

# **ALEXANDRIA COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING AGENDA**

## **Draft Agenda**

**Meeting: Thursday, January 8, 2026, 4:30 PM – 6:30 PM**

**Mark Center**

**- Del Pepper Community Center, 4850 Mark Center Drive – Alexandria VA 22311**

**9<sup>th</sup> Floor**

This meeting is being held in person. However, electronic access will be provided. The meeting can be accessed by the public through the Zoom link or phone number provided below. Public comment will be received at the meeting. Public comments can also be sent to [daas@alexandriava.gov](mailto:daas@alexandriava.gov) in advance of the meeting. Please indicate that your comments are for a meeting related to the Alexandria Commission on Aging in the subject line. A recording will be made of this meeting.

**Zoom Link:** <https://zoom.us/j/97262502330>

**Meeting ID:** 972 6250 2330

**Password:** 968693

**Phone In number:** +1 301 715 8592

### **MISSION**

To identify the needs of older adults, develop overall planning to meet those needs, evaluate service delivery plans as implemented, and advocate on behalf of older adults

**MEMBERS: PLEASE READ THROUGH THE AGENDA & HAVE AVAILABLE FOR REFERENCE AT THE MEETING.**

1.     **4:30   Call to Order**
2.     **Approval of Agenda**
3.     **Approval of Thursday, December 11, 2025, Minutes**
  
4.     **4:35   Alexandria Police Department Liaison Report – Sgt. Ian Torrance**
5.     **4:40   Special Presentation: Bryan Porter, Alexandria City Commonwealth Attorney.**
  
6.     **5:10   Executive Report – DAAS Staff**
  
7.     **5:30   Discussion/Action Items**
  - a. Age Friendly Plan – Update and Next Steps – DAAS staff, DT Oliver, Jane King
  - b. Creating a calendar of COA member and liaison related aging activities – DT Oliver
  - c. How to navigate Alexandria City Social Media for official events –DAAS staff

- d. Excellence in Aging Awards– May 2026 at Mark Center – A Preliminary Discussion – Barbara D’Agostino and Ana Rivas Beck
- e. Vote on CHIP Mental Wellness Vision Statement by January 9<sup>th</sup> - <https://www.alexandriava.gov/public-health/project/community-health-improvement-plan-2030-focus-area-backgrounds>
- f. Future Speakers – Theme focused on the many facets of caregiving – legal, emotional, health, dementia, etc.

**10. 6:00 Committee Updates**

- 1. Housing Committee - Co-Chairs, Michael Schuster and Lois Steele
- 2. Outreach Committee – Co-Chairs, Marshall Hespe & Barbara D’Agostino
- 3. Economic Security and Civic Engagement – Chair, Jessica Lefevre
- 4. Health /Dementia Friendly Committee – Chair, Barbara Huelat

**11. Liaison Reports – Written Only**

**12. Other Business**

**13. New Business**

**14. Public comments – please limit your comments to 2 minutes**

**15. 6:30 Adjournment**

**Next Commission on Aging Meetings:**

**Executive Committee: February 2, 2026 – 1:30 (VIRTUAL)**

**Commission on Aging: February 12, 2026 - 4:30 (VIRTUAL)**

## **Northern Virginia Network Meetings**

| Meeting Schedule / Rotation of Chairmanship |                           |
|---|---------------------------|
| 2025- 2026                                  |                           |
| September 16, 2025                          | Arlington                 |
| November 18, 2025                           | Loudoun                   |
| January 20, 2026                            | Prince William            |
| March 17, 2026                              | Alexandria                |
| April 21, 2026                              | Legislative Brainstorming |
| May 19, 2026                                | Legislative Platform      |
| July 21, 2026                               | Fairfax                   |

**COMMISSION OFFICERS:** Michael Schuster, Co-Chair  
DT Oliver – Co-Chair  
Ana Rivas Beck, Vice Chair  
Kim Koch, Secretary

The business of the Commission on Aging is largely conducted by its committees. ALL COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. Please call the Division of Aging and Adult Services at 703.746.5999 for more information. In addition, the Commission has official liaisons with several other commissions, organizations or activities.

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No one should be denied the opportunity to engage fully in our community.

We encourage people of different cultures, races, nationalities, immigration status, ages, abilities, sexual orientation, gender identities, and religious affiliation in Alexandria to be informed about and have access to the range of services available in the City, and to be engaged in civic life.

We are committed to representing a diverse community that represents the rich heritage of our city. We are committed to ensuring older persons have access: to affordable housing, transportation, health care, broadband, nutrition services and to opportunities for meaningful employment and related training.

Older adults and persons with serious medical conditions often experience various degrees of inequity, particularly in obtaining access to health care. It is essential to support older persons, family caregivers, and direct care workers since these residents face additional biases and hurdles.