

# Allegan County Commission on Aging



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**Chairperson: Rich Butler**  
**Vice Chairperson: Sally Heavener**

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## **COMMISSION ON AGING - MINUTES**

Chair Rich Butler called the meeting to order at 9:00 am on December 3, 2025 - Pledge of Allegiance, Roll call

The Commission of Aging met in the Zimmerman Room of the Human Services Building.

### **ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** Commissioner Mark DeYoung, Chairperson Rich Butler, Vice-Chairperson Sally Heavener, Larry Ladenburger, Mary Campbell, Jo VerBeek, Jim Storey

**ABSENT:** Lue Phelps and Pat Petersen

**OTHERS:** Director Jen Garcia, Deputy County Administrator of Services Dan Wedge, Senior & Veteran Services Admin Assistant Teresa Galloway

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Director Jen Garcia handed out the 2026 Senior Preference Magazine to all members. She also, presented the members with a FY26 clean budget (expenses & revenues). Mary Campbell shared that in the Casco newsletter, for the December issue, they put an ad in talking about the Senior millage renewal that is coming up in 2026.

### **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA-**

Chair Rich Butler mentioned the addition of Mary Campbell's AAAWM Board of Directors Report to the consent agenda. The consent agenda was moved by Sally Heavener, supported by Mary Campbell. All in favor, motion carried.

**PRESENTATIONS:** None

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None

**ACTION ITEMS:** None

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:** Jo VerBeek asked why there are 7 people on the waiting list for Generations. Director Jen Garcia explained that it just has to do with compacity. These people have chosen to go to Generations, as apposed to Evergreen Commons. Jo VerBeek provided a brief summary update of the various committees she serves on including sharing the AAAWM Advisory Board goals.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** Director Jen Garcia stated that in the January meeting there will be the election of officers.

### **Mission Statement**

"Dedicated to serving Allegan County seniors by developing and coordinating services that support their independence, maintain their dignity, and preserve their quality of life"

**ROUND TABLE (COA MEMBER TIME):** None

**ADJOURNMENT UNTIL:**

Motion to adjourn by Jo VerBeek, supported by Larry Ladenburger. All favor, motion carried.  
The meeting adjourned at 9:12 am. Next Meeting January 21, 2026 from 9:00 am-11:00 am in the  
Zimmerman Room at the Human Services Building

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