

Attachment C Notice of July 2026 COA Meeting

**FAIRFAX AREA COMMISSION ON AGING (COA) /
NO WRONG DOOR ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Virtual Meeting

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DRAFT MINUTES

Wednesday, June 17, 2026 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Commissioners Present: Irv Katz (Chair/City of Falls Church), Cathy Cole (Vice-Chair/At Large), Jim Kirkpatrick (Secretary/Springfield), Sharron Dreyer (Franconia), Pat Humphlett (Mason), Brenda Irons-LeCesne (Hunter Mill), Manisha Maskay (City of Fairfax), Cathy Muha (Sully), Juan Tuason (Dranesville), Dan Lee (Providence) and Mike Perel (Braddock)

Commissioners Absent: Diane Watson (Mt. Vernon)

County Staff Present:

- DFS – Fairfax Area Agency on Aging: Tara Turner, Beth Ann Margetta and Linda Hernandez-Giblin. Adult and Aging Division: Trina Mayhan-Webb, Teebe Negasi and Rebecca Mitchell. DFS Legislative Liaison/Data Analyst: John Ruthinoski.

Guests: Marie Norman, Nava Hosseini, Elliott Weyland, Gwendolyn Minton and Charles Newland.

Call to Order and Roll Call: Irv called the meeting to order at 1:00PM, followed by introductions of attendees, including commission members, staff, and guests.

Approval of the Agenda and Minutes from Previous Meetings: Sharron motioned to approve the Agenda for today's meeting. Cathy C. seconded the motion. Brenda motioned to approve the minutes from the May 20 COA meeting. Sharron seconded the motion. Members voted unanimously to approve the minutes from last month's meeting and today's Agenda.

Public Comment: None

District Host: Supervisor Walter L. Alcorn, Hunter Mill District:

- As one of two representatives from Virginia on the Metro Board of Directors, he reviewed the benefits for older adults who rely on the Metrobus and Metrorail systems

for transportation.

- Taking public transit is 20 times safer than driving a car, and the Metro is working hard to make using public transit easier.
- Discussed initiatives to help older adults and low-income residents, such as the Senior Smart Trip card which provides reduced fares and Metro Lift for those who receive SNAP benefits.
- If you cannot use Metro Rail or Metro Bus for your trip, there is Metro Access, a door-to-door shared-ride paratransit service for those who are eligible.
- Metro plans to adopt regional standards for bus stop accessibility which establish baseline criteria for boarding, waiting and connecting to adjacent infrastructure.

Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Director's Report: Tara Turner:

- The Pennino Building is expected to reopen in early July.
- Online registration is open for the Exploring Dimensions of Aging Virtual Training sessions.
- On June 30 the Community Assessment Survey of Older Adults (CASOA) survey will be open for any Fairfax County resident age 50 or older. The survey will be accessible through July 14.
- AAA will soon be informed as to its funding allocation from the State, which is expected to be slightly less than last year's allotment. There will be no impact on services.

Presentation: Nesanet Berhane, Quality Assurance Manager, Department of Family Services, Adult and Aging - Overview of the PY2027 Area Plan Changes

- Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) were established under the Older Americans Act (OAA) in 1973 to respond to the needs of adults 60 and over in every local community.
- The OAA requires Area Agencies on Aging to submit an Area Plan, which outlines the scope of services to be provided by the AAA with funding from the Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services (DARS).
- This year's plan contains no major changes to the services offered by the County.
- Copies of the slides presented will be provided to COA members.

Old Business:

- Each committee reported on their assignment to prepare brief papers:
 - S - Draft prepared and under review
 - H - Draft prepared and under review
 - A - Completed
 - P - Draft prepared and will be finalized at the July team meeting
 - E - Draft is ready for approval by the team
- Briefs are due in September. Dan and Irv are available to help/coach all the teams.
- Beth Ann suggested teams ought to review their briefs after the results of the new CASOA are available, since some adjustments might be in order.

New Business:

- Cathy proposed changes to the COA Bylaws with the establishment of a Legislative Committee as a new standing committee. A draft of the proposed changes was provided.

Additional changes were proposed to the draft to add and review with the COA. Changes will be voted on at the next meeting.

- Brenda, as chair of the Nominating Committee, reported that the three current officers have agreed to serve another one-year term in their current position, which completes the slate. However, all COA members may nominate themselves or others for the elected positions but must do so quickly since the election will be held at the July meeting.
- Next month's meeting will feature a Virginia No Wrong Door virtual presentation from the Virginia Department of Aging and Rehabilitative Services (DARS).

Adjournment: Manisha made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:52p.m., seconded by Jim. Motion to adjourn the meeting was approved unanimously. Next meeting will be in person, on July 15, 2026.

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