

I. Commission on Aging

1. Please provide a list of the Commission's current members. For each member, please provide the following:
 - a. The member's name;
 - b. The Ward, agency or organization the member represents;
 - c. Who appointed the member;
 - d. When the member's term expires;
 - e. Committee membership within the Commission; and

Commission on Aging Voting Members <i>as of December 28, 2021</i>						
First Name	Last Name	Confirmation Date	Term Ends	Ward	Appointment Authority	Committees
Guleford	Bobo	10/27/2019	10/27/2022	8	Mayor	Transportation; Housing, Health and Wellness
Carolyn	Matthews	11/10/2020	10/28/2023	1	Mayor	Transportation; Housing
Nancy	Miranda	10/28/2019	10/28/2022	1	Mayor	Housing
Maria	Wilson	5/2/2019	10/28/2022	4	Mayor	Housing
Barbara	Lee	11/10/2020	10/28/2023	5	Mayor	None
Hattie	Pierce	10/28/2019	10/28/2022	5	Mayor	Housing
Mary	Taylor	11/10/2020	10/28/2023	7	Mayor	Transportation; Housing
Gloria	Whitfield	10/30/2019	10/28/2022	8	Mayor	None

- f. Attendance record.

Please see Attachment Q1f – COA Attendance

2. Please discuss how the Commission selects its committee memberships.

Committee membership is based on volunteers. The Commission allows members to volunteer for committees that are interesting to them.

3. Please provide a list of the Commission's meeting dates, times, and locations, whether a quorum was reached, for FY21 and FY22 to date.

Please see Attachment Q1f – COA Attendance

4. Please provide a list of upcoming committee's meeting dates, times, and location for FY22.

Dates	Times	Location
1/26/2022	10am	Webex
2/23/2022	10am	Webex
3/23/2022	10am	Webex

4/27/2022	10am	Webex
5/25/2022	10am	Webex
6/22/2022	10am	Webex
9/28/2022	10am	Webex

5. Did the Commission receive funds in FY21 and FY22 to date? If so, please provide the following:

- The amount of the funding;
- The source of the funding;
- A list of all expenditures; and
- A description of how these funds furthered the Board's/Commission's mission.

The Commission received no funding in FY21 or FY22, to date or any previous year; however, DACL did provide them with business cards in FY21. The Commission operates with technical and clerical support provided on an ad-hoc basis by DACL.

6. Please describe the Commission's activities in FY21 and FY22 to date.

The majority of the Commission activities were via zoom and Webex due to the COVID-19 epidemic. The virtual meetings consisted of Age-Friendly Task Force, wellness centers monthly assembly meetings, Ward 4 and Ward 8 mini-commission meetings, Senior Villages programs and Police Department monthly safety meetings. The commission's other activities included:

- Assisting seniors in getting housing.
- Working with Housing providers to assist seniors in qualifying for affordable housing.
- Visiting senior housing facilities to observe conditions and get feedback from seniors.
- Work with government and non-profit organizations to get food and other necessities to seniors.
- Help enroll and transport seniors to COVID-19 vaccination and testing sites.
- Provided financial assistance to improve Wi-Fi capabilities at a senior facility.
- Visited senior day care facilities and encouraged caregivers to seek their assistance.
- Worked with the Department of Recreation to organize and chaperone senior field trips.
- Worked with Department of Recreation to organize senior activities.

7. Please describe the Commission's goals in FY22 and the plan/timeline for completion.

The Commission's goals for FY22 include:

- Advocating for more home health care aides. The shortage in home health care aides has become detrimental to seniors and caregivers.

- Advocating for additional tax relief for seniors that are below the federal poverty level.
- Advocating for more options in ways to pay real estate taxes.
- Advocating for more transportation options for handicap seniors which include accommodations for walkers, canes and multiple wheelchairs.
- Advocating for more cost- effective health care that will realistically assist with the care with dementia, Alzheimer and debilitating mental illnesses confronting seniors today.
- Advocating for the Department of Recreation to expand their senior programs and budget to include more sites and activities.¹

8. What are the Commission's biggest strengths and weaknesses?

The Commission's weakness is the commissions memberships has gone from fifteen in 2018 to eight in 2022 which limits its ability to get feed-back and represent all the seniors in the District of Columbia.

9. What were the Commission's biggest accomplishments in FY21?

The Commission's biggest accomplishments in FY21 were advocating for better services from the many contractors that provide services to seniors, advocating for more access to technology and training for seniors and working with health organizations to register and get COVID-19 vaccines to seniors.

10. What does the Commission plan to accomplish in FY22?

The Commission's plans for FY22 include getting more housing approved and resources to help seniors to navigate their fears of COVID-19 and isolation. Making sure that seniors know of the many resources that D. C. Government has available to them. Identifying and addressing the needs of seniors with mental and health issues.

11. What challenges does the Commission face in meeting its goals?

The challenges the Commission faces in meeting its goal is that COVID-19 has created barriers in being able to engage older adults because most stay in the house and are scared.

12. Does the Commission have a financial budget in FY21 and FY22? If so, what are those budgets?

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The Commission has no FY21 and FY22 budget.

¹ This request was voiced by seniors in 2018 at a meeting where representatives from the Mayor's Office, Council Members, DACL and the Commission on Aging attended.

13. How does the Commission address contemporary subjects, needs and concerns expressed by aging residents and issues presented at various Commission meetings?

The Commission addresses subjects, needs and concerns of aging residents by bringing their feedback to Commission's meetings where the commission, ex-officio and DACL work to address their needs and concerns.

14. How does the Commission represent and solicit feedback from residents? Please describe:

- a. The process for soliciting feedback and number of submissions

The Commission solicits feedback by attending senior activities and promoting discussions on topics that affect seniors.

- b. What the Board/Commission has learned from this feedback

The Commission has learned from the feedback which programs improved senior quality of life and which programs are not achieving their intended goals.

- c. How the Commission has changed its practices as a result of such feedback

The Commission has changed its practices as a result of such feedback by directly engaging seniors.

15. What are the action steps taken after receiving feedback or concerns from the community?

The answer addressed in response number 13.

16. What is being done to promote greater diversity in the composition of the Commission's membership?

The Commission attends functions throughout the District of Columbia where participation on the commission is encouraged. Additionally, the Commission works with DACL and MOTA to advertise the Commission's vacancies.