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August 19, 2026 Aging Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Zoom

1. Convened at 11:31 a.m.

Members Present: Steve McMurdo, Laney Calhoun, Theresa Lambert, Dr. Kenneth Klein, Linda Navage, Linette Zimmerman.

Members Excused: Charmaine Scott, Ranae Beeker, Susan Nolan.

Members Unexcused: None.

Guests Present: Karen Boysen-Knapp, Kitsap Public Health.

Staff Present: Stacey Smith, Cristiana Fillion, Tawnya Weintraub.

2. Introduction of Council Members and Members of the Public: Introductions were made.

3. Public Comments: None.

4. Approval of Agenda: The meeting agenda was reviewed.

- Stacey asked that the agenda be amended to show that the BOCC Public Hearing will take place on September 14, not September 10. Stacey also asked to add the topic of a letter of support request from Ranae Beeker, a member of the Kitsap Accessible Communities Advisory Committee as the last agenda item. Laney made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Theresa seconded, and the agenda was approved.

5. Approval of Minutes:

- Laney noted a correction to the June meeting minutes: The Silverdale Senior Center group, rather than the Silverdale Community Center Foundation, volunteered at Skippers. Laney made a motion to approve the June meeting minutes with corrections. The motion was seconded by Theresa. The minutes were approved.

6. Area Plan Forum Presentation

- Tawnya Weintraub, Aging and Long Term Care (ALTC) Planner, explained that the 2027-2030 Area Plan draft is open for public review and comment until September 10th. She provided an overview of the 2027-2030 Area Plan process,

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ALTC services, program growth and budget, and gave a summary of the public feedback that has been received. Tawnya also demonstrated how the draft Area Plan can be accessed on the agingkitsap.com website and explained that the plan can also be requested as a hardcopy. Tawnya will return to the September 16th Advisory Council meeting for the Council's final approval of the Area Plan. It will then go to the Board of County Commissioners on September 28th for approval and finally be submitted to the Home and Community Living Administration by October 1st.

- All Council members were requested to review the Draft Area Plan. Ken plans to send feedback to Tawnya. Steve suggested adding more definitive numbers, such as information on call volumes, within the narrative. There were no questions.

7. Council Member Report of Activities

- a. 1/10th Community Advisory Committee- Charmaine Scott
 - Charmaine was not in attendance.
- b. Kitsap Accessible Communities Advisory Committee- Ranae Beeker
 - Ranae was not in attendance.
- c. Council Member Report of Community Outreach
 - Steve spent time reviewing the draft Area Plan and responding to USAging Action Alerts.
 - Ken has been reviewing the draft Area Plan and responding to USAging Action Alerts. The presentation given by Kitsap Aging's Aging and Disability Resource Network team at the Bainbridge Island Oatmeal Club was well received.
 - Linda has been volunteering in the Long-Term Care Ombuds program for four or more hours a week. Linda also attended the Provider Breakfast where she discussed the Area Plan and Ombuds program.
 - Theresa has continued to volunteer with Meals on Wheels Kitsap and Second Season every week.

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- Laney served meals at Skippers, as a fundraiser event for the Silverdale Senior Center group.
- Linette reviewed the Area Plan and continues to respond to USAging Advocacy Alerts.
- Stacey explained that Ranae requested, on behalf of the Kitsap Accessible Communities Advisory Committee, that this Advisory Council consider signing a resolution to add two transit reliant member positions to the Kitsap Transit Board of Commissioners by the end of August. Stacey read out the resolution, but stated that the Council cannot set resolutions, but could write a letter of support. The Council agreed to postpone the topic until the next Council meeting when Ranae is available to provide more information.

8. Aging Services

- Activities – ALTC has been very busy with new contracts, programs, and staff. WA Cares began on July 1, and ALTC participated in various monitoring activities this year. The State Auditors reviewed the Medicaid program in June, there was a DSHS HCLA Medicaid program Quality Assurance monitoring in July, and finally a DSHS HCLA Program monitoring in August. Final monitoring reports are due soon; no concerns were noted in meetings. This all took place as ALTC has been preparing the 2027-2030 Area Plan.
- The Council reviewed the August Dashboard Report.
- Recruitments – There are currently three case management positions to be filled to reduce increased caseloads. New positions will be requested on Monday – one contracts specialist and Deputy Director position. Stacey's position as Director of Aging and Long Term Care will be posted in September and screening will take place soon after. Interviews are expected to begin in October.
- USAging Innovation & Achievement Award – Stacey attended the 2026 USAging conference in San Diego where Kitsap Aging and Long Term care was honored with an Innovation & Achievement Award for their work in expanding senior nutrition services with local foodbanks. Stacey thanked the Council and attributed the success to their great advocacy with the state legislature. The Board of

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County Commissioners will be acknowledging the achievement at the Monday, August 24 regular meeting. Stacey invited Council members to attend.

9. 2026 Advisory Council Business

- The Council reviewed the 2026 Calendar of Events. As a reminder, there will be no meeting in October as the Council will attend the w4a/SCOA conference and Fall Senior Lobby.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:19 p.m.

Steve McMurdo, Chair

Aging Advisory Council Community Outreach Tracking Form

Month: _____

Name: _____

Summary of Activities

Date of Activity	Describe Activity: - AC Meeting - Community outreach or event (name) - Social Media/Email - Material Dissemination - Advocacy Alert Action - Other: Describe	Topic: (optional) - General Aging Info (programs, services or events) - General Caregiver Info (programs, services or events) - Memory Loss - Other: Describe	Total Duration of Time (include prep & travel)	Approx. number of individuals reached (per activity), as applicable

Notes:

Please complete and return to Aging by the 5th of each month -mail or attach to an email.

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ADDING 2 VOTING, TRANSIT-RELIANT MEMBERS TO THE KITSAP TRANSIT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHY IT MATTERS FROM A RANGE OF PERSPECTIVES

Lived Expertise and Practical Insight

- Daily system reality: Board members who ride daily understand delayed transfers, missed connections, inaccessibility, insufficient routes, and shelter needs firsthand.
- Equitable decisions: Riders and community advocates spot gaps in service that statistics and high-level reports miss.
- Targeted improvements: Direct user feedback helps prioritize funding for real-world reliability over theoretical designs.

Democratic Accountability and Inclusion

- Closing the power gap: Elected officials balance many duties, whereas transit-reliant members focus solely on public mobility.
- Amplifying marginalized voices: Representatives from community groups ensure disabled, low-income, and non-driving residents are heard.
- Proved success: Thurston County's Intercity Transit has successfully used community representatives as voting members for decades.

Environmental Benefits

- Reduced Emissions: Rider-focused members push for rapid bus electrification and zero-emission fleets.
- Smart Land Use: Daily transit users support high-density, transit-oriented housing to lower vehicle miles traveled.
- Resource Allocation: Funding moves away from highway expansions toward high-frequency green transit lines.

Active Transportation Benefits

- First-and-Last-Mile Safety: Direct rider experience highlights missing sidewalks, bike lanes, and safe crosswalks near stops.
- Bike Integration: Board members who ride and roll advocate for secure bike parking and better bike-on-bus infrastructure.
- Accessibility: Real users ensure ADA compliance, curb ramps, and shelters get funded and fixed quickly.

Moral Dignity and Equity

- Valuing daily lived experience: Faith traditions teach that every person has equal worth. Direct riders offer critical insight that data alone misses.
- Prioritizing vulnerability: Many religious ethics demand justice for the poor and working class who rely most on public transit.
- Sharing power: True pluralism means giving affected communities real voting power.

Community Stewardship and Accountability

- Rooted decision-making: Local faith frameworks emphasize stewardship of the earth and community health through shared mobility.
- Direct accountability: Riders ensure transit dollars support practical, daily needs like reliable work and school commutes.
- Trust building: Boards earn public trust by including the people who use their services every single day.

OTHER QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q. Who Are Washington's Nondrivers?

A. Approximately 25% (2,044,075) to 30% (2,452,890) of Washington state's population do not or cannot drive. Here's a breakdown of Washington's nondrivers:

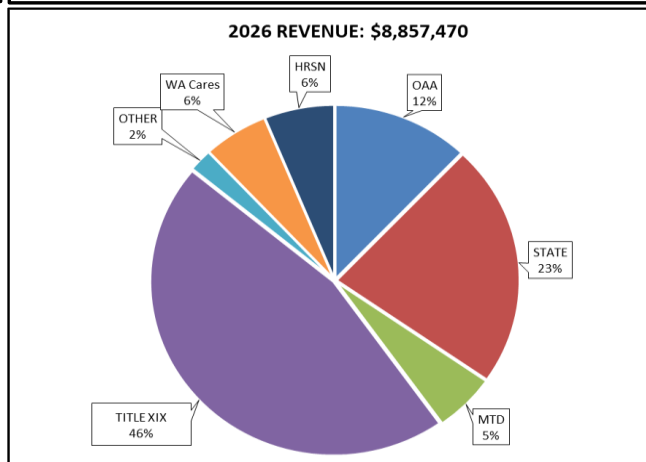
- Youth: Children who are not yet old enough to hold a driver's license.
- Aging adults: Seniors who have aged out of driving or choose to stop for safety.
- Low-income individuals: People who cannot afford the high costs of vehicle ownership, gas, insurance, maintenance, or license fees or who lose their licenses due to inability to pay fines.
- Immigrants and refugees: Individuals who may lack documentation or face language barriers to licensing.
- Choice nondrivers: People who choose not to drive for personal stress relief, environmental reasons, or lifestyle preferences.

Q. What is cost associated with adding two voting, transit-reliant people to the Kitsap Transit Board?

A. No additional cost is anticipated should this change be made.

Q. How would the two voting, transit-reliant members be selected?

A. Part of our campaign is a call for the Kitsap Transit Board of Commissioners to create a fair, easy, and open way to choose these two new members so other cities can copy it.



* 1,354 caseoad as of July 2026

Community Outreach Activities:

September 18: Bikes For All; Kitsap Fairgrounds (3:00-6:00pm)

September 19: Ready Bremerton Resource Fair (10:00am- 2:00pm)

September 20: Port Orchard Lutheran Community Church Kitsap Aging Overview Presentation (11:00am- Noon)

September 23: YMCA Fall Prevention Fair (Noon-2:00pm)

September 24: Monthly ADRN Virtual Overview (2:00-3:00pm)

September 26: Kitsap Veterans Stand Down, Sheridan Park Bremerton (10:00am- 2:00pm)

September 26: Aging Expo; Kitsap mall (10:00am- 2:00pm)

September 28: Discover Kingston Open House (4:00-7:00pm)

October 3: Bainbridge Senior Center Oktoberfest Resource Fair (10:00am- 1:00pm)

2026 Advisory Council Meetings & Activities

January 12	WA Legislature Begins (ends March 13, 2026)
January 12	* w4a Legislative Training Webinar (Noon-1:00pm)
January 15	* Advisory Council Legislative Planning Meeting (Noon-1:00pm)
January 21 (Wed)	* Advisory Council Meeting from 11:30am- 1:30pm
January 20-22	* w4a Advocacy Days (appointments with elected officials)
February 13 (Fri)	* Advisory Council New Member Orientation Meeting (1:00-2:30pm)
February 18 (Wed)	* Advisory Council Meeting from 11:30am- 1:30pm
February 19	* Virtual Spring Senior Lobby event
March 18 (Wed)	* Advisory Council Meeting from 11:30am- 1:30pm
April 15 (Wed)	* Advisory Council Meeting from 11:30am- 1:30pm
May 20 (Wed)	* Advisory Council Meeting from 11:30am- 1:30pm
May Workshops	<u>May Older Adults Virtual Workshops</u>
June 17 (Wed)	* Advisory Council Meeting from 11:30am- 1:30pm <i>Presentation: Area Plan</i>
July 15	Optional Picnic (No Meeting)
August 19 (Wed)	* Advisory Council Meeting from 11:30am- 1:30pm <i>Presentation: Area Plan Draft document</i>
September 16 (Wed)	* Advisory Council Meeting from 11:30am- 1:30pm <i>Presentation: Area Plan Final Approval</i>
October 21 (Wed)	* Advisory Council from 11:30am- 1:30pm CANCELLED 2026 AAA & State Council on Aging (SCOA) Conference
October 22	2026 Fall Senior Lobby Conference
November TBD	<u>Kitsap Caregiver Workshops</u>
November 18 (Wed)	* Advisory Council Meeting from 11:30am-1:30pm
December 16 (Wed)	* Advisory Council Meeting from 11:30am- 1:30pm

*Indicates zoom meeting; hybrid in-person available (as requested)

In-person meeting location: (South Kitsap) Givens Community Center, Cascade Room