Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments
Communities Working Together

Meeting Agenda
Pikes Peak Commission on Aging
Wednesday, August 20, 2025, 3:00 PM

In-Person
Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments Main Conference Room
14 S. Chestnut St., Colorado Springs, CO 80905

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1. **Call to Order / Establish a Quorum / Introductions**
2. **Agenda Approval**
3. **Consent Items**
   (These items will be acted upon as a whole, unless they are called up for discussion by a Committee member or a citizen wishing to address the Committee.)
   A. Approval of the minutes from the July 16, 2025, meeting ✉
   B. Approval of the minutes from the July 22, 2025, meeting ✉
4. **Public Comments / Presentations**
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5. **Action Items**
6. **Information Items**
   A. Membership Committee
   B. Jurisdiction Reports Update
      i. Park County
      ii. City of Colorado Springs

C. Policy Committee
   i. Colorado Center for Aging
   ii. Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments Legislative Committee
D. Colorado Commission on Aging
E. Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments Board of Directors Items
F. Chair Report

7. Presentations

8. Working Session

A. Work groups planning and updates:
   i. Enhancing Digital Access
   ii. Creating Age-Friendly Housing and Transportation
   iii. Strengthening Caregiver Supports and Services
   iv. Promoting Social Engagement and Inclusion

9. Discussion Items

A. Age Friendly and Pikes Peak Commission on Aging collaboration and alignment
B. Pikes Peak Commission on Aging growth and community presence for 2026

10. Member Entity Announcements

11. Meeting Schedule

A. Next meeting: September 17, 2025 – 3 p.m.
B. Executive Committee Meetings – First Wednesday of each month at 9 a.m.
C. Policy Committee Meetings – TBD
D. Working Groups:
   i. Caregiving 3rd Thursdays at 2 p.m.
   ii. Social Engagement 2nd and 4th Fridays at 2 p.m.
   iii. Social Engagement Ice Cream Social: August 30, 4 p.m., South Circle Mobile Home Park
E. Upcoming Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments Meeting Schedule ✉

12. Items for Next Meeting

13. Adjournment

Pikes Peak Commission on Aging
Principles of Engagement

To support the mission and vision of the Pikes Peak Commission on Aging, the following Principles of Engagement are utilized to create and maintain a culture of collaboration and partnership among stakeholders and Commission members. The guiding principles are intended to define a behavioral model which addresses how individual members treat each other, communicate, participate, cooperate, support each other, and coordinate joint activity towards the greater whole.

Work Integrity

Collaboration: As team members we agree to always pitch in, when and where necessary, to help address problems and follow-up timely.
Accountability: We agree to be accountable for our own actions, behavior and choices.
Listen: We will listen with empathy, hear with understanding, avoid judgment and defensiveness, and solicit and discuss ideas.
Reflection: Take note of collective successes on an annual basis. Celebrate the impact of work done.
Kindness: We will always promote an environment that is safe for participation, open communication and where group members do not have to fear criticism or retribution.
Ethics: We make decisions that reflect our values and principles; even when the decision may not be favorable to the majority or individually.

Healthy Conflict Resolution

Openness: Receive and deliver feedback with an open mind while offering suggestions for improvement. Generate ideas to resolve problems being dedicated to work through conflict.
Language: Use language that avoids blame and strive to seek productive conversation.

Meeting Etiquette

Engagement: Be Present and prepared —each person should come to the meeting with the materials and data needed and an understanding of the meeting topic, practice active listening skills, be mindful of dominating conversation.
Avoid distraction: Be mindful of the speaker, do not engage in side-bar conversations.

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Roster
Commission on Aging

Chair: Paula Levy
Vice Chair: Kathy Cerullo-Smith
Membership Chair: Erin Maruzzella

Thirty percent of the current voting committee membership (rounded up to the nearest whole number) shall constitute a quorum.

Citizens-At-Large
Kathy Cerullo-Smith: Expires Dec. 31, 2025
Connie Ryan: Expires Nov. 8, 2026
Paula Levy: Expires Dec. 31, 2026*
Kent Mathews: Expires March 12, 2028
Dayton Romero: Expires Dec. 31, 2027*
Amy Smith: Expires Dec. 31, 2026
Phil Stafford: Expires Dec. 31, 2027
Penny Whitney: Expires Dec. 31, 2027

City of Colorado Springs
Erin Maruzzella: Expires Aug. 14, 2027

El Paso County
Carolyn Kazden: Expires Feb. 12, 2028
Steve Schleiker: Expires Feb. 12, 2028
Wanda Wood: Expires Feb. 12, 2028

Park County
Penny Everest: Expires April 9, 2028

Open Member Seats
Alma
Calhan
Fairplay
Fountain
Green Mountain Falls
Manitou Springs
Monument
Palmer Lake
Ramah
Victor
Woodland Park
Cripple Creek
Teller County

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1. **Call To Order / Establish A Quorum / Introductions**
   Chair Levy called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. A quorum was present.
2. **Agenda Approval**
   Penny Whitney motioned to approve, Steve Schleiker seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
3. **Consent Items**
   These items will be acted upon as a whole, unless they are called up for discussion by a commission member or a citizen wishing to address the commission.
   A. Approval of the minutes from the June 18, 2025 meeting
      Penny Whitney motioned to approve, Kent Mathews seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
4. **Public Comments/Presentations**
   A. Public Comments. Public comment can be made before or during the meeting. Public comment during the meeting is limited to three minutes and can be done at the meeting location or remotely by using the posted Microsoft Teams link. Individuals are encouraged to notify the meeting organizer at ppacg@ppacg.org before the start of the meeting with the agenda item they would like to comment on. Public comments can be submitted before the meeting via email to ppacg@ppacg.org for distribution to the committee members.
5. **Action Items**

6. **Information Items**
   A. Membership Committee.
      Bob Foster was in attendance today. He is a candidate for appointment from the Teller County Commissioners.
   B. Policy Committee
      i. Colorado Center for Aging
         Erin Maruzzella noted that the Board is meeting the end of July to work on strategic planning. Anticipating more advocacy and training.
      ii. Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments Legislative Committee.
         They are meeting monthly currently. Watching for a special session at the state in mid-August. Federally, watching a veteran transit bill introduced by Rep. Brittany Pettersen and the Older Americans Act reauthorization.
   C. Colorado Commission on Aging
      The 10 year Multisector Plan is being implemented. Penny Whitney is working with behavioral health and Erin Maruzzella in advocacy. The plan is for advocacy to cover all the committees.
   D. Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments Board of Directors Items.
      Jody Barker shared that USAging prepared an update slide deck on the impact of the passing of the reconciliation bill. his will be shared with the Pikes Peak Commission on Aging. Area Agency on Aging services have not been cut, however there are concerns with Medicaid, Medicare, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program with cuts being implemented immediately as well as over the next 10 years. There are work requirements for people under 64 and twice a year redeterminations. The Pikes Peak Area Agency on Aging is actively documenting client stories.
   E. Chair Report.
      Looking forward to the presentations and workgroup updates.
7. **Presentations**
   A. Joie Glenn Retired Volunteer on Colorado Senior Games
      Joie Glenn is the prior Chair for Next50 and is on the Colorado Commission on Aging. She actively recruited with Governor Polis to get Colorado to sign on with the Senior Games. She started this work in 2020. We had our Senior Games in Colorado Springs in June 2025 with 17 sports and 600 athletes. Goal for Colorado to host nationals in 2031. On July 31, there is a celebration party at Dave and Busters for the recent events. Melissa Marts and Carolyn Kazden will attend.
   B. JAWs student update (Jumpstart the Aging Workforce)
      Makenna, a June graduate from District 49 shared that her school district was the latest to join the JAWS program supporting efforts in northeast Colorado Springs. Following her internship she is continuing to work on creating a storytelling initiative with seniors and young people to capture stories through narrative, art

and music. Esme, a District 8 graduate, shared how her JAWS internship opened her eyes that long term care was not so scary. She is now developing an active intergenerational volunteer program at the facility she was at. Kent Mathews asked if there might be a way to support seniors in their homes.

C. ASAging update on federal legislation
Shared in 7D.

8. **Working Session**
   A. Work groups planning and updates:
      i. Enhancing digital access. State Digital Access group is continuing to explore options to implement access programming.
      ii. Creating Age-Friendly housing and transportation. Steve Schleiker noted they are drafting a position paper on the senior homestead exemption act and would like to move this through the Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments Legislative Committee for active advocacy. The Pikes Peak Commission on Aging will set up a special meeting to approve this. This workgroup will also look at combining with the Pikes Peak Age Friendly workgroup. There is a meeting scheduled August 14, 2025, at 3 p.m.
      iii. Strengthening caregiver supports and services. Carolyn Kazden is confirming a new time for group.
      iv. Promoting social engagement and inclusion. The Pikes Peak Commission on Aging meeting adjourned before an update could be provided. They are meeting.
9. **Discussion Items**
10. **Member Entity Announcements**
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    C. Policy Committee Meetings – TBD
    D. Caregiving Workgroup 3rd Thursdays. Social Engagement 2nd and 4th Friday at 2.
    E. Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments Meetings
12. **Items for Next Meeting**
13. **Adjournment**

Chair Levy adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

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Special Meeting Minutes
Pikes Peak Commission on Aging
Tuesday, July, 2022, 4:00 PM

1. **Call to Order / Establish a Quorum / Introductions**
   Chair Levy called the meeting to order at 4 p.m. A quorum was present.
2. **Agenda Approval**
   Kent Mathews motioned to approve, Phil Stafford seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
3. **Action Items**
   A. Approval to Develop a Senior Homestead Exemption Informational Flier
   Steve Schleiker motioned to approve. Phil Stafford seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
4. **Adjournment**
   Chair Levy adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

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Upcoming Meeting Schedule

Date	Time	Meeting
August 20	1:30 p.m.	Site Application Review Committee
August 20	3 p.m.	Commission on Aging
August 21	1:30 p.m.	Transportation Advisory Committee
August 21	2 p.m.	Commission on Aging – Caregiver Work Group
August 22	2 p.m.	Commission on Aging – Social Engagement Work Group
August 25	1 p.m.	Water Quality Management Committee – 208 Plan Update
August 27	9 a.m.	Water Quality Management Committee
August 27	1 p.m.	Air Quality Technical Committee
August 27	3 p.m.	Community Advisory Committee
August 28	10 a.m.	Regional Advisory Council
August 29	2 p.m.	Commission on Aging – Social Engagement Work Group
September 3	9 a.m.	Commission on Aging – Executive Committee
September 3	11 a.m.	Regional Advisory Council – Executive Committee
September 5	9 a.m.	Board of Directors Workshop
September 8	8:30 a.m.	Legislative Committee
September 10	9 a.m.	Board of Directors
September 17	3 p.m.	Commission on Aging
September 18	8:30 a.m.	Mobility Coordinating Committee – Executive Committee
September 18	1:30 p.m.	Transportation Advisory Committee
September 18	2 p.m.	Commission on Aging – Caregiver Work Group
September 23	9:30 a.m.	Mobility Coordinating Committee
September 24	9 a.m.	Water Quality Management Committee
September 24	1 p.m.	Air Quality Technical Committee
September 24	3 p.m.	Community Advisory Committee
September 25	10 a.m.	Regional Advisory Council
October 1	9 a.m.	Commission on Aging – Executive Committee
October 1	11 a.m.	Regional Advisory Council – Executive Committee
October 3	9 a.m.	Board of Directors Workshop
October 6	8:30 a.m.	Legislative Committee
October 8	9 a.m.	Board of Directors
October 15	3 p.m.	Commission on Aging
October 16	1:30 p.m.	Transportation Advisory Committee
October 16	2 p.m.	Commission on Aging – Caregiver Work Group

October 22	9 a.m.	Water Quality Management Committee
October 22	1 p.m.	Air Quality Technical Committee
October 23	10 a.m.	Regional Advisory Council
October 29	3 p.m.	Community Advisory Committee

Schedule as of August 15, 2025

Meetings may be added, changed or cancelled as needed. Current meeting schedule is available at ppacg.org.