)

Joint Meet & Greet for the Dane County State Legislative Delegation.

Attachments: [2025 1022 PROPOSAL R2 -Meetgreet DCdelegation](#)

A motion was made by CASTANEDA, seconded by RAEMISCH, to approve moving forward with presenting to AAA Board of working with ADRC Governing Board for a combined open house. The motion carried by a voice vote.

- b. Advocacy Supporting Federal & State Programs

FOX discussed Falls Prevention bill that was being discussed at the state. Task force for Elder Services is being created at the state level. Press release by Governor Evers that Food Share benefits will be ending October 31 with the Federal Government shutdown continuing.

No action taken.

E. Reports to Committee

- a. ADRC Governing Board

[2025](#)
[RPT-380](#)

ADRC Governing Board

Attachments: [2025_0915 ADRC Minutes](#)

No aging programming discussed

- b. County/State/Federal Legislative Update

Discussed in Action Items

- c. State's Aging Advisory Council

BUNCK reported it is getting more difficult staying on top of issues as things are changing every day.

d. US Aging Legislative Update

Waiting for Federal shutdown to end.

e. Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network

[2025](#) GWAAR Board Advocacy Update
[RPT-381](#)

Attachments: [Advocacy Update GWAAR Advisory Council Board Oct. 2025](#)

GWAAR is advertising a call to action of nutrition issues with food share ending. Request to fill the food pantries with multiple food donation drop off locations. Second Harvest has been placing food bins at as many locations as they can.

**Note: Volunteer Driver Protection-seeing legislative sponsors
Speaker's Task Force on Elder Services**

[2025](#) Volunteer Driver Protection
[RPT-432](#)

Attachments: [Support Needed – Sign On to Protect Wisconsin's Volunteer Drivers \(LRB-4850 – soon to be released\)](#)

f. Chair & Staff Reports

i. AAA is recruiting board members

[2025](#) AAA is recruiting board members
[RPT-382](#)

Attachments: [Recruitment Flyer 081325](#)

RILEY reported we are still in need of AAA Board members.

ii. Future Dane County Public Hearings, Committee and Board meeting: Health and Human Needs tonight (10/22)

F. Report out items to AAA Board

Proposed Meet and greet. Creation of Advisory Council.

G. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next meeting: Wednesday December 3, 2025 at 9am 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 CASTANEDA, that the meeting be adjourned at 9:53 am. The motion carried unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Cindy Matulle.