

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**ST. MARY'S COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING**  
**June 23, 2025**  
**Garvey Senior Activity Center, 23630 Hayden Farm Lane, Leonardtown, MD 20650**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

- Barbara O'Neal called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

- Barbara O'Neal
- Rowena Bossio
- Kimberly Hansing
- Dawnn Hahn
- Omonigho Olumese
- Sara Oliver (on-line)
- Triverr Gray (on-line)
- Shalonda Nelson (on-line)
- Aurora Simmons (on-line)
- Kei Jenkins (on-line)
- Department of Aging & Human Services staff members present: Lori Jennings-Harris, Director; Mercedes Jones, Coordinator

**ABSENT:**

- Christine Morgan

**GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE:**

- Caramel Roques, Secretary of the Maryland Department of Aging
- Brandy Tulley, Deputy Director of DAHS
- Nicoletta Pollice, Community Programs Manager of DAHS
- Zach Tiblin, Assistant County Attorney, St. Mary's County Government

**PRESENTATIONS:**

- Caramel Roques provided members her background, status of Plans and Funding and discussed four specific sections of the Longevity Ready Maryland initiative which include: building a longevity ecosystem, promoting economic opportunity, preparing for longevity affordability, and optimizing health, wellness, and mobility. She also encouraged the members to learn more and stay up to date by visiting the websites: <https://aging.maryland.gov> and <https://lrm.maryland.gov>.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 28 APRIL 2025:**

- Kimberly Hansing moved that minutes be tabled and revised, Barbara O'Neal seconded. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 19 MAY 2025:**

- Kimberly Hansing moved to approve the minutes, Dawnn Hahn seconded. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- COA Minutes - Kimberly Hansing requested a motion to have the Secretary take minutes of meetings with Mercedes Jones uploading or adding the minutes to BoardDocs. Barbara O'Neal motioned; Kimberly Hansing seconded; motion carried.

**SENIOR FOCUS AREAS:**

- Senior Transportation: Barbara O'Neal mentioned that she had been in contact with Kyle Shelton, PHD University of Minnesota who was working on Rural EMS improvements, and she encouraged him to contact MD Transportation Office to include our rural peninsula perspective.
- Also, STS bus service offers "fare free" rides for the year.
- Senior Housing: No Update
- Senior Legislation: No Update

**ADJOURN:**

Meeting adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

Motion made by Aurora Simmons, seconded by Dawnn Hahn, motion carried.

**NEXT MEETING:**

July 28, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.

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**Commission on Aging (Monday, June 23, 2025)**

*Minutes taken by Kimberly Hansing*

*Generated by Mercedes P Jones on Friday, July 25, 2025*