



**Advisory Council on
Aging and Disability Services
and
Mayor's Commission on African American Elders**

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**Advisory Council and MCAAE Annual Joint Meeting
May 15, 2026**

ATTENDING

Members: Alex O'Reilly, Dolores Wiens, Dr. Joel Domingo, CM John Boyd, Dolores Wiens, Lorna Stone, Wyvonne Ray, Pamela Williams, Tiffany Toms, Claudette Thomas, Calvin Lassiter, Cole Kiser, Debroah O'Neal, Debroah Hughes, Cindy Herndon, Cynthia Snyder, and Jay Woolford and emeritus member: Ms. Charlotte Antoine

Staff: Andrea Yip, Allison Boll, Blake Matthews, Eldad Mekuria, Jacqueline Cobbs, Mary Pearson, Michael Adusah, Sherry Wu, and Stevie Elliott and Waing Waing

AAA Partners: Dax Tate (Sound Cities Association), Charlotte Jacobs, Cat Munsen (Sound Cities Association), Jen Kulik and, Sina Jackson, Tracy Adair (King County DCHS)

Guests: Brittany Blue, Gazel Tan and Sharron Hargraves, Vedrana Durakoric, and Herb Caldwell. (additional guests may not be named)

WELCOME

The meeting commenced with brief introductions from attending members and guests.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The floor opened with a call for public comment; none received.

COUNCIL EXCHANGE:

Alex from the ADS Advisory Council and Pamela from the MCAAE each shared their respective council priorities, highlighting areas of alignment on key issues. They also discussed opportunities for collaboration, including contributing to articles in the [AgeWise King County](#) newsletter.

2027 -2030 AREA PLAN FOR SEATTLE AND KING COUNTY

Area Plan Stakeholder Review: Council members reviewed the 2027–2030 Area Plan Stakeholder Review, which included several detailed posters outlining key elements of the plan. Members divided into small groups to discuss the content, identify gaps, and note any concerns. After reconvening, the councils shared their reflections, highlighting both positive aspects of the plan and areas needing further consideration.

ADS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Local, State and Federal Updates:

Approximately 1,000 clients in King County are at risk of losing long-term care benefits. Community agencies are actively planning responses to support affected clients.

Michael is gathering legislative priorities for the upcoming January session, with a target to finalize the priority list by mid-fall.

ADS is partnering with the AARP candidate forum to engage new and prospective elected officials. The goal is to build relationships and identify potential champions for key priorities. Michael will gather additional information on local candidates, including who is running and where they are engaging with the community, so staff can participate and share priorities as appropriate.

REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS AND CLOSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Mama Joe Project: Sherry Wu introduced special guest Dr. Herb Caldwell, director/producer of the “My Mama Joe, Hope and Help” documentary film and the founder of the Mama Joe Project. Dr. Caldwell thanked the advisory council members for helping to spread the word about the May 16th event.

Next Advisory Council meeting is June 12, 2026

Please contact Michael Adusah with questions or to request accommodations: (206) 471-2229 or michael.adusah@seattle.gov

Next MCAAE meeting is July 17, 2026

(MCAAE June meeting has been canceled in observance of Juneteenth)