

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

DATE: July 31, 2025
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, Tom Hoogestraat, Cindy Bunten, George Gillespie, Rick Friday, Mallory Drenth, Mark Monson and Linda Underwood. Cathay Pringnitz excused
- B. **Recognition of Visitors:** Kelly Butts-Elston, Jenny Rogers, Sherri Carson, Alisha Frady, Aubury Krueger-Kutchara and Tasha Jones.
- C. **Election of Officers.**

Tom Hoogestraat volunteered to remain board Chair. George Gillespie volunteered to be the vice chair. Mark Monson volunteered to be the board secretary.

Linda Underwood made a motion to seat Tom Hoogestraat as board chair, George Gillespie as Vice Chair, and Mark Monson as Secretary. Cindy Buton seconded the motion. Motion carried

D. Approval of June Minutes:

Mark Monson made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Rick Friday seconded. Motion carried.

E. Agenda:

A motion was made by Mark Monson to amend the meeting agenda to reflect the correct date and month. Linda Underwood seconded. Motion carried.

Cathay Pringnitz made a motion to approve the agenda. George Gillespie seconded. Motion carried.

II. Reports

- A. **Mission Moment:** Alisha shared a mission moment that exemplified the partnerships and dedication that we have in our community to serve older adults. The consumer was in awe to see how many agencies came together to help.

B. Advisory Council Report: Aubury reported that the council had met earlier in the month and had their election for officers. Ruth Bolinger was voted into a second term as council chair, and Shelley Danneberg was voted in as vice chair.

C. CEO Report: Kelly referred the board to her written report and shared:

- a. Discussion was held on changes to the nutrition program due to our provider losing their kitchen space, and that the switch over is going well considering.
- b. Kelly discussed the ADRC New Model. One positive is that Area Agencies on Aging know what we are doing, and we can continue to do our jobs and help those in the DAPS as we can.

D. Division Reports:

- A. Healthy Living:** Sherri referred the board to her written report and had nothing further to share.
- B. Consumer Services:** Alisha referred the board to her written report and added that things are going well in the Consumer Services department. Alisha announced that we have a Caregiver Conference scheduled for November 3rd in Council Bluffs. Alisha reported that referrals continue to rise for our case management, service navigation, and care transitions programs and that workers are nearing their case load maxes.
- C. Community Engagement:** Aubury referred the board to her written report, and that we will have information for the board soon on our raffle fundraiser. Aubury announced that we received a very generous donation from an advisory council member.

III. Business Requiring Action

- A. Review of Approval of Fiscal Policies:** Jenny and Kelly reviewed the fiscal policies with the board members. Jenny pointed out that changes have been made the policy 17.

Cindy Bunten made the motion to approve the fiscal policies with the admendment to policy 17. Seconded by George Gillespie. Motion Carried.

- B. Combined August and September meeting:** Due to scheduling conflicts Kelly Butts-Elston would like the board to combine the August and September board meetings. The board decided that September 18th at 11am would work for the combined meeting

Mark Monson made a motion to approve having a combined meeting on September 18, 2025, seconded by George Gillespie. Motion Carried.

IV. Business Not Requiring Action:

A. Review of End of Year FY25 Financials: Jenny referred the board to her submitted fiscal reports and pointed out that she has included a new report for Accounts Receivable.

B. Legislative Update: Kelly shared that advocacy will be needed as we push for the reauthorization of the Older Americans Act.

V. Open Forum: N/A

VI. Adjournment:

George Gillespie made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mark Monson. Motion carried.