



Commission on Aging - Mar 23 2026 Minutes

Monday, March 23, 2026 at 1:00 PM

23630 Hayden Farm Lane, Leonardtown, MD 20650

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Rowena called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

A. Establish Quroum

Present:

Aurora Hidalgo

Rowena Bossio

Barbara O'Neal (online)

Kimberly Hansing

Shalonda Nelson

Dawnn Hahn

Omonigho Olumese (online)

Triverr Gray (online)

Kei Q. Jenkins (online)

Department of Aging & Human Services Staff (DAHS) staff members present: Lori Jennings-Harris, Director; Mercedez Jones, Coordinator

Guests:

Ryan Daniels, Candidate for St. Mary's County Commissioner, District 4

B. Approval of November 24, 2025 Minutes

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Kimberly Hansing motioned to approve minutes; Dawnn Hall seconded. Motion carried.

Moved by: Kimberly Hansing; seconded by: Dawn Hahn

Motion Carries

3. BUDGET

A. FY2026 Budget

- The COA has a \$3,000 budget which expires on 30 June 2026.
- We discussed bringing forward ideas at the next meeting. Note: the 2027 budget will be needed for St Mary's to host the Tri-county Commission of Aging meeting.

4. SENIOR FOCUS AREA

A. Senior Housing

Ryan Daniels provided the following information:

- Approval has been granted for 70 additional units at Cedar Lane in Leonardtown for senior & lower income housing.

B. Senior Transportation

- Rowena Bossio reported a Transportation Advisory Committee meeting will be held April 16 at 1:00.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- The St Mary's County Commission on Aging Annual Report for 2025 was motioned for approval by Aurora Hidalgo and seconded by Kimberly Hansing. Motion approved.
- Elections for officers (Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and Secretary) were held. Rowena Bossio was elected as Chairperson; motion for approval by Kimberly Hansing, seconded by Shalonda Nelson, motion carried. Shalonda Nelson was elected as Vice Chairperson; motion for approval by Triverr Gray, seconded by Dawnn Hahn, motion carried. Kimberly Hansing was elected as Secretary; motion for approval by Aurora Hidalgo, seconded by Dawnn Hahn, motion carried.
- Mercedes Jones reported Nicoletta Pollice will attend future meetings to record presentation meetings for YouTube with ample notice provided.
- There was a brief discussion about general adaptation to changes such as the new tool "diligent" for registrations at the Senior Center.
Future topics for discussion include a survey from the 3 senior centers on what users would like to see. Mercedes Jones will draft the questions and send them to the members. Lori Jennings-Harris will brief the Division Managers as a heads up.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Tri County Commission of Aging meeting will be hosted by Charles County and is currently scheduled for 11 June 2026. St Marys County will host in 2027.

7. NEXT MEETING

Monday, April 27, 2026 - 1:00 p.m. - Garvey Senior Activity Center, 23630 Hayden Farm Ln, Leonardtown, MD 20650

8. ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 1:59; Shalonda Nelson motioned to adjourn; Dawnn Hidalgo seconded; motion carried.

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Mayor

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