

**CONNECTIONS AREA AGENCY on AGING
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: February 25, 2026
TIME: 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM
PLACE: Via Zoom

ITEM

I. Call To Order – Tom Hoogestraat

- A. Roll Call - Board members answering roll call were Cindy Bunton, George Gillespie, Tom Hoogestraat, Mark Monson, Linda Underwood. Excused Mallory Drenth, Rick Friday and Cathay Pringnitz.**
- B. Recognition of Visitors: Kelly Butts-Elston, Jenny Rogers, Alisha Frady, Aubury Krueger-Kutchara, Tasha Jones and Vicky Lohry.**

C. Approval of January Minutes:

Mark Monson made a motion to approve the December Minutes. George Gillespie seconded. Motion carried.

D. Agenda:

Cindy Bunton made a motion to approve the agenda George Gillespie seconded this. Motion carried.

II. Reports

- A. CEO Report:** Kelly referred the board to her written report. In addition to her written report, Kelly spoke of the agency's ongoing relationship with Jennie Edmundson Hospital through the IRTC program. Agency leadership attended the Region VII meeting for ACL/USAgings in Kansas City on Feb. 5th-6th. It's a good way to expose our team to what's going on in our regional network of colleagues in Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri and Kansas. Sandy Markwood, C.E.O. of USAgings and several of her leadership team will be present as will some members of the Administration. Kelly informed the board that we are expecting an increase in our agency and health insurance premiums. Kelly reported that we have had a change in auditors and that we will be going out to bid in late summer.

B. Division Reports:

- A. **Healthy Living:** Vicky referred the board to Sherri's written report and added that the partnership with Hyvees is going great. It was said that the Café meals are more person-centered and more attractive to older adults.
- B. **Consumer Services:** Alisha referred the board to her written report and added that they have been very busy with rent rebates, and that staff have taken over 787 calls. Tasha reported that we will host a Virtual Powerful Tools for Caregivers workshop in April.
- C. **Community Engagement:** Aubury referred the board to her written report and reported that we will have a change of venue for the 2026 Gala, which will be at the Warrior in downtown Sioux City. Aubury reported that we will be having a Bingocize class at the Council Bluffs library starting in April.

III. Business Requiring Action

- A. **January Fiscal Report:** Jenny shared the January financials

George Gillespie made the motion to accept and file the January Fiscal Report. Seconded by Mark Monson. Motion Carried.

IV. Business Not Requiring Action:

- A. **Legislative Update:** No formal update presented; conversation about potential bills.

V. Open Forum: N/A

VI. Adjournment: **Cindy Bunten made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mark Monson. Motion carried.**