

Alzheimer's Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2022
3:00-5:00 pm

Date of meeting: Tuesday, February 15, 2022

Start time: 3:00 pm

End time: 5:00 pm

Location: Virtual Meeting (Zoom)

Members participating remotely		Vote 1*	Vote 2	Vote 3
1	Secretary Elizabeth Chen – Executive Office of Elder Affairs (EOEA) (<i>chair</i>)	X	X	X
2	Susan Antkowiak – Alzheimer's Association - MA/NH Chapter	-	-	-
3	Michael Belleville – Alzheimer's Advocate	X	X	X
4	Andrew Budson – VA Boston Healthcare System	X	X	X
5	Jatin Dave – Chief Medical Officer, MassHealth	X	X	X
6	Tricia Farley-Bouvier – Mass. House of Representatives	-	-	-
7	Jonathan Jackson – Mass General Brigham	-	-	X
8	Patricia D. Jehlen – Mass. Senate	-	-	-
9	Rhiana Kohl – Caregiver and Alzheimer's Advocate	X	X	X
10	James Lavery – Department of Public Health (DPH)	X	X	X
11	Barbara Meehan – Alzheimer's Advocate/Former Caregiver	X	X	X
12	Hector Montesino – Alzheimer's Advocate	X	X	X
13	Bernice Osborne-Pollard – Caregiver	X	X	X
14	Linda Pellegrini – UMass Memorial Medical Center	X	X	X
15	Heather Sawitsky – Fox Hill Village Homeowners Corp.	X	X	-
16	James Wessler – Alzheimer's Association	X	X	X
17	Vacant Council Seat	-	-	-

* (X) Voted in favor; (O) Opposed; (A) Abstained from vote; (-) Absent from meeting or during vote

Proceedings

Secretary Chen called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm. She welcomed members and noted that all votes taken during the meeting would be conducted via roll call.

Vote 1 to approve the 12/7/2021 minutes: Secretary Chen requested a motion to approve the minutes from the Council's last meeting on December 7, 2021. Ms. Meehan introduced the motion, which was seconded by Dr. Kohl and approved by roll-call vote (see detailed record of votes above).

Gabriel Cohen from the Executive Office of Health and Human Services presented a brief overview of the Open Meeting Law and Conflict of Interest requirements that pertain to the Council. For additional details, refer to the Open Meeting Law and Conflict of Interest slides within the Council's presentation on the Alzheimer's Advisory Council's [Meeting Materials webpage](#).

Secretary Chen facilitated a discussion of a proposed name change for the Council to the "Massachusetts Advisory Council on Alzheimer's Disease and All Other Dementias." Various members expressed support for the new name.

Vote 2 to change the name of the Council: Secretary Chen requested a motion to change the name of the Council to the "Massachusetts Advisory Council on Alzheimer's Disease and All Other Dementias." Dr. Kohl introduced the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Belleville and approved by roll-call vote (see detailed record of votes above).

Secretary Chen, Dr. Budson, and Ms. Sawitsky each presented on a series of photos of dementia-friendly spaces in Taiwan, the Bedford VA Medical Center (Edith Nourse Rogers Memorial Veterans' Hospital) in Bedford, and White Oak Cottages at Fox Hill Village in Westwood, respectively.

Secretary Chen provided an update on the concerns raised during the Council's December meeting and subsequent discussions with Dr. Jackson related to equity and inclusion. She proposed that Council members pursue an introductory course on equity and inclusion offered by the Racial Equity Institute. She also noted that Council staff are in discussions with Dr. Jackson regarding placement of members of his team within the Council's workgroups.

Lynn Vidler, EOE Director of Home and Community Programs, presented an overview of memory screenings conducted at Aging Services Access Points (ASAP) in the state. For additional details, refer to the ASAP slides within the Council's presentation on the Alzheimer's Advisory Council's [Meeting Materials webpage](#).

Pam MacLeod presented an overview of the Council's draft Annual Report and ADRD State Plan, which had been circulated to Council members in advance of the meeting. For additional details on the Council's Annual Report and State Plan, refer to the presentation on the Alzheimer's Advisory Council's [Meeting Materials webpage](#).

Vote 3 to approve the Council's annual report: Secretary Chen requested a motion to change the name of the Council to the Massachusetts Advisory Council on Alzheimer's Disease and All Other Dementias. Ms. Pelligrini introduced the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Montesino and approved by roll-call vote (see detailed record of votes above).

Secretary Chen adjourned the meeting at 5:00 pm.