

**Orange County Commission on Aging**  
**Bi-Monthly Board Meeting – May 27, 2016**  
Holden Heights Community Center, 1201 20<sup>th</sup> St, Orlando 32805

**Meeting Minutes**

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Vision	<b>Create Positive Aging!</b> An elder-friendly community that empowers older adults through choices that allow them to support and maintain their independence within their home community
Purpose	To identify the needs of the senior population and find ways to help by working collaboratively

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**Members Present**

Mr. Crockett Bohannon, Chair  
Mr. Corey Douglas – via conference call  
Mr. Randy Hunt  
Ms. Cathy Kerns  
Mr. Gus Martinez  
Dr. Carmel Munroe  
Mr. Lee Watson

**Members Absent**

Ms. Sandria Foster  
Ms. Edith Gendron  
Ms. Aquasia Johnson McDowell  
Mr. Lynn Nicholson

**Others Present**

Ms. Mimi Reggentin, Office on Aging

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**Meeting Notes**

- Mr. Bohannon summarized the purpose of this special meeting is to discuss the content for a letter to the County expressing the Board's concern regarding the reduction of programming for elders.
- The Board discussed whether this letter should be directed to County administration or the Board of County Commissioners. Discussion ensued. The Board asked staff for the structure of County administration and the organizational chart as it relates to the Commission on Aging. It was decided the letter should go to County administration and should reference the Board's intent to discuss the issue with the Board of County Commissioners.
- The Board discussed the content of the letter. It was agreed that the letter should reference the demographic shift and rising elder population, the strong momentum in programming for elders that has occurred since the Board was created and the adverse impact a reduction in programming will have on this momentum. The Board expressed a reduction in programming was 'unacceptable.'

- The Board discussed the timing of this letter. Mr. Bohannon asked staff where the County was in the budget cycle. Ms. Reggentin responded that she did not know the public hearing dates for approval, but the proposed budget was still under review. It was agreed this letter should be sent while the County is still in the review process for the fiscal year 2016/17 budget.
- The Board discussed the process of writing this letter. The Board directed Mr. Bohannon to send the letter, with a copy to staff and instructions to distribute to the entire Commission on Aging.
- Mr. Bohannon asked staff to send him the contact information for County administration.

#### New Business

- There was no new business.

#### Public Input

- There was no public input.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

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