



**MINUTES OF THE
WASHOE COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY
SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

April 8, 2026

Washoe County, 1155 East Ninth Street, Reno, NV
Building E, The Mint Room
&
Zoom Webinar

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1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Call To Order [Non-Action Item] - Meeting was called to order at time 3:02p.m. by Chair – Pamela Roberts.

3. Roll Call [Non-Action Item] – There was a quorum present via in-person and through Zoom meeting.

WASHOE COUNTY SENIOR SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS:

PRESENT

C. Mark Neumann
Mac Rossi
Patricia Gallimore
Adolfo Correa
Thuy Tran
Monica Webb

Benecia Price
Pam Roberts
Edward Lamb
Ann Guinn
Alan Di Stefano

ABSENT (EXCUSED)

Donald Abbott
Denise Myer
Mary Ann McCauley

WASHOE COUNTY STAFF PRESENT

Cara Paoli
Herb Kaplan
Cynthia Shonnard
William Martinez
Abby Badolato

EX-OFFICIO PRESENT

Donald Abbott, Sparks
City Council
Commissioner Michael
Clark, BCC

ADVISOR PRESENT

Sue Meuschke
Larry Weiss
Donna Clontz
Connie McCullen

4. Public Comment [Non-Action Item] –

Timothy Johnston, Better Business Bureau: spoke on scam prevention and the Better Business Bureau presentations taking place on May 5th at 1pm at the Northwest Reno Library, May 12th at 1pm at the Sparks Library and on May 21st at 10:30am at the South Reno Library.

Donna Clontz, AARP: spoke on free AARP activities happening in the month of April regarding scam prevention. In May, AARP will be having free movie nights starting May 12th at the Summit Mall Theatre.

5. Approval of the Minutes from the Advisory Board Meeting on March 11th [for Possible Action]. Patricia Gallimore motioned to approve minutes with amendments, Mac Rossi seconded. Minutes passed unanimously.

Many corrections were pointed out and have been corrected.

6. Presentation by Washoe County Commission Chair, Clara and Nevada Department of Veteran Services Director Colonel Devine and Glenna Smith, Program Development Manager and Rommel Ferrer, Deputy Director of Benefits and Michael Siddon, VSO Program Manager regarding Veteran Service Officers in Washoe County. [Non-Action Item]

7. Motion to approve the Bylaws with amendments by Patricia Gallimore, seconded by Benecia Price. Bylaws with amendments passed unanimously.

8. Update from Benecia Price, Board Member and Donna Clontz, AARP Associate Member regarding Washoe County Action Plan and AARP age-friendly plan. They discussed whether to draft an Executive Summary or a Letter of Support from a Washoe County Official. [For Discussion Only] (10min)

9. Sarah Mollick, supervising attorney for Northern Nevada Legal Services, presented an update on their work, noting they have handled 137 cases from January to March of this year. She also mentioned working with Sparks City Council Member Donald Abbott, on new programs. As well as seminars from Northern Nevada Legal Services in June that will be focusing on tenant education and opportunities. [Non-Action Item]

10. Update from Donna Clontz, AARP Associate Member regarding Reno age-friendly action plan. She touched on garnering community funding, as well as partnering with the Senior Coalition of Washoe County. [For Discussion Only]

11. Update from Sue Meuschke, Associate Member regarding the Volunteer Fair on April 23rd and the Volunteer Orientation on April 23rd at the Reno Senior Center. She requested Board members to attend for evaluation and feedback. [For Discussion Only] (10 min)

12. Update on City of Sparks current activities for seniors [Non-Action Item] – Washoe County Senior Services Coordinator, Abby Badolato in place of Donald Abbott, Sparks City Council Ward 1. City of Sparks will be having a booth at the Older Americans Month Info Fair on May 1st. (5 min)

13. Updates from Washoe County Senior Services [Non-Action Item] – Human Services Division Director, Adult and Senior Services Cara Paoli and Human Services Senior Services Coordinator, Abby Badolato, introduced new Senior Services Activity Coordinator Lisa O’Grady.

Update on Older American Month Booklets as well as OAM vendors. They also touched on grant request to the State of Nevada for Senior Services Homemaker Program. (15 min)

14. Consider advocating for Waste Management to lower age from 70 to 65, or 60, for seniors to receive a discount. Human Services, Senior Services Coordinator, Abby Badolato, mentioned using Older Americans Act definition of a senior to be a person 60 years of age and older to support advocacy to lower age for senior discount. Board also touched on whether to reach out to Northern Nevada Public Health as well due to franchise agreement between Waste Management and Public Health Department. Motion passed unanimously to include this topic in next month's meeting. [For Possible Action] (10 min)

16. Public comment [Non-Action Item]

Sue Meuschke: spoke on volunteer appreciation event from April 20th to 24th at the Reno Senior Center.

Mac Rossi: announced free swimming events for seniors Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11am to 12pm in June at the Sun Valley Pool.

Ann Guinn: spoke on getting business cards for board members. Senior Services Coordinator, Abby Badolato mentioned previous attempts to get business cards for board members in the past were declined. However, she stated she would look into the possibility of getting them this time around for the board.

Veronica Cortes: introduced herself as a candidate for the Nevada Assembly in District 27.

17. ADJOURNMENT [Non-Action Item] 4:59 PM by Chair Pamela Roberts.

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Washoe County Senior Services
Building E
1155 East Ninth Street
Reno, Nevada
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