



Santa Cruz County Seniors Commission

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Notice of Public Meeting and Agenda

DATE Tuesday, April 19, 2022
TIME: 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM
LOCATION: MEETING REMOTELY

IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY AND PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF AB 361 AND CAL. GOV. CODE 54953, THIS WILL BE A REMOTE MEETING. NO PHYSICAL LOCATION WILL BE AVAILABLE, BUT ACCESS TO THE MEETING AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT WILL BE PROVIDED. PLEASE JOIN THE MEETING BETWEEN 12:20 AND 12:30 USING THE INFORMATION LISTED BELOW:

VIDEOCONFERENCE INFORMATION

TO JOIN BY VIDEO: <https://zoom.us/join>

OR TO JOIN BY PHONE: +1 (669) 219-2599 (dial *6 to mute/unmute, dial *9 to raise your hand)

Meeting ID: 495-687-4858 **Passcode:** 192244

AGENDA

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Agenda Review
2. Approval of *February 15, 2022 Meeting Minutes*
3. Public Comment: *Any member of the public may address the Commission for a period not to exceed 5 minutes on any issue within the jurisdiction of the Commission not on the agenda.*
4. New Business/Action Items:
 - 4.1. Election of Officers
 - 4.2. Consider Assembly Bill 361 Statement of Findings
5. District Reports
 - 5.1. District 1
 - 5.2. District 2
 - 5.3. District 3
 - 5.4. District 4
 - 5.5. District 5
6. Senior Legislature Report
7. Staff Report
8. Adjournment

Next Regular Meeting: June 21, 2022 at 12:30 PM

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Meeting Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, February 15, 2022
TIME: 12:30 PM
LOCATION: Remote Meeting
PRESENT: Dena Taylor (1st District), Antonio Rivas (*Vice Chair - 2nd District*), Mark Johannessen (*2nd District*), Lois Sones (*3rd District*), Enda Brennan (*3rd District*), Patricia Fohrman (*4th District*), Carol Childers (*Chair - 5th District*), Lynn McKibbin (*5th District*)
EXCUSED: None
ABSENT: Tom Haid (*1st District*)
STAFF: Kaitie McGrew (*Commissions Manager*)
GUESTS: Patty Talbott (AAA/Seniors Council) and 1 member of the public were present

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Agenda Review

Meeting convened at 12:32 PM.

2. **Motion to Approve December 21, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

Motion/Second: McKibbin/Taylor

Motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Comment

4. Senior Legislature Report:

Staff reported that Charles Molnar has resigned from the California Senior Legislature (CSL). CSL will be electing a Senior Assembly person and a Senior Senator to represent Santa Cruz and San Benito Counties. Post-election, CSL will advise the Commission who was selected to serve on the Commission as an ex officio non-voting member.

5. New Business/Action Items:

5.1 Assembly Bill 361 Statement of Findings

Commission considered whether to authorize meeting remotely under the provisions of AB 361 at the next meeting.

Motion to approve statement of findings authorizing the Commission to hold their next meeting remotely under the provisions of AB 361.

Motion/Second: Johannessen/McKibbin

Motion passed unanimously.

5. District Reports:

5.2. District 1:

Taylor attended the Commission on Disabilities meeting and Supervisor Koenig's town hall meeting regarding the Live Oak Senior Center location. An affordable housing development may coexist with the senior center on the property, but the project is currently on hold. Taylor also

attended the AAA advisory council meeting where the topic was also discussed. The State budget has funding available for senior programs and the AAA is considering proposals for both Santa Cruz and San Benito Counties. The Master Plan for Aging had its one-year anniversary. Commission will discuss skilled nursing home over-utilization at a future meeting in response to a CalMatters article shared by Taylor.

5.3. District 2:

Rivas reported that Meals on Wheels has received substantial funding from Area Agencies on Aging (AAA). The status of the Live Oak Senior Center remains a concern. Rivas expressed his personal support for a rail transportation option for Watsonville. Johannessen reported that the AAA has discussed funding related to the Master Plan for Aging goals. The Governor's May budget revise may offer additional funding details. Older Americans Act funding determinations should be finalized by May. The County's Master Plan for Aging governance group will incorporate the Age-Friendly concepts into master plan implementation over the next two years.

5.4. District 3:

Sones reported that Elderday has paused in-center services because of the high levels of COVID-19 with a projected reopening by February 28th. Brennan encouraged Commissioners to focus on encouraging education on issues and voter participation rather than expressing personal voting viewpoints.

5.5. District 4:

Fohrman reported issues with the LiftLine taxi scrip program, establishing conservatorships, and farmers markets food distribution.

5.6. District 5:

McKibbin commended panelists on the State's Master Plan for Aging implementation webinar. She communicated with Supervisor McPherson to better understand local implementation efforts and encourages the Commission to continue monitoring the financial impact and the Commission's potential role in the process. A new Santa Cruz Community Clinic opened in Ben Lomond. Childers attended a planning meeting for the veterans housing project on Hwy 9 continues and advocated for them to prioritize homeless veterans. Meals on Wheels stopped serving meals onsite but is scheduled to reopen on Tuesday, February 22, 2022.

6. Staff Report:

Staff spoke with Alicia Morales (*County Human Services Department's Director for the Adult and Long-Term Care Division*) regarding the County's Master Plan for Aging Governance Group which consists primarily of elected officials. While it is too early to report on any implementation activities, a needs assessment will be conducted (potentially incorporating the *AAA Senior Needs Assessment*) and there may be an opportunity for the Commission to participate in subsequent subcommittees. After the May revise, Morales will update the Commission on State funding determinations that impact programs and services in her division which encompasses programs related to long-term care, veterans' services, public guardian services, IHSS, and Adult Protective Services, to name a few.

7. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 1:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Manager*



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SANTA CRUZ COUNTY SENIORS COMMISSION'S FINDINGS PURSUANT TO ASSEMBLY BILL 361 AUTHORIZING TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS AS A RESULT OF THE CONTINUING COVID-19 PANDEMIC STATE OF EMERGENCY AND HEALTH OFFICER RECOMMENDATION FOR SOCIAL DISTANCING

WHEREAS, The Santa Cruz County Seniors Commission is a legislative body under the Brown Act as defined under Cal. Gov. Code section 54952(b) and Santa Cruz County Code Section 2.38.110; and

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed Assembly Bill 361 ("AB 361"), urgency legislation effective immediately, that amended Government Code section 54953 to permit legislative bodies subject to the Brown Act to continue to meet under modified teleconferencing rules provided that they comply with specific requirements set forth in the statute; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to AB 361 and Cal. Gov. Code section 54953(e)(1)(A), a legislative body may meet under the modified teleconferencing rules during a proclaimed state of emergency, and where local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom issued a Proclamation of State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and which remains in effect; and

WHEREAS, on September 30, 2021, Santa Cruz County Public Health Officer Dr. Gail Newel strongly recommended that legislative bodies in Santa Cruz County continue to engage in physical/social distancing by meeting via teleconference as allowed by AB 361 and confirmed that she will regularly review and reconsider this recommendation and notify the public when it is no longer recommended; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to AB 361 and Cal. Gov. Code section 54953(e)(3), within 30 days of the date the legislative body first holding a teleconferenced meeting under the modified rules, and every 30 days thereafter, a legislative body can continue to hold such teleconference meetings provided it has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and determined either that the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person or that local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing; and

WHEREAS, on April 19, 2022, The Santa Cruz County Seniors Commission held a teleconference meeting under AB 361; and

WHEREAS, this Santa Cruz County Seniors Commission has reconsidered the circumstances of the current state of emergency and finds that the COVID-19 pandemic continues to directly impact the ability

of members of the public to participate safely in person and further finds that the Santa Cruz County Public Health Officer continues to recommend measures to promote social distancing; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of public health and safety, and due to the emergency caused by the spread of COVID-19, the Santa Cruz County Seniors Commission deems it necessary to utilize the modified teleconferencing rules set forth in AB 361;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Santa Cruz County Seniors Commission makes the following findings by a majority vote:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct, and adopted as findings of the Santa Cruz County Seniors Commission.

Section 2. Effective immediately, and for the next 30 days, the Santa Cruz County Seniors Commission will meet via teleconference as authorized under AB 361 and Government Code section 54953(e)(3).

Section 3. No later than thirty (30) days from making today’s findings, or at the next scheduled meeting, the Commission will reconsider the circumstances of the COVID-19 state of emergency and, if necessary, adopt subsequent findings to continue holding teleconference meetings in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e)(3).

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Santa Cruz County Seniors Commission in Santa Cruz, State of California, this 19th day of April, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Carol Childers
Chair, Santa Cruz County Seniors Commission

ATTEST: _____
Department Staff

Approved as to Form:

Office of the County Counsel



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

February 23, 2022

The following proposals were authored by legislators as of February 18th .

(Sacramento, CA) The California Senior Legislature (CSL) announced the following State Legislative Proposals were authored by state lawmakers by the February 18th deadline. Proposals are listed by Master Plan for Aging (MPA) goals.

MPA Goal #2: Health Reimagined

AB 2511: Skilled Nursing Facilities: Back-Up Electrical Supply ASM Irwin

(AP-3/Senior Assembly Member Mark Cox, Yucaipa, CA)

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB2511

This measure would require a skilled nursing facility to have an alternative source of power in case of an electrical power shut off or an emergency.

AB 2338: Default Hierarchy Surrogate Consent Laws ASM Gipson

(AP-4/Senior Assembly Member Gene Dorio, Santa Clarita, CA)

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB2338

This bill would specify individuals, in an order of priority, who may be chosen as a surrogate if a patient lacks the capacity to make a health care decision or to designate a surrogate.

AB 2145: Oral Healthcare in Skilled Nursing Facilities ASM Davies

(AP-5/Senior Assembly Member Carolyn Fowler, Inglewood, CA)

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB2145

This bill would provide that a registered dental hygienist in alternative practice may render dental services to a patient in a skilled nursing facility or an intermediate care facility/developmentally disabled. The bill would also authorize a registered dental hygienist in alternative practice to provide oral health in-

service training to staff in a skilled nursing facility or an intermediate care facility/developmentally disabled.

AB 1962: Mental Health: Telephone Support Services ASM Voepel

(AP-12/Senior Assembly Member Anne Warren, San Francisco, CA)

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB1962

This bill would, subject to an appropriation, require the department to establish a grant program, with funds awarded to area agencies on aging and independent living centers, for the purpose of providing telephone support services for seniors and individuals with disabilities. The bill would require a grant recipient to coordinate with paraprofessional volunteers, who would receive training to recognize when a professional referral should be made. The bill would also require a grant recipient to contact seniors and individuals with disabilities and provide a "listening setting" through the telephone support service to identify available resources for reducing anxiety or other behavioral challenges, in order to combat social isolation and to help rebuild social capital.

AB 1884: Hospice Standards ASM Voepel

(AP-14/Senior Assembly Member Joan Yacovone, Augora Hills, CA)

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB1884

This bill would instead require that a licensed hospice be inspected by a representative every 3 years. The bill would require that results of an inspection be made available to the public to the extent consistent with federal and state privacy laws. Additionally, this bill would require that the recertification of the terminal illness of a patient be conducted by at least one independent physician in conjunction with the medical director of the hospice or the physician member of the hospice interdisciplinary group, to the extent permitted by federal law. Because a violation of this new requirement would be a crime, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

**AB 2069: Home Care Aides: Home Health Aides:
Training Program Scholarships ASM Villapudua**

(SP-4/Senior Senator Karen Gorback, Thousand Oaks, CA)

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB2069

This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact the California Caregivers Training Scholarship Act to award scholarships to students to be used for home care aid or home health aide training programs, as specified.

SB 842: Health Care: Medical Goods Sen Dodd

(SP-2/Senior Senator Yvonne Baginski, Napa, CA)

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220SB842

This bill would require the department, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to establish a comprehensive 3-year pilot program in the Counties of Contra Costa, Napa, and Solano to facilitate the reuse and redistribution of durable medical equipment and other home health supplies. The bill would require the department to contract in each county with a local nonprofit agency to oversee the program and would require the contracting nonprofit agency to, at a minimum, develop a computerized system to track the inventory of equipment and supplies available for reuse and redistribution and organize pickup and delivery of equipment and supplies. The bill would require the department, on or before January 1, 2026, to submit a report to the Assembly Committee on Aging and Long-Term Care, the Assembly Committee on Health, and the Senate Committee on Health that includes an evaluation of the success of the pilot program and challenges in implementation, among other things. The bill would repeal its provisions on January 1, 2030.

MPA Goal #5: Affordable Aging

AB 2077: Personal Needs Allowance ASM Calderon

(SP-14/Senior Senator David Wood, Three Rivers, CA)

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB2077

This bill would increase the monthly maintenance amount for personal and incidental needs from \$35 to \$50, and would specify that the cost of this benefit would be supplemented by federal funds, to the extent they are available.



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Scheduled Meetings

Unless otherwise specified, regularly scheduled Seniors Commission meetings are generally held as follows:

DAY: Third (3rd) Tuesday
MONTH: Every other month (February, April, June, August, October and December)
TIME: 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM
LOCATION: **United Way of Santa Cruz County**unless held remotely**
4450 Capitola Road, Ste 106, Capitola, CA 95010

Changes to the schedule, including special meetings, changes of location, or meeting cancellations, will be listed on the website at www.sccseniors.org as soon as information becomes available.

2022 Meeting Dates		
DATE	TIME	LOCATION
February 15, 2022	12:30 – 2:30 PM	Remote
April 19, 2022	12:30 – 2:30 PM	Remote
June 21, 2022	12:30 – 2:30 PM	To Be Determined
August 16, 2022	12:30 – 2:30 PM	To Be Determined
October 18, 2022	12:30 – 2:30 PM	To Be Determined
December 20, 2022	12:30 – 2:30 PM	To Be Determined