

## Maryland Commission on Caregiving

March 5, 2026

10:30 AM -12:00 PM

Meeting Minutes

Google Meet joining info

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### Meeting Minutes

Commission Members Present: Shari Bailey; Jennifer Eastman; Isabella Guyott; Yetunde Olobatuyi; Theresa Robertson; Greg Sese; Trina Townsend; Katherine Wehr; Molly Wisniewski

Guests: Claudia Balog; Alexia Bishop; Estelle Brooks; Ann Faraone; Pearl Harmon; Bevia Hensle; Mellissa Karcher; Ruth Kershner; Kyla Pendleton; Sara Poole; Leslie Ray; Grace Macalino Schauf; Chalarra Sessoms; Ruth Shea; Connie Siskowski; Brenda Williams; Donna Wilson; Hilary Wiseman

The February meeting minutes were reviewed and approved:

- Motion to Approve: Kathy Wehr
- Second: Jennifer Eastman
- Result: Approved
  - First - Kathy
  - Second - Jennifer

Maryland Commission on Caregiving Subcommittee Updates

- Legislative Subcommittee Update - Leslie Ray
  - Approximately six weeks remaining in the legislative session
  - Crossover Day: March 23, 2026
  - Ongoing bill hearings
  - Appreciation for Commissioners' participation and engagement each Monday
  - Continued efforts to support and vote on issues impacting caregivers
  - Key legislation being tracked:
    - HB 1280 – Feasibility Study
    - HB 279 – Longevity Ready Maryland

- HB 624 – Hospital Safe Staffing (impact on caregiver experience during hospital stays)
  - Caregiver Employment Discrimination (proposed legislation)
- Advocacy opportunity: March 18 event in Annapolis supporting the hospital safe staffing bill
- Acknowledgment of leadership and advocacy efforts
- Program and Project Development Subcommittee Update - Shari Bailey
  - Shari will present at the April 2, 2026 Commission meeting.

Today's Presentation: Supporting Caregiving Youth: The Work of the American Association of Caregiving Youth.

- The Presentation was recorded and will be sent out with the meeting minutes.
- Presenter:
  - Dr. Connie Siskowski, RN, PhD, Founder & President of the American Association of Caregiving Youth
  - Sara Poole, Co-Chair of the American Association of Caregiving Youth National
  - Advisory Council

Questions/Concerns/Suggestions/Announcements

- No Questions/Concerns/Suggestions/Announcements

Meeting Adjourned