



## M E E T I N G   S U M M A R Y

### Orange County Older Adults Advisory Commission

**Friday, January 9, 2026**

**9:30 A.M.**

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#### **Location:**

County Operations Data Center  
Main Conference Room  
1400 S. Grand Ave.  
Santa Ana CA 92705

1. CALL TO ORDER: Chair, Rachel Owens
2. INSPIRATION: Commissioner, Amina Sen-Matthews
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner, Amina Sen-Matthews
4. ROLL CALL: Secretary, Ken Higman  
*PRESENT: Elizabeth Busick, Anne Calvo, Jerry Chang, Lynette Fujitani, Howard Hart, Gene Hernandez, Ken Higman, Jackie Kim, Mariann Klinger, Marina Leontiev, Felix Lopez, Catherine Louie, Kristen Maahs, Bilquis Manjra, Crystal Miles, Joni Nichols, Mario Ortega, Rachel Owens, John Pointer, Amina Sen-Matthews, Christina Shea, Barbara Sloate, Sandy Stang, Nathan Steele, Dave Tetzlaff, Jennifer Wang, Dave Wheeler and William Wong.*  
*ABSENT: Charlene Ashendorf, Cash Benton, Meredith Chillemi, Janie Lim, Marty Simonoff and Preeti Singh.*
5. PUBLIC COMMENTS:  
At this time, members of the public may address the Commission regarding any items within the subject jurisdiction, provided that no action is taken on off-agenda items unless authorized by law. (Comments shall be limited to three (3) minutes, unless the Chair pre-identifies a different time at the start of meeting for all public speakers).  
*No Public Comment.*
6. INTRODUCTIONS: Chair, Rachel Owens

**7. PRESENTATIONS:****OC Cares: Master Plan for Aging Update**

Liz Guillen-Merchant, Assistant Deputy Chief Operating Officer

Chrislyn Nefas-Ferencz, Data Analytics Senior Manager

County of Orange, Chief Executive Office

**8. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

A. 2026-2027 OAAC Goals and Objectives Ad-Hoc Committee Updates

B. Senior Center Liaison Topic:

- i. Does your Senior/Community Center have upcoming resource fairs or special events in the next three months? If yes, please share an electronic copy of event flyer or link.

**9. ACTION ITEMS:**

A. 2025 OAAC Annual Report

Recommendation: Discuss, adopt, and present the 2025 OAAC Annual Report to the Orange County Board of Supervisors.

*Motioned by Chair Rachel Owens with the understanding that a typo within the document will be fixed and final volunteer hours will be added.*

*Moved by Commissioner Christina Shea, Second by Commissioner Elizabeth Busick  
Unanimous Approval*

10. OC OFFICE ON AGING UPDATES: Claudia Harris, Director, Strategic Initiatives – Aging Services

11. CHAIR REPORT: Chair, Rachel Owens

12. SENIOR CENTER AND CITY LIAISON UPDATES: All Commission Members

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS: All Commission Members

**14. ADJOURNMENT:****Next OAAC Full Commission Meeting**

February 13, 2026 – 9:30 a.m.

**OAAC Executive Committee**

January 23, 2026 – 9:30 a.m.

DISCLAIMER: No member of OAAC shall sign a letter or make a statement purported to represent the position of OAAC as a body. Letters or verbal statements of support or opposition on any issue shall only be made or signed by the Chair of OAAC and shall be submitted to the Commission for pre-approval. The policy of the Board of Supervisors does not allow OAAC or its Chair to sign a letter of position on any matters pertaining to legislation. OAAC members may write personal letters or speak as individuals stating personal positions but may not do so as representing the position or opinion of OAAC or the County of Orange.