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CCoA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

David Lindeman, Chair

Committee Members Present

Vice Chair Ben Jauregui, Commissioners Erika Castile, Alex Davis, Janet Frank, Brendalynn Goodall, Jeannee Parker Martin, Lenore Tate

Committee Members Absent

Erika Castile

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Establish Quorum

Chair Lindeman called the meeting to order at 10:02 am. Executive Swartzlander called the roll. A quorum was established.

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Minutes of January 20, 2026 Executive Committee Meeting were approved as read with no changes.

4. Chair Comments

Lindeman thanked the staff for their hard work in putting together the general meeting program and legislative visits.

5. Committee Reports

A. Behavioral Health Committee

Commissioner Frank announced that she attended the most recent Behavioral Health Planning Council Meeting as an appointed member. There will be a Behavioral Health Committee Meeting in-person on February 11th in Sacramento at 4:45 pm, following the General Meeting. Available Commissioners are welcome to attend.

6. Executive Director Updates

Executive Director Swartzlander announced that newly-appointed Commissioner, Diana Carpenter-Madoshi, will be present in person for the February 11 General Meeting and February



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12 legislative events.

- A. Collaborations: Swartzlander is working with Eldera to update the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Dana Griffin, Co-Founder and CEO of Eldera.ai, will present February 11, 2026 at the General Meeting to share updates on the CCoA/Eldera partnership.
- B. Age Inclusive Management Strategies (AIMS) Cohort Project
AIMS received mention in the California Department of Aging's report. Statements of Interest are being collected from partners and the Cohort is working on a date in April for the in-person meeting.
- C. Marijke Melman shared that the Distinguished Innovation Fellows (DIT) from Arizona State University approached the Commission requesting sponsorship in their new California cohort in the next academic year. The Mesa, Arizona-based program is a learning and innovation initiative designed for experienced adults (generally 60+) who are transitioning from a career into a new phase of purposeful contribution. Continuing education and cohort-based learning focus on a specific, socially engaged project that each fellow develops throughout the course. Commissioners in the Los Angeles area will be invited to attend ASU's annual Difference Engine event, BUILD, with Melman in March 2026 where DIT fellows pitch their project to funders.
 - Swartzlander and Patrick Smith met with students from the University of Southern California for the Master of Policy Practicum Project. It was noted that outreach has been stronger, and aging issues are getting recognized.

7. Legislative Update

Smith reported that the Legislative Committee approved the 2 bill concepts: a long-term mutual aid bill cosponsored with LeadingAge, and a bill creating a state-level public conservator position under the California Department of Social Services. Language for both bills has been submitted to legislative counsel, and the Legislative Advocacy Committee is waiting for confirmation before seeking authors.

8. February 11-12 General Meeting Update

- A. Swartzlander announced that California Department of Aging Executive Director Susan Damorais and Department of Rehabilitation Executive Director Kim Rutledge from the Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) have been invited to speak at the Commission's



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February 12 Legislative Lunch. The focus of the event this year aims to balance business with presentations, and social networking.

- B. The Legislative Toolkit for the Commissioners' February 12 legislative visits was reviewed. A schedule of appointments will be shared with the Commissioner once finalized. Each Commissioner will receive a packet prepared for each of their respective meetings. There will be additional copies available at the Legislative Lunch. Thank you cards will also be provided at the debrief session on February 12, from 3 to 4 pm.

9. Public Comment

None.

10. Commissioner Comments

None.

11. Next Executive Committee Meeting:

March 3, 2026, 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

12. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:28 a.m.