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TACC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

September 17, 2026

1. Welcome, Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Ted Smith, TACC President called the meeting to order at 1:03 pm.

2. Roll Call and Establish a Quorum

Roll was taken. A quorum was established.

3. Approve TACC General Meeting Minutes from May 14, 2026.

The minutes were approved with no changes.

4. Public Comment for items not on this Agenda

John Pointer of the California Senior Legislature (CSL) asked TACC members to share their legislative priorities with him directly.

5. President's Remarks

President Smith shared remarks.

6. TACC General Meeting and Election Information

- a. The next General Meeting will be Thursday, October 29, 1:00 to 2:00 pm (virtual) for the purpose of holding elections for the 2027-2029 term.
- b. President Smith announced the appointment of Tita Bladen and Rich Corvello to the Nomination Committee. Bobbie Wartson, Immediate Past President, will serve as the third member.
- c. Instructions on submitting statements of interest will be sent to TACC members by email following the meeting.

7. Staff Report

- a. California Commission on Aging (CCoA) updates:
The California Association of Area Agencies on Aging (C4A) conference early bird registration deadline has been extended to September 21. Staff encouraged members to register now if they have not already. The C4A conference begins November 17 at 1:30 pm and runs through November 19, at the Hyatt Regency Orange County, Orange



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Grove. We have a record registration of 22 registrants from the Commission and TACC as of today.

- b. Joint TACC / CCoA Meeting (in-person) November 17, 10:15 to 10:45 am will be a casual networking coffee break, followed by presentations from 10:45 to 11:45 am.

8. California Commission on Aging Legislative Update

Patrick Smith, Legislative Director, reported that CCoA is supporting several bills, including AB 871, AB 1817, SB 971, SB 991, and SB 1160.

CCoA also supports AB 2081, which would increase the number of slots available under the Home and Community-Based Alternatives (HCBA) Waiver. TACC members are encouraged to send letters of support to Smith. Suggestions for 2027 legislative priorities may also be sent to Smith, with a copy to Karol Swartzlander.

The conservatorship bill previously sponsored by CCoA was held in the Appropriations Committee and is expected to be revisited next year.

9. Presentation: Staying Safer in a Digital World: How Area Agencies on Aging Can Promote Programs to Mitigate the Risk of Fraud and Support Those Victimized in Transnational Scams

Debbie Deem, co-facilitator of the National Adult Protective Services Association (NAPSA) monthly fraud forum, former FBI Victim Specialist in Los Angeles, and a volunteer at the national, state, and local levels, gave a presentation on fraud.

Ms. Deem noted that fraud is increasing and now involves not only local and state entities but foreign countries. Limited resources have allowed scams targeting specific populations to spread widely. Everyone is a potential target. Fraud takes many forms, and criminals exploit human emotions to build a connection with their targets and manipulate them. Schemes are growing more sophisticated, with new tactics emerging daily. Much fraud goes unreported because of stigma or a lack of awareness about how to report it. Resources from the presentation will be sent to attendees to share.

Deem shared a four-step approach to staying safe: Pause, Research, Protect, and Practice. She also highlighted the National Elder Fraud Hotline as a resource for reporting and support. A need was noted for advocates willing to share their own experiences as fraud victims.



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10. Presentation: Preventing Homelessness Among Older Adults: The Role of Area Agencies on Aging

Miguel Robleto, LA County Department of Aging and Disabilities, Program Manager, Area Agency on Aging

Jean Galiana, MASM, LA County Department of Aging and Disabilities, Human Services Administrator III – Homelessness

Robleto and Galiana discussed the roles and programs Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) play, which are vital in preserving housing for older adults. Services and supports can prevent individuals from becoming unhoused and contribute to housing stability. In Los Angeles County, Linkages Case Management for those with disabilities offers supportive services to help older adults remain independent and at home.

Robleto and Galiana explained that the AAA role is primarily intervention and prevention. They reviewed current LA County Department of Aging and Disabilities homelessness prevention programs, including legal assistance and the Linkages program, which can provide cash assistance or subsidize a purchase based on a client's need to address a crisis. A small investment, about \$2,000 per client per year, can keep someone housed. The Supportive Services program is expanding to include cash and material aid.

The Aging and Disability Resource Connection addresses many needs. The threat of homelessness is often not the first thing a caller mentions; it may come to light while staff address other needs such as food or benefits assistance, help paying for an essential need, or home modifications. When people experiencing homelessness attend AAA congregate meals, staff try to connect them with services. About 300 LA County Department of Aging and Disabilities clients are currently experiencing homelessness. Adult Protective Services and HomeSafe are cooperating on home modifications.

11. PSA Survey results

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

12. Planning and Service Area (PSA) Reports

PSA 29 is discussing the impact of budget cuts in rural areas and how services can be more effective.



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PSA 23 has a CSL representative that can be invited to share the top 10 priorities at a TACC meeting.

PSA 29 reported that the county is considering budget cuts even to mandated programs, which will affect the breadth and type of services offered and how many people providers are expected to serve. It was advised to email details to CCoA staff and Karol Swartzlander to forward to the California Department of Aging (CDA). PSA 29 also discussed bringing the county Board of Supervisors into alignment with CSL, CCoA, and CDA policies, and which approaches work best for rural counties.

PSA 5 described a recent senior fair and noted that local nonprofits are experiencing significant financial stress. Concerns were raised that some nonprofits may become insolvent and unable to continue providing services. PSA 5 asked how this can be anticipated and addressed before it happens.

13. Member Comments

PSA 7 asked to hear the CSL's priorities once determined, along with its past successes. Two CSL-supported bills are currently on the Governor's desk. John Pointer of CSL was suggested as a possible presenter.

Members also called for more advocacy.

Suggested topics for Future Meetings:

- Impact of Data Centers
- Mandatory service statistics for counties during budget constraints
- How services have changed over the years
- Financial stress on non-profit programs
- CSL representatives share the top 10 legislative priorities
- Point-in-time homelessness counts: how they are conducted and how the data is compiled
- Rural counties and priority services

14. Adjourn

Adjourned at 3:48 pm.