

# ELDERBRIDGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## Elderbridge Agency on Aging

### Meeting Minutes

Zoom Conference Call

Tuesday, March 10, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

#### 0.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Will at 10:00 a.m.

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

President Will called for introductions of visitors and staff. Staff members: Stacia Timmer, COO; Jacob Beaver, HR Director; Emily Winker, LifeLong Links Director; and Amy Simpson, Executive Assistant, were present. Sandi Jackson, COO, was not present. Lionel Foster, Liaison to the Advisory Council, was present.

#### 0.2 Roll Call

Jill Hawkinson	Ph	Casee Ross	Ph
Amanda Kaufman	A	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 March 10, 2026, Board agenda as presented. It was moved by Lisa Rockhill and seconded by Linda Vaudt that the agenda be adopted.

Aye: all (the motion was declared carried.)

#### 1.0 Board Affairs

##### 1.1 Approval of February 10, 2026, Board meeting minutes

President Will called for a motion to approve the February 10, 2026, meeting minutes. It was moved by Lisa Rockhill and seconded by Jill Hawkinson that the February 10, 2026, meeting minutes be approved.

Aye: all (the motion was declared carried.)

##### 1.2 Fundraising Committee Report

CEO Timmer reported the following:

- The auction currently has 226 items, with more items still coming in.
- The online auction is March 22-29. Information about the fundraiser will be emailed out, and there is also a flyer in the Board packet.
- The results of the fundraiser will be given at the April Board meeting.

It was moved by Lionel Foster and seconded by Casee Ross that the Fundraising Committee report be approved as presented.

Aye: all (the motion was declared carried.)

**1.3 Update on upcoming Board Vacancies**

CEO Timmer reported the following:

- Two members are up for term renewal in July. Jill Hawkinson has agreed to serve another 3-year term. Amanda Kaufman will not be renewing for a 2<sup>nd</sup> term.
- Working on getting a new candidate for the Board, as a minimum of 9 members is required according to the bylaws.

**1.4 Update on redistricting the AAAs**

CEO Timmer reported the following:

- House file #2707 and Senate file #2338 are out of subcommittee and are going to the House Committee. There are many bills trying to get through due to the current Governor not seeking another term.
- CEO Timmer was in Des Moines on March 4 to meet with Legislators. A letter and invitation were sent to 16 legislators to come and speak with CEO Timmer in the rotunda of the Capitol. The response was good.
- Representative Ann Meyer, Chair of the HHS budget committee, spoke with CEO Timmer about redistricting. Representative Meyer understands the problems that would be caused and the impact on older lowans. Cost could be \$500,000 per AAA or more.
- Continuing to have conversations with the AAAs lobbyist and ADS. They did not like the AAAs amendment to the bill. Met with Zach Rhein at HHS and other HHS staff. If the redistricting does go through, it would take place in 2027 or after.

**2.0 Advisory Council Report – Linda Vaudt**

- Fundraising and the Slam Dunk fundraiser were discussed, and the upcoming Slam Dunk Fundraiser was discussed.
- Vacant counties were discussed, and members were encouraged to help fill the vacancies.
- The BEC grant was discussed.
- The Rent Reimbursement program, which started in January, was discussed.

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

**3.1 Finance Report**

- An attempt was made with the new ADS funding system last week with the MIPPA funding. The request went through successfully. Can't use the system for the federal funding yet, as the state has not received the money.
- Revenue and Expenditures are in good standing.
- Done processing the rebudget for FY26. In the process of working on the FY27 budget.
- Still waiting for the auditor to close FY25. Hope to do so when tax season is over.
- The meal program is above where it should be due to grants for food vouchers and shelf-stable meals.

It was moved by Linda Vaudt and seconded by Casee Ross to approve the financial report as presented.

Aye: all (the motion was declared carried.)

#### **4.0 Agency Reports**

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

- The BEC Grant is \$150,000 for 30 months and started on February 1, 2026. 600 core applications need to be completed, which should not be a problem.
- Rent Reimbursement has started, and once a week clinic days started in February to assist consumers with filing the rent reimbursement application online. Appointments are scheduled in advance for each week. Clinic days will continue through most of March.
- I&A and Elder Rights staff will be attending online training on how to handle crisis calls. Family caregiver staff will be attending training for hospice and palliative care.
- Have 29 clients who are using the Grandpad. It was reported that there were 6,524 hours of use in 2025. There were 1,700 video chats with family members and 195 total companions on the Grandpad.
- There were 315 calls to I&A, and 492 consumers were served in February.

##### **4.2 COO Report – Sandi Jackson**

- COO Jackson is not in attendance at the meeting. Her report is in the March Board packet. CEO Timmer will provide her information in her report.

##### **4.3 CEO Report – Stacia Timmer**

- Contract season has started, and Elderbridge has issued RFAs for nutrition and HCBS contracts. The notice is on the website.
- CEO Timmer and COO Jackson are working on the Area Plan yearly update that is due in April.
- Staff evaluations and salary increases are coming up.
- On April 21, 2026, there is the Volunteer Appreciation Event in Algona, at the Iowa Lakes Community College. Board members are invited to attend.

#### **5.0 Community Relations**

- ##### **5.1 County Updates – Feedback from Board Members and the General Public.**
- No county updates at this time.

#### **6.0 Coming Dates**

- ##### **6.1 Next Board Meeting – April 14, 2026, 10:00 a.m. via Zoom**
- ##### **6.2 Caregiver Support Group – Virtual or in-person meeting, the fourth Tuesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. by Zoom, Mason City area**
- ##### **6.3 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**
- ##### **6.4 Clay County Caregiver Support Group – 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. by Zoom**
- ##### **6.5 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/>**
- ##### **6.6 Advisory Council Meeting – May 27, 2026, 9:00 a.m. via Zoom**
- ##### **6.7 Annual Slam Dunk Against Hunger Fundraiser/Online Auction – March 22-29, 2026**
- ##### **6.8 Elderbridge Volunteer Appreciation Event – April 21, 2026, 11:00 am to 2:00 p.m., Iowa Lakes Community College, Algona, Iowa**

**7.0 Adjournment**

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There being no further business before the Board, it was moved by Jill Hawkinson and seconded by Lisa Rockhill that the meeting be adjourned at 11:09 a.m.

Aye: all (the motion was declared carried.)