



Santa Cruz County Seniors Commission

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Notice of Public Meeting and Agenda

DATE Tuesday, June 21, 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 *April 19, 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. Live Oak Senior Center Eviction Update – District 1 Supervisorial Report
 - 4.2. Long Term Care Ombudsman Program - Steven Matzie (*LTC Ombudsman Coordinator*)
 - 4.3. County Social Services Overview – Alicia Morales, (*HSD Social Services Division Director*)
 - 4.4. Consider Advocacy Opportunities Related to Recruiting and Retaining IHSS Caregivers
 - 4.5. 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: August 16, 2022 at 12:30 PM

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Meeting Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, April 19, 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*), Carol Childers (*Chair - 5th District*), Lynn McKibbin (*5th District*)

EXCUSED: None

ABSENT: Tom Haid (*1st District*), Enda Brennan (*3rd District*), Patricia Fohrman (*4th District*)

STAFF: Kaite McGrew (*Commissions Manager*), Mitsuno Baurmeister (*EEO Officer*)

GUESTS: No members of the public were present

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Agenda Review

Meeting convened at 12:35 PM.

2. **Motion to Approve February 15, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

Minutes revised to correct a typographical error.

Motion to approve minutes as amended.

Motion/Second: Taylor/ McKibbin

Motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Comment: None

4. New Business/Action Items:

4.1. Election of Officers

Motion to Re-Elect Chair Childers and Vice Chair Rivas

Motion/Second: Sones/Taylor

Motion passed unanimously.

4.2. 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/Rivas

Motion passed unanimously.

5. District Reports:

5.1. District 1:

Taylor reported on topics covered at recent AAA Advisory Council meetings, including seniors in care homes, progress on the Master Plan on Aging implementation, State funding received for

seniors' programs, and Community Bridges' having been selected to provide the senior nutrition program.

5.2. District 2:

Johannessen reported that he serves as President of Santa Cruz County Bar Association Lawyer Referral Services and encourage Commissioners to attend the Senior Citizens Legal Services Fundraiser Gala at the Cocoanut Grove on May 13th. Rivas reported the Watsonville Senior Center and the Meals on Wheels program are going well. Rivas plans to meet with Watsonville's Mayor to discuss programs for seniors.

5.3. District 3:

Sones reported that Elderday is open and providing most in-center services for anyone comfortable coming back and bringing in new participants. Sones serves on the IHSS Commission and reminded Commissioners that the pandemic has exacerbated the lack of available IHSS caregivers in Santa Cruz County. Although wages have been increased significantly, housing remains unaffordable at that wage. The County has exerted considerable efforts to attract and retain caregivers. Commissioners are encouraged to consider creative ways to support caregiver recruitment.

5.4. District 4: No Report

5.5. District 5:

Childers reported that Meals on Wheels is serving lunches out of the volunteer center rather than the Live Oak Senior Center. McKibbin and Childers plan to celebrate a local luminary's 99th birthday in Santa Cruz.

6. Senior Legislature Report:

Staff will connect with Clay Kempf to see if a new CSL appointee has been selected. Commission reviewed legislation impacting the senior community and discussed the difficulty getting DME.

7. Staff Report: No Report

8. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 1:19 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 June 21, 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 21st day of June, 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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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	Remote
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