

Boulder County Aging Advisory Council Feb. Minutes

Date: Friday, February 6, 2026

Location: Lafayette Public Library and Zoom

Mission

The mission of the AAC is to deliver, fund, and advocate for services that promote well-being, independence, and dignity for older adults, people living with disabilities, family and informal caregivers, and Veterans in Boulder County.

Members Present

Emelita Gagne, Amelia Groves, Arlene Zortman, Dena Boutwell, Larry Brassem, Reed Cobb, Carol Buxton, Harriet Edelstein, Kay Sparks, Lisa Bondi, Cindy Brekke, Charlie Erdrich, Ellen Taxman, Cathy James, Stephen Topping, Michele Cohen, Jeanine Tarrant, Bob Magin, Jocelyn Brown, Randy Trahan

Members Excused

NA

Staff and Guests Present

Staff: Lindsay Neville, Carol Cross, Kate LeMere, Ashley Reese, Sam Sturman

Guests: DA Michael Dougherty, Alaina Beaulaurier, Jim Hendrix, Carren Williams, Sharon Menard, Desiree Firle

Welcome and Comments from the Chair – Arlene Zortman

There were no public comments.

Arlene spoke about food insecurity and the efforts at Longmont Senior Center.

Who motioned? Larry Brassem

Who seconded? Cathy James

Approved by the whole.

Legislative Updates and Older Adults Day at the Capitol – Lindsay Neville and Carol Cross

Lindsay shared information on the potential move to regions instead of counties for eligibility for programs like SNAP, TANF, and more.

Lindsay reviewed the following bills with AAC:

[HB26-1010](#): Older Adult Support & Representation in Workforce

[HB26-1018](#): Long-term Care Services for Nursing Home Residents

[HB26-1022](#): Jury Duty Opt-Out for People 72 Years or Older

[HB26-1107](#): Health Care in Regulated Facilities

[HB26-1110](#): Vulnerable Adult Financial Exploitation Banking

[HB26-1120](#): Mobility Home Property Taxation

The AAC is planning to join with CCA (Colorado Center for Aging) for our trip to the Capitol on Tuesday, March 24, 2026. Lindsay reviewed the information we'll share with electeds. More details to come.

Goodbyes and Co-Chair Voting

We said goodbye to Harriet Edelstein, Dena Boutwell, and Amelia Groves.

The AAC voted Stephen Topping into the position of AAC co-chair.

Know Your Rights – DA Michael Dougherty

DA Michael Dougherty gave an overview of [Know Your Rights](#). His slides were shared with the AAC.

Adjourn

Who motioned? Amelia Groves

Who seconded? Dena Boutwell