AREA AGENCY ON AGING OF PASCO-PINELLAS, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
AAAPP CONFERENCE ROOM, 9549 KOGER BLVD., ST. PETERSBURG, FL 33702
June 15, 2026 / 9:30 A.M.

Board Members Present in Person

President, David Alvarez
Vice President, Lena Wilfalk
Secretary, Mai Vu
Dr. Stuart Strikowsky
Dr. Audrey Baria
Michelle Cyr
Anthony Koffman
Treasurer, Lisa Shippy-Gonzalez
Commissioner Dr. René Flowers, Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners

Board Members Present on TEAMS

Commissioner Lisa Yeager, Pasco County Board of County Commissioners

Board Members Not Present

April Hill
Anne Corona

Others Present in Person:

Kristina Jalazo, Chief Financial Officer, Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas
Christine Didion, Director Programs, Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas
Francisco Alvarado, IT Manager, Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas
Tawnya Martino, Chief Operating Officer, Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas
Tracy Barrows, ADRC Director, Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas
McKenna O'Neill, Director Strategic Advancement, Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas
Melissa Lawrence, Executive Assistant, Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas
Sandra Brown, HR Manager, Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas
Kharla Lavandier, Controller, Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas
City of Seminole Councilor Thomas Barnhorn, Chair Advisory Council
Miriam Benitez-Nixon, Advisory Council
Valerie Anderson-Stallworth, Advisory Council
Savannah Smith, Advisory Council
Karen Karinja, Advisory Council
Lisa Moore, Advisory Council
Marci Neal, Advisory Council
Stephen Ferrante, Group Victory, LLC

Others Present on TEAMS

None.

Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

The Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas, Inc. Board of Directors meeting was held on Monday, June 15, 2026, in AAAPP Conference Room, 9549 Koger Blvd, St. Petersburg, FL 33702. Mr. David Alvarez, Board President called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Agenda Item #2 – Introduction of Audience

Mr. David Alvarez, Board President, invited the audience to introduce themselves, which they did.

Agenda Item #3 – Public Meeting Notice

Ms. Tawnya Martino, Chief Operating Officer, announced the meeting was publicly noticed.

Agenda Item #4 – Roll Call

Ms. Tawnya Martino, Chief Operating Officer, called the roll. A quorum of board members was present as of 9:30 am.

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 – Consent Agenda

Commissioner Dr. René Flowers made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Dr. Audrey Baria seconded the motion. None opposed, motion carried.

Agenda Item #8– Items for discussion from the consent agenda

None.

Agenda Item #9 – Board Vacancies

Ms. Mai Vu, Secretary, shared that the Nominating and Membership Committee met on May 4, 2026, to review the applications of Stefanie Pontlitz and Michael Grande for the open Pasco and Pinellas County seats. Both applicants have been interviewed by a member of the Committee. The Committee made a motion to recommend that the AAAPP Board of Directors approve both applicants for election to the AAAPP Board as of the August 17, 2026 Board of Directors' meeting and that terms continue until March 2029.

The Board voted on the motion made by the committee and the motion was approved unanimously.

<u>Agenda Item #10 – CMS Guide Partner Organization Agreement</u>

Ms. Tawnya Martino, Chief Operating Officer, shared the GUIDE Partnership Agreement with Eli Health to deliver non-clinical care navigation and caregiver support services under the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services GUIDE Model. Under the arrangement, CMS payments flow to Eli Health as the Participant Organization, with AAAPP receiving an agreed upon reimbursement rates for the services provided. This partnership expands dementia care, caregiver education, and coordination services. The agreement is through December 31, 2026 with an option to automatically review for an additional (1) year period. Dr. Audrey Baria made a motion to approve the agreement with Eli Health. Commissioner Dr. René Flowers seconded the motion. None opposed, motion carried.

<u>Agenda Item #11 – Succession Planning</u>

Ms. Sandra Brown, HR Manager, shared and introduced the agency's framework on building a bench of organizational leaders. Ms. Sandra Brown presented the draft Succession Plan policy and procedures document and asked the Board to approve. Commissioner Dr. René Flowers made a motion to approve the draft policy and procedure with the recommendation to change the wording regarding inclusivity and diversity in question #3 under Key Principals in the draft policy and procedure. Dr. Audrey Baria seconded the motion. None opposed, motion carried.

<u>Agenda Item #12 –Development Update</u>

Ms. McKenna O'Neill, Director, Strategic Advancement shared year to date fundraising revenue and communications updates. Ms. McKenna O'Neill shared details regarding the continued preparations for the 2026 Annual Luncheon that will be held on August 21, 2026, at the Rusty Pelican. This was for information only.

<u>Agenda Item #13 – 2026-2029 Strategic Planning Process</u>

Mr. Stephen Ferrante, Group Victory, LLC., led the strategic planning working session with the Board of Directors, Advisory Council and leadership team. This was for information only.

<u>Agenda Item #14 – Open Agenda/Public Comments</u>

None

<u>Agenda Item #15 – Adjourn</u>

There being no other items for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 12:47 p.m. with ending comments from Mr. David Alvarez, Board President encouraging the board to take a strong look at becoming a sponsor at this year's annual luncheon.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Melissa Lawrence
Recording Secretary

Approved, if signed.

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Mai Vu, Secretary
Date____________________