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TACC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

May 14, 2026

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1. Welcome, Call to Order, and Pledge of Allegiance

Ted Smith, TACC President, called the meeting to order at 1:02 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call and Establish a Quorum

A quorum was established.

3. Approve TACC General Meeting Minutes from March 12, 2026.

Approved with no revisions.

4. Public Comment for items not on this Agenda

None.

5. President's Remarks

President Smith shared a report from the Pasadena City Council's May 13 town hall.

6. Staff Report

CCoA Updates

- Interviews are occurring for the Legislative and Policy Analyst position with a potential onboarding date early- to mid-June.
- CCoA has an informational hearing planned for June 11, 2026 titled, Nowhere to Go: Addressing the Crisis in Supportive Housing for Older Californians.
- The Age Inclusive Management Strategies cohort began monthly meetings in April. Five state agency partners are involved in this pilot project in California.

TACC Updates

- Upcoming 2026 TACC General Meetings: September 17 (hybrid), and November 17-19 in concert with the C4A Conference in Orange Grove. All are encouraged to attend. Expenses for attendance of one TACC representative from each PSA will be reimbursed.



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7. Presentation: From Advocacy to Impact: C4A Advocacy Day and H.R.1's Effect on Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs)

Christina Mills, Executive Director, C4A

Paul Dunaway, Sonoma AAA

Mills and Dunaway shared a presentation on AAAs and their influence in the community. Thirty-three Areas of Aging in 52 counties offer support to older adults, adults with disabilities and caregivers. The implementation of SB 1249 may result in changing some AAAs. H.R. 1 is resulting in changes to Medi-Cal, In-Home Support Services (IHSS), nutrition programs, and supportive housing. Currently, the state is at the mid-point of the Master Plan on Aging (MPA) initiative. The next five years will be crucial to sustaining the services offered by AAAs. In response to a growing need, C4A is exploring opportunities to offer advocacy training and education to the AAAs.

8. Presentation: Advancing Rural Aging Policy in California

Pauline DeLange Martinez, PhD, Research and Community Engagement Manager, Family Caregiving Institute, Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing, UC Davis

Building on input shared with TACC in 2025, Dr. Martinez presented the final Aging in Rural California policy brief series and explored how current federal and state developments—including Medicaid reductions under H.R. 1 and the Rural Health Transformation Program—shape opportunities for action. Drawing on community-engaged research across seven rural counties, the presentation highlighted practical policy solutions to strengthen health care, long-term services and supports, and housing. Opportunities were identified for AAAs to advance rural aging equity.

Dr. Martinez shared policy briefs for local advocacy. She encouraged council members to reach out to the California Department of Healthcare Access and Information (HCAI) to prioritize older adults in the Rural Health Transformation Program. Policy recommendations include long-term services and support, especially for caregivers. HCAI is advancing initiatives in technology, billing systems, scholarships, clinical rotations, and staff retention for mutual benefits

9. Presentation: California Commission on Aging Legislative Update

Patrick Smith, Legislative Director, CCoA

- Swartzlander shared an update in Smith's stead.



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- The AB 2283 Conservatorship bill is currently in suspense following a California Department of Social Services cost estimate in the millions. Staff will follow up with the California Department of Social Services to clarify the cost analysis and the bill's rationale and to explore options for reintroduction.
- The Governor's State Budget Revision was released. CCoA is analyzing the budget and does not yet have comments.

10. Planning and Service Area (PSA) Survey results

Submit changes to ccoa@ccoa.ca.gov as needed.

The compiled PSA Survey Annual Report is available online.

11. PSA Reports

The compiled PSA Quarterly Report link will be shared by email.

12. Member Comments

- Tita Bladen shared that the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors announced the elimination of senior day care services, which is offered at only one local facility. In addition, senior legal services are being moved to a contractor and out of the AAA.
- Jill Kleiner announced that a local 5% sales tax is being offered to voters to consider to replace funds lost from HR1.
- Susan Mallett commented that her county is coordinating efforts to address the impact of HR1. Especially the impact on CalFresh enrollment and Medi-Cal. The county is training their outreach workers to understand reporting requirements and how to keep clients enrolled. They are also considering a 1% sales tax to fund services.
- Ted Smith shared that the annual Senior Rally Day occurs this year in May, which is also Older Americans Month.
- Kristi Denton Cohen shared that her PSA hosted a "scam jam" to educate the community. Several classes were offered. One recommendation is to have a family "safe" word to use if a scammer attempts to impersonate you. Cohen is terming off TACC and is sad to go.
- Jenny Helman in Sonoma County announced that they have a senior resource fair planned for September.
- Bobby Warton commented that four local council members were recalled who have been serving for many years. Her PSA is hosting an elder abuse awareness event in June.
- Joyce Gandelman is preparing a local proclamation for Older Americans Month. Local older adults will be recognized for their volunteerism.
- Suggested topics for future meetings:



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- Progress of the Interstate Funding Formula and SB 1249.
- CA 2023 presentation
- HR1 periodic updates on how changes are being addressed in California
- Debbie Deam spam webinar

13. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 3:23 pm.