

Department of Disability and Aging Services (DAS)
Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes -

DATE: Wednesday, July 15, 2026

TIME: 10-11:30am

PLACE: 1455 Market Street 13th Floor, Office of ODA

Welcome: Call to order: 10:00 am and welcome all Council Members and guests.

Roll Call/Secretary

Members Present: Margaret Graf, Chris Dillon, Ivy Chang, Diane Lawrence, Daisy Jiminez, Lisa Cook, Allen Cooper, Morningstar Vancil, Harry Breaux, Marcy Adelman, Juliet Rothman

Members Absent Excused: Tia Small

Motion to approve the May 2026 Meeting Minutes: The May Minutes will be voted on in August as they were not ready for distribution.

General Public Comment: member of the public spoke on native rights and appreciate any help from the council on looking at rights for native members of the San Francisco community

Executive Director's Report, presented by DAS Director Kelly Dearman:

Happy Disability Pride month to all. Spoke on add-back funds that were added to the budget, and we were happy that many items that were slated to be removed from the budget were added.

The Older American's Act passed in the Senate, and it now goes to the House for approval. The state budget has passed, and we are happy about that.

Leaving for the USAging conference tomorrow and we are happy that Eli and I will be there to bring awareness for older Americans and disability rights.

President's Report, presented by Allen Cooper:

Wanted to follow up on the budget, Yogi Berra used to say, 'It aint over 'till it's over' DAS had to make cuts but it's not over, the People's Budget Coalition did a great job. DAS did not give up, and they fought to preserve many projects that were going to be cut.

Director Dearman thanked the council for all their hard work and advocacy especially to the Supervisors, as they were educated on the needs of DAS and our services. We have many new supervisors who were not aware of all the services DAS provides.

New Business:

Scam Prevention Presentation presented by Mandy Ngu from the Office of the Treasurer and Tax Collector.

Presenter Ngu is the community engagement specialist from the Office of Economic Development. We focus on helping people become aware of scams.

StopScams SF: Community Listening- what we hear in community listening sessions: people that are targeted are seniors, immigrants, young people: Medicare, Social Security, romance, blessing scams, EBT, attorney impersonation, housing, rental & employment scams.

What we are Building:

Support for scam victims, public warnings and alerts, scam monitoring, stronger civic infrastructure, and policy reform.

Members spoke on the fact that banks and church groups should be reached out to and informed so they can inform their congregations

A Council member spoke on the importance of how important it is to document everything asap if you suspect you've been scammed.

Members asked if there could be an actual person to talk to so that a senior could find out if something is a scam and asked if this department could come and give a presentation like this- presenter Ngu replied she and her team would be happy to come out and present. And suggested this should be presented at the Disability Cultural Center.

We've found that Gen Z is also twice as likely to be scammed than older adults, which is an interesting factoid.

Presenters also gave resources for your networks

Site Visits:

Daisy Jiminez visited the On-Lok 30th Street Senior Center. Their online site was very user friendly, and the descriptions were brief and good with ample ways to contact the center and departments. Font website was good, but the website is not translated. A more current introduction to the website would be more informative.

Site was easy to locate and accessible by public transit. They have congregated home meals, and delivered meals. They also have a great backyard and garden for people to enjoy.

Reports from the Field:

Marcy Adelman gave an LGBTQ+ update, and a survey was released and unfortunately new funding was not approved. We are looking to receive \$250,000 per year for 2 years to facilitate new surveys for the next two years.

Announcements:

Member Dillon reported that there will be a whole new 280 overpass that will include an accessible ramp which we are so happy to report.

Members asked Morningstar about how they can help and advocate for native rights.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:25am