

**AREA AGENCY ON AGING OF PASCO-PINELLAS
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MEETING HELD**

May 11, 2026, IN PERSON

MEMBERS PRESENT:

City of Seminole Councilor Thomas Barnhorn (Chair)
Eric Gerard
Barbara Epstein
Michael Estigo
Lisa Moore
Marci Neal

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Savannah Smith
Miriam Benitez-Nixon
Lisa Schwartz
Beth Aker (Vice Chair)
Karen Karinja
Valerie Anderson-Stallworth

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ann Marie Winter, Executive Director
McKenna O'Neill, Director, Strategic Advancement, AAAPP
Francisco Alvarado, IT Manager, AAAPP
Melissa Lawrence, Executive Assistant, AAAPP
Josephine Benson, Manager, Senior Services, Pasco County
Veronica Ignat, Assistant Manager, Senior Service, Pasco County

Agenda Item #1 - Welcome and Introduction

Chair Thomas Barnhorn called the meeting of May 11, 2026 to order at 1:30 p.m. He welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Agenda Item #2 - Roll Call

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

Agenda Item #3 - Consent Agenda

Chair Thomas Barnhorn presented the Consent Agenda which included the Advisory Council Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2026, and the AAAPP Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of March 16, 2026. There were no questions or comments.

Mr. Mike Estigo made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Eric Gerard second. None opposed, motion carried.

Agenda Item #4 - Items for Discussion from the Consent Agenda

None

Agenda Item #5 – Presentation on Senior Nutrition Services funded by the Older American Act

Ms. Josephine Benson, Manager, Senior Services

Ms. Veronica Ignat, Assistant Manager, Senior

Services, Pasco County shared information about their Nutrition Services provided to the older adults in Pasco County funded by the Older Americans Act, Local Services Program, and the Nutrition Services Incentive Program.

None, For information only.

Agenda Item #6 – AAAPP 2026-2029 Strategic Plan Update

Ms. Ann Marie Winter, Executive Director, shared an update of the timeline and process for the 2026-2029 AAAPP Strategic Plan.

None, For Information Only.

Agenda Item #7 – New Agency Website

Ms. Ann Marie Winter, Executive Director, presented the new website to the Council and shared some of the site's new features.

None, For information only.

Agenda Item #8 Legislative and Funding Update

Ann Marie Winter, Executive Director, shared a summary of the FY 2026-27 State of Florida legislative sessions which included her sending out letters to all the members of the Pinellas and Pasco delegations.

None, For Information Only.

Agenda Item #9 – Development Update

McKenna O'Neill, Director of Strategic Advancement, shared the year-to-date fundraising updates and provided a review of upcoming development projects.

Ms. McKenna O'Neill shared information regarding the 2026 Annual Luncheon Fundraising event which included the total amount raised thus far.

None, for information only.

Agenda Item #10– Executive Director's Report

Ann Marie Winter, Executive Director, shared the staff transitions that have occurred and the staff that were promoted to ensure smooth transitions and provide professional development opportunities for long tenured staff. Ms. Tawyna Martino was promoted to Chief Operating Officer along with Ms. Tracy Barrow being promoted to the ADRC Director. Lastly, Ms. Peggy Herlache was promoted to Assistant Director, Community Health and will oversee the SHINE, Veterans Directed Care and Community Health programs of the agency.

None, For Information Only.

Agenda Item #11 - Council Member Comments

None

Agenda Item #12 - Announcements

Mr. Barnhorn went through all the meetings scheduled for the upcoming months.

Agenda Item #13 - Adjourn

There being no further business for discussion; Chair Thomas Barnhorn made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 2:48 p.m.