



M E E T I N G S U M M A R Y

Orange County Older Adults Advisory Commission

Friday, May 8, 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, Dave Wheeler
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner, Dave Wheeler
4. ROLL CALL: Secretary, Ken Higman
PRESENT: Cash Benton, Christine Bird, Elizabeth Busick, Anne Calvo, Jerry Chang, Meredith Chillemi, Lynette Fujitani, Howard Hart, Gene Hernandez, Ken Higman, Mariann Klinger, Marina Leontiev, Felix Lopez, Catherine Louie, Kristen Maahs, Bilquis Manjra, Crystal Miles, Joni Nichols, Mario Ortega, Rachel Owens, Amina Sen-Matthews, Preeti Singh, Christina Shea, Sandy Stang, Nathan Steele, Dave Tetzlaff, Jennifer Wang, Dave Wheeler and William Wong
ABSENT: Jackie Kim, Jose Ocanas, John Pointer, Marty Simonoff, and Barbara Sloate
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).

Speaker: Patty Mouton from Alzheimer's Orange County had questions and comments about the Resource Guide that Office on Aging has created.

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. OAAC Matrix Ad-Hoc Committee Updates
- B. Housing Security Ad-Hoc Committee Updates
- C. California Senior Legislature Updates

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

10. CHAIR REPORT: Chair, Rachel Owens

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

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS: All Commission Members

13. ADJOURNMENT

Next OAAC Full Commission Meeting

June 12, 2026 – 9:30 a.m.

OAAC Executive Committee

May 22, 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.