



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

Orange County Older Adults Advisory Commission

Friday, August 14, 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, Anne Calvo
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner, David Tetzlaff
4. ROLL CALL: Secretary, Ken Higman
PRESENT: Cash Benton, Elizabeth Busick, Jerry Chang, Meredith Chillemi, Judith Cooper, Gene Hernandez, Ken Higman, Jackie Kim, Mariann Klinger, Marina Leontiev, Felix Lopez, Bilquis Manjra, Jose Ocanas, Rachel Owens, John Pointer, Amina Sen-Matthews, Marty Simonoff, Preeti Singh, Sandy Stang, Nathan Steele, Dave Tetzlaff, Dave Wheeler, William Wong, Christine Bird, Anne Calvo, Lynette Fujitani, Catherine Louie, Kristen Maahs, Mario Ortega, Christina Shea, Jennifer Wang, and Jordan Wu.
ABSENT: Joni Nichols, Howard Hart, Crystal Miles, and Sonia Sehgal
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 Comments

6. INTRODUCTIONS: Chair, Rachel Owens

7. PRESENTATIONS:

Legal Services and Real Estate Fraud

Brooke Weitzman, Executive Director
Elder Law and Disability Rights Center

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- A. Triple A Council of California (TACC) Volunteer
- B. Senior Center Liaisons

9. ACTION ITEMS:

- A. 2026 California Senior Legislature Senior Senators

Recommendation: Approve the two (2) Senior Senators candidates:

- i. John Pointer

Chair Rachel Owens motions to appoint Jon Pointer as our Senior Senator to CSL. Moved by Commissioner Nathan Steele and seconded by Commissioner Christina Shea. Unanimous approval.

- ii. Jim Levy

**Jim Levy was absent.*

- B. 2026 California Senior Legislature Senior Assemblymembers

Recommendation: Vote for five (5) Senior Assemblymembers candidates:

- i. Celestine Samuel-Blalock

- ii. Elizabeth Busick

- iii. Shari Horne

**Shari Horne was absent.*

- iv. Mariann Klinger

- v. Dave Tetzlaff

- vi. William Wong

Chair Rachel Owens motions to approve all five candidates (Celestine Samuel-Blalock, Elizabeth Busick, Mariann Klinger, Dave Tetzlaff, and William Wong) to serve on the Assembly side of CSL. Moved by Christina Shea and seconded by Commissioner Dave Wheeler. 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**

September 11, 2026 – 9:30 a.m.

OAAC Executive Committee

August 28, 2026 – 9:30 a.m.

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