



Meeting Notes
Ohio Advisory Council for Aging
Policy Committee
January 14, 2021 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Virtual Invitation

The meeting was called to order at 1:01pm.

Alex Lapso welcomed members of the committee to the meeting. He called the roll and a quorum was present.

The members reviewed minutes from the previous meetings. Semanthie Brooks moved to accept the minutes. Louis Borowicz seconded the motion. Without objection, the minutes were approved.

The members approved committee meeting dates for Calendar Year 2021.

Alex Lapso provided a presentation on the Department of Aging and Ohio's aging network. He addressed the Older Americans Act, the department's role within the governor's administration, the department's operating budget, the department's divisions and functions, area agencies on aging, and supports at the local level. He responded to questions and will follow-up as needed.

Beverley Laubert provided a presentation on the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program. She addressed structure and functions of the program, handling and managing complaints, and how the program interacts with consumers and state entities. She responded to questions.

Tom Simmons spoke about the department's administrative rules. He provided an overview of the process, the department's authority to adopt rules, and pending projects. He responded to questions.

Stephanie Garrett made a motion to adjourn. Louis Borowicz seconded the motion. Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 2:41pm.

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