

Commonwealth Council on Aging

Executive Committee

VIRTUAL MEETING

February 16, 2023
9:00 – 9:45 am

This is a virtual meeting held pursuant to and in compliance with § 2.2-3708.3 C of the Code of Virginia.

Members Present: Beverley Soble, Harvey Chambers, Diana Paguaga, Jay White, and Erica Wood

Staff: Charlotte Arbogast

Welcome and Roll Call of Members

Beverley Soble, Chair

Chair Beverley Soble opened the meeting and confirmed that a quorum was present for the electronic meeting.

Review/Approve Agenda

Beverley Soble

Proposed Action: Approve Agenda

There were no changes proposed for the agenda. The agenda was approved as presented by consensus.

Review/Approve the March 16, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Beverley Soble

Proposed Action: Approve Minutes

Chair Beverley Soble asked members if there were any additions or changes to the minutes from the March 16, 2022 meeting. There were no changes so the minutes were approved as presented by consensus.

PLEASE NOTE: DARS staff accidentally provided the Executive Committee with minutes from March 16, 2022 meeting, which had already been approved at the April 27, 2022 Executive Committee meeting. At the next Executive Committee meeting, the Committee will need to approve draft minutes for the April 27, 2022 meeting and this meeting (February 16, 2023). DARS staff apologize for this mix-up.

Public Comment Period

Beverley Soble

There were no public comments.

Legislative Update and Discussion

All Members

The Committee convened to touch base on legislation, particularly as it related to SB 1218 (Mason). As of the meeting, SB 1218 had been reported from House Rules Committee and had been read for the first time on the House floor. Members discussed and reviewed the origins of SB 1218, specifically as it related to the Elevating Aging Workgroup. Noting the need to

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distinguish the development and evolution of SB 1218 during the Session, members instead focused on the opportunities the bill presented moving forward, which include additional staff support, stronger ties to the General Assembly, and elevated role of the Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs).

Erica Wood made a motion, which was seconded by Harvey Chambers, to reach out to Senator Mason and invite him to the Council's upcoming April meeting and to serve as an opportunity to continue a positive dialogue with him on important aging issues. This motion was approved unanimously.

Before adjourning, members briefly discussed the growing issue of older adults experiencing homelessness and members generally agreed this was an area that the Council should explore more.

Public Comment Period

Beverley Soble

There were no public comments received.

Meeting Adjournment

Beverley Soble

Council staff reminded members that the next Executive Committee meeting must be an in-person meeting as required by the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Chair Beverley Soble adjourned the meeting at 9:35 am.

Handouts for the meeting included:

1. Proposed Meeting Agenda
2. Draft Meeting Minutes from March 16, 2022 Meeting
3. SB 1218 (Substitute)
4. SB 1218 Status (as of 2/13/2023)