

**AREA AGENCY ON AGING OF PASCO-PINELLAS, INC.
EMERGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
HELD AT HALE SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER
330 DOUGLAS AVENUE, DUNEDIN, FL 34698
June 7, 2024 / 1:30 P.M.**

Board Members Present

President, Stuart Strikowsky
Vice President, Anne Corona
Treasurer, David Alvarez
Secretary, Audrey Baria, MD
Lena Wilfalk
Lisa Shippy-Gonzalez
Commissioner Charlie Justice, Pinellas Board of County Commissioners
Julie Hale
Mai Vu
Judge George Jirotko
Chris Comstock

Board Members Not Present:

Commissioner Seth Weightman, Commissioner Pasco Board of County Commissioners
Virginia Rowell

Others Present in Person:

Ann Marie Winter, Executive Director, Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas
Kerry Kimball Marsalek, Chief Operating Officer, Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas
Kristina Jalazo, Vice President of Finance, Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas
Tawnya Martino, Director of ADRC, Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas
Nora Fitzpatrick, Executive Assistant, Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas
Colleen Flynn, Legal Counsel, Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas

Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

The Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas, Inc. emergency Board of Directors meeting was held on Friday, June 7, 2024, at the Hale Senior Activity Center, 330 Douglas Avenue, Dunedin, FL 34698. President Stuart Strikowsky called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

Agenda Item #2 – Introduction of Audience

President Stuart Strikowsky invited the audience to introduce themselves, which they did.

Agenda Item #3 – Public Meeting Notice

President Stuart Strikowsky announced the meeting was publicly noticed.

Agenda Item #4 – Roll Call

Ms. Ann Marie Winter, Executive Director, called the roll. A quorum of board members was present.

Agenda Item #5 – Public Comments for Items on Agenda

None

Agenda Item #6 – Addendum Item(s) or Any Item Requiring Discussion

None

Agenda Item #7 – CARES

Ms. Ann Marie Winter, AAAPP Executive Director, announced that CARES submitted a letter to the AAAPP terminating its Older American Act Title IIIB contract with 90 days' notice, as of June 4, 2024. She shared that CARES lacks the capacity to comply with its contracts with the AAAPP. In a recent meeting CARES requested to have with AAAPP, the organization informed the AAAPP it did not have sufficient funds to make payroll beyond May 31, 2024, would lay off non-essential staff, and would be meeting with a bankruptcy attorney. Not having 60 days of operating cash flow is a breach of the OAAA Title IIIB contract. CARES has been in this situation on numerous occasions and confirmed to the AAAPP that it did not have a means of obtaining funding to continue operations past May 31, 2024. Ms. Winter noted that additional issues exist and are outlined in the materials that accompanied the agenda. After a substantive discussion and considered reflection, Commissioner Charlie Justice made a motion to 1) initiate emergency procurement for Homemaker, Chore and Adult Day Care services in Pasco County; 2) terminate contract within the 90 day termination if CARES does not perform all required contract services; 3) request to add Chore to the Direct Service Waiver for Pasco County; and 4) ensure that services to seniors are not interrupted and transfer seniors to other providers should the need arise. Dr. Audrey Baria seconded the motion. None opposed. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #20 – President's Report

President Stuart Strikowsky thanked the Board members for making time in their schedule to attend the Emergency Board meeting.

Agenda Item #21 – Executive Director's Report

Ms. Ann Marie Winter, AAAPP Executive Director, informed the Board that the CARES story may come to the attention of the media, and that she would let them know if that happens.

Agenda Item #22 – Board Member Comments

None

Agenda Item #29 – Adjourn

There being no other items for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 1:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved, if signed.

Nora Fitzpatrick
Recording Secretary

Audrey Baria, Secretary

Date_____