



Meeting Minutes
Ohio Advisory Council for Aging
Policy Committee
March 4, 2021 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Virtual Invitation

The meeting was called to order at 1:00pm.

John Begala welcomed members of the committee to the meeting.

Alex Lapso called the roll and a quorum was present. Members John Begala, Stephanie Garrett, and Semanthie Brooks were in attendance.

The members reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting. Without objection, the minutes were approved.

Alex Lapso provided a brief update on the operating budget and responded to questions. Comments were provided that expressed concern with postponing rebasing.

Members of the committee shared their short-term and long-term objectives. Support for following objectives and considerations were discussed:

- Rebasing;
- Rebalancing, including promotion and incentives for private/single occupancy nursing home rooms and the Voluntary Nursing Home Bed Reduction Program;
- Engagement in the budget process;
- Adult protective services funding;
- Senior Community Services Line funding;
- Broadband expansion in under-served areas;
- Rules engagement;
- Helping to plan and provide input for the FY24-25 operating budget;
- General legislative advocacy;
- Promote aging in place;
- Transportation needs;
- Support and implement the Strategic Action Plan on Aging;
- Workforce needs, including increasing the number of primary care physicians and nurse practitioners in underserved areas;
- Addressing rural challenges; and
- Supporting caregivers.

Having no further business before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:55pm.

Fostering sound public policy, research, and initiatives that benefit older Ohioans.