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**Rogue Valley Council of Governments (RVCOG)
 Senior Advisory Council (SAC)
 Meeting Minutes**

Monday, February 02, 2026, 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm, Virtual meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89249620009?pwd=qKymfN131SKQPRswjwyj1fDarOc0ky.1>

Meeting ID: 892 4962 0009 Passcode: 734456 Dial in 1-408-638-0968

PARTICIPANTS

- Ann Marie Alfrey – RVCOG Executive/AAA Director
- Ava Walters – SAC Member
- Cherie Linnemeyer – SAC Member
- Diana Burney – DSAC Liaison
- Jeremy Wolf – APD District Manager
- Kerstin Sachse – SDS Staff
- LeAnne Turnbull – SDS Staff
- Luis Ibáñez – SDS Staff
- Mike Stanek – SAC Member
- Monique Clark – SDS Program Director
- Natalie Mettler – SAC Chair
- Joanna Wilson – DSAC Member
- Noriko Toyokawa – SAC Member
- Sunshine Redline – SDS Staff

GUESTS

- David Gross – AARP Volunteer
- Bridget O’Connor – OHSU School of Nursing
- Olivia Robinson – Age+
- Cyndi McAlpine – Third Act Oregon
- Monica Guitierrez - AllCare
- Luisa Guardione – Options of SO
- Silvia Ceron – OREM

SAC MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

- Ana Gonzalez – APD D8, Deputy District Manager
- Deb McCuin –CSSU Liaison
- Jennine Greenwell – SAC Member
- Jon Pfefferle – Nutrition Program Director

CALL TO ORDER – Natalie M. called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm.

GENERAL MEETING BUSINESS

Introductions of guests and public comments – Everyone briefly introduced themselves.

Review and approval of January 05, 2026, Minutes – Cherie L. motioned to approve the January 05, 2026, minutes as written. Ava Walters seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

None.

ANNOUNCEMENT & OTHER TOPICS

- C&O Chair appointment announced by Natalie Mettler - Noriko Toyokawa

AAA LEADERSHIP REPORTS

AAA Director Report – Ann Marie A. reported

- Orientation had a great turnout with SAC, DSAC and Community Partners.
- Oregon Gerontological Association Advocacy in 2026 Webinar on February 20th
- Jewel Brooks fund disbursements for the upcoming fiscal year recommendations and input. Comments – Cherie L suggested Transportation, Luis I. suggested help the Native-American community, Joanna W also suggested Transportation.

Nutrition Program Director's report – Ann Marie

- F&F kitchen still working on property transfer of Old Public Works building. Doing soil testing. Quote of \$700k to equip inside kitchen area, not including outside.
- Running through OAA funding quickly. Were proposed cuts for Title IIIB funding

SDS Program Director Report – Monique C. reported

- New bi-lingual CM Maricella started today

Aging and People with Disabilities District Manager Report – Jeremy W. reported

- SNAP Benefits: Funding is secured through September 2026, protecting benefits from any government shutdowns.
- State budget impacts will be known by end of this month or next
- ACCESS Senior Fair, APD will have a booth next month
- Provider time capture system is moving to a 2-step verification process in March.

Featured Community Based Organization/Agencies: Bridget O'Connor, RN, BSN, Faculty in Residence, OHSU School of Nursing, Ashland Campus occonnorb@ohsu.edu Bridget will speak about the Ashland Street Nursing Team at OHSU on the SOU campus.

Focus on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

What is Cultural Humility? Equity Workgroup <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XNaXUkdvWzI>

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee – Natalie M. reported

- Executive Committee held on the 3rd Monday, 3pm-4pm
 1. Council Development

C&O Committee – Noriko Toyokawa

- a. Communications & Outreach Committee, Next meeting April 27th
 - i. Support Services Committee
 1. ADRC Advisory Committee
 2. Nutrition Advisory Committee
- Wants to start a blog to educate the public about the C&O

Council Development – no report

SAC/DSAC Joint Advocacy Committee – TBD

DSAC – Diana B. reported

- Disability Services Advisory Council held the 1st Monday, 2:45-4:30pm
- Voting to attend the ACCESS senior fair
- Accessible parking workgroup starting with the fair, working on PSA's

Presentation: Cyndi McAlpine, Third Act Oregon. a group that brings together the political and economic power of Oregonians over age 60 to move local communities in the direction of a more sustainable society and planet, mc Alpine.cyndi@gmail.com

ADJOURN – Natalie M. adjourned the meeting at 2:31 pm