

MINUTES
Senior Services Commission
1/13/2026

1. ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

At 10:05 a.m. a regular meeting was convened in the Oxnard Joslyn Lawn Bowls Clubhouse, 350 N. C Street, Oxnard, CA 93030.

Commissioners present: Linda Calderon, Gloria Massey-Chinea, LaRita Montgomery, Gloria Postel, Alice Sweetland.

Commissioners absent: None.

Staff members present: Pam Morrison, Recreation Manager and Jorge Cruz, Recreation Coordinator

Chair Sweetland presided and called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. SUBJECT: Minutes of the regular meeting of November 18, 2025.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve

ACTION: Commissioner Massey Chinae moved to approve the minutes and Commissioner Postel seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made.

4. PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS

a. SUBJECT: Report by Commissioners Sweetland and Massey-Chinea on Ventura County Area Agency on Aging (VCAAA) Advisory Committee business.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Senior Services Commission receive and file the report.

DISCUSSION: Chair Sweetland reported on the progression of the de-designation of VCAAA by the Ventura County Human Services Agency (HSA) effective June 30, 2026. Also she shared copies of the Older Americans Act of 1965 to give historical context to the laws currently in place. A coalition of concerned residents has been formed to advocate for the older adults in Ventura County as we move through this difficult process. January 14 is the next meeting for the VCAAA Advisory Council. Commissioner Massey Chinae added her comments and more information will be shared as it becomes available.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. SUBJECT: Election of Officers for the Senior Services Commission

RECOMMENDATION: That the Senior Services Commission discuss and elect 2026 officers.

DISCUSSION: Gloria Massey Chinae nominated Alice Sweetland for Chair Gloria Postel seconded. Motion passed 4-0-1. Alice Sweetland abstained. Gloria Massey Chinae moved La Rita Montgomery be Vice Chair, Gloria Postel seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0-1. Commissioner Montgomery abstained.

b. SUBJECT: Commission Goals for 2026

RECOMMENDATION: That the Senior Services Commissioners discuss and approve goals for 2026.

DISCUSSION: Goals were discussed and Commissioners agreed to finalize them at their February 10, 2026 meeting. Goals discussed included:

Goal 1. Research available assisted living senior housing and create an information brochure for this and available independent senior housing.

Goal 2: Research and create a campaign for Scooter and Pedestrian Safety.

Goal 3: Make recommendations to improve accessibility and visibility at SOC with signage.

c. SUBJECT: Establishment of Ad Hoc Committees Based on Goals

RECOMMENDATION: That the Senior Services Commissioners establish ad hoc committees based on the 2026 goals and set the purpose, appoint members, and establish a sunset date for each ad hoc committee.

DISCUSSION: Ad Hoc Committees will be established at the February commission meeting, once goals are set.

d. SUBJECT: Food Share tour

RECOMMENDATION: That the Senior Services Commissioners consider setting a special meeting to tour Food Share facilities in Oxnard.

DISCUSSION: Commissioners decided due to mobility issues, it would be better to ask Food Share to present again at a future Commission meeting.

F. REPORT OF THE COMMISSION SECRETARY

a. SUBJECT: Report from Staff on Senior Services Programs and Events for December and January.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Senior Services Commission receive and file the report.

Jorge Cruz updated Commissioners on activities at the four centers in November and December, as well as upcoming events.

G. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

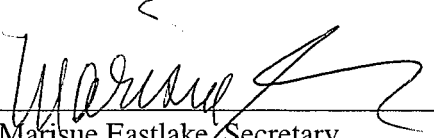
Commissioner Montgomery shared information for the MLK event on January 19.

H. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

None.

I. ADJOURNMENT

At 11:58 a.m., Commissioner Massey China moved to adjourn and Commissioner Montgomery seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.


Marisue Eastlake, Secretary


Alice Sweetland, Chairperson