

# ELDERBRIDGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## Elderbridge Agency on Aging

### Meeting Minutes

Zoom Conference Call

Tuesday, January 13, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

#### 0.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Will at 10:02 a.m.

#### 0.1 Introduction of Board members, staff, and visitors.

President Will called for introductions of visitors and staff. Staff members: Stacia Timmer, CEO; Sandra Jackson, COO; Jacob Beaver, HR Director; Emily Winker, LifeLong Links Director; and Amy Simpson, Executive Assistant, were present. Lionel Foster, Liaison to the Advisory Council, was absent.

#### 0.2 Roll Call

Jill Hawkinson	Ph	Casee Ross	A
Amanda Kaufman	Ph	Lisa Rockhill	Ph
Ethan Huizenga	Ph	Crystal Meier	Ph
Gary Caviness	Ph	Beth Will	Ph
Linda Vaudt	Ph		

#### 0.3 Items added to the Board Agenda by Board Members and Agency Staff

No new items were added to the agenda.

#### 0.4 Adopt Agenda

President Will called for a motion to adopt the December 3, 2025, Board agenda as presented. It was moved by Jill Hawkinson and seconded by Lisa Rockhill that the agenda be adopted.

Aye: all (the motion was declared carried.)

#### 1.0 Board Affairs

##### 1.1 Approval of December 9, 2025, Board meeting minutes

President Will called for a motion to approve the December 9, 2025, meeting minutes. It was moved by Ethan Huizenga and seconded by Linda Vaudt that the December 9, 2025, meeting minutes be approved.

Aye: all (the motion was declared carried.)

##### 1.2 Fundraising Committee Report

CEO Timmer reported on the following:

- The Slam Dunk Fundraiser is scheduled for March 22-29, 2026
- Receiving donations has been difficult. Donations are currently at a little over \$9,000 with a goal of \$10,000
- Micro-fundraisers – received \$600 from Diamond Jo's for the Tree of Hope fundraiser. Elderbridge came in 4<sup>th</sup> place. Randy's Grocery in Clear Lake donated \$153.00 from the "round-up" campaign in December.

- There are 126 items listed on the silent auction. There will be more before the fundraiser in March.
- The auction will be on social media, and you can go to 32Auctions to view the items.

It was moved by Lisa Rockhill and seconded by Jill Hawkinson to approve the Fundraising Committee report.

Aye: all (the motion was declared carried.)

**1.3 Central Services Board Report**

CEO Timmer reported the following:

- There is \$181,000 available in funds/assets. Rental income has contributed to the cash on hand.
- Going to get bids for the base of the Elderbridge sign in Spencer, and bids for fixing the foundation issues at the Fort Dodge office.
- Need to create maintenance checklists in the two offices to be more proactive with maintenance instead of waiting until there is an issue.

It was moved by Linda Vaudt and seconded by Jill Hawkinson to approve the Fundraising Committee report as presented.

Aye: all (the motion was declared carried.)

**1.4 Update on Board of Supervisors Visits**

CEO Timmer reported that the county Board of Supervisors visits are all completed except Webster County, which is scheduled for January 27, 2026. Overall, the feedback has been positive.

**2.0 Finance Report – Jodi Presswood, CFO**

**2.1 Finance Report**

- There is no draft of the audit yet. The auditors will be in Fort Dodge next week to finish the audit. Hoping to have an audit report for the February Board meeting.
- The Wells Fargo Bank checking account is finally closed. The agency still has credit cards through Wells Fargo.
- The ADS funding request system is still not running. It will probably be in July. The new system will be a monthly drawdown instead of quarterly.
- Title IIID funds that were unspent for preventive health were sent back to ADS. There are still IIID funds available to spend, and the management team is looking for new opportunities to make sure the funds are spent.
- The local public funds level was higher than expected.
- Overall, Elderbridge is financially stable.

It was moved by Lisa Rockhill and seconded by Ethan Huizenga to approve the financial report as presented.

Aye: all (the motion was declared carried.)

### **3.0 Agency Reports**

#### **3.1 LifeLong Links Report – Emily Winker**

- Santa for Seniors in Carroll went well, but had to turn away people willing to adopt seniors.
- Rent reimbursement has begun. This year, one day a week in each office will be dedicated to appointments to file rent reimbursement applications online for seniors.
- Attended i4a meetings for elder rights, ADRC, IRTC, and caregiver programs
- There are 539 active clients, 378 documented calls in the past 30 days, and the calls will continue to rise after the holiday season.

#### **3.2 COO Report – Sandi Jackson**

- Hope to hear the status of the Benefits Enrollment Center grant this month.
- Hope, Opportunity in Many Environments (HOME), through Health and Human Services, is geared towards making the HCBS waiver services more efficient. The elderly waiver will continue to remain as is. Some of the other waivers will transition down into the legislative funnels in 2026. It will not impact Elderbridge's day-to-day activities. The HHS website has more information regarding HOME.

#### **3.3 CEO Report – Stacia Timmer**

- One position is open: Healthy Aging Coordinator. Taylor Hageman has decided to stay home with her young family. Position could be located in Fort Dodge or Carroll.
- The state legislative session opened on January 12. The legislators' focus will be on property taxes and eminent domain. Zach Rhein, ADS Director, spoke with the AAA directors to inform them that legislation may be coming through to align the AAAs with the disability access point map. The legislators are looking at it administratively and not on how it will impact services. Public Health is also in this conversation. Information will be sent to the Board that includes the map. The Board will be kept up to date on this possible legislation.
- The AAAs do not have a formal contract with the state. Each AAA will be signing a contract with HHS. That will be coming up in February, with the formal signing of the contract in April. The AAAs will have attorneys review the proposed contracts.

### **4.0 Community Relations**

#### **4.1 County Updates – Feedback from Board Members and the General Public.**

Santa for Seniors was very successful this year and keeps getting bigger each year. The Carroll office had its first Santa for Seniors this year.

### **5.0 Coming Dates**

**5.1** Next Board Meeting – February 10, 2026, 10:00 a.m. via Zoom

**5.2** Upcoming office closures: January 19, MLK Day

**5.3** Caregiver Support Group – Virtual or in-person meeting, the fourth Tuesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. by Zoom, Mason City area

**5.4** Webster County Caregiver Support Group – 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. First Baptist Church, Fort Dodge

**5.5** Clay County Caregiver Support Group – 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. by Zoom

**5.6** Frontotemporal Dementia (FTD) Support Group – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month, contact Deb Scharper at [dscharper@theaftd.org](mailto:dscharper@theaftd.org), Iowa link: <https://www.theaftd.org/iowa/>

- 5.7 Advisory Council Meeting – February 25, 2026, 9:00 a.m. via Zoom
- 5.8 Annual Slam Dunk Against Hunger Fundraiser/Online Auction – March 22-29, 2026

**6.0 Adjournment**

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There being no further business before the Board, it was moved by Linda Vaudt and seconded by Jill Hawkinson that the meeting be adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

Aye: all (the motion was declared carried.)