



JUNEAU COMMISSION ON AGING AGENDA

May 19, 2026 at 3:00 PM

Zoom Only

<https://juneau.zoom.us/j/81491760970?pwd=bkFwWk42Mllmazl0aFdMS3ArTG5qZz09>

Or Call In: 1-253-215-8782 Meeting ID: 814 9176 0970; Passcode:858248

JCOA Commissioners: Deborah Craig, Linda Kruger, Carol Ende, Jennifer Garrison, Diane Kyser, Barb Murray, Laura Revels, Rhonda Ward, John Brett, & **JCOA Assembly Liaison:** Paul Kelly

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. 2026-04-21_JCOA_Minutes - Draft

E. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

F. AGENDA TOPICS

2. Standing Agenda Topics - Main Projects/Subcommittee Updates

a. Reviewing JCOA Priorities — Discussion of JCOA's current priorities & assignments for work on these issues:

- i. Housing - Amplifying needs via outreach (M. Hale)
- ii. Transportation - Working with CBJ Capital Transit to improve Capital AKcess
- iii. Recreation & Wellness - Promoting recreation and healthy lifestyles
- iv. Age-Friendly Community - Continue work with CBJ Comprehensive Plan

b. Housing Subcommittee Updates

<https://www.aarp.org/livable-communities/housing/info-2020/missing-middle-housing/>

c. Recreation/Fitness Subcommittee Updates

d. Age-Friendly Planning Report Updates:

f. Outreach: May 21 Suggestions for KTOO Juneau Afternoon - who wants to join in?

3. AARP Update - Linda Kruger

Planning for November AARP Conference

AARP Sponsored/Participating Events

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G. COMMITTEE MEMBER / LIAISON COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

4. JCOA Assembly Liaison Kelly's Monthly Assembly Report

H. NEXT MEETING DATE

5. 2026 Meeting Dates

June 16, 2026 - Regular JCOA Meeting

July 21, 2026 - Regular JCOA Meeting

August 18, 2026 - Regular JCOA Meeting

I. SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

6. 2026 CBJ Juneau Budget Survey Report [474 pg/PDF]

<https://juneau.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/Final-Juneau-Budget-Survey-Report-2026.pdf>

J. ADJOURNMENT

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JUNEAU COMMISSION ON AGING **DRAFT** MINUTES

April 21, 2026 at 3:00 PM

Zoom Only

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- A. CALL TO ORDER** Chair Craig called the Regular JCOA meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.
- B. ROLL CALL**
- JCOA Members Present: *Deborah Craig, Linda Kruger, Carol Ende, Jennifer Garrison, Barb Murray, Rhonda Ward, & John Brett - Diane Kyser arrived after meeting start.*
JCOA Members Absent: Laura Revels
 - Others in Attendance: Theresa Holt AARP, Paul Kelly CBJ Assembly Liaison, Nano Brooks CBJ Assembly
- C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Agenda approved as amended:
- Meeting will be held from 3pm-4:30pm
 - 2a. Update moved to another meeting
 - 2f. CCS Update moved up on the agenda
 - 3. AARP Update moved ahead of Transportation Update
 - 2e. Transportation Update will be the last agenda topic
- D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - Minutes approved as presented
1. 2026-03-17_JCOA_Minutes - Draft
- E. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS-NONE**
- F. AGENDA TOPICS**
2. **Standing Agenda Topics - Main Projects/Subcommittee Updates**
 - a. Reiterating JCOA Priorities-Moved to next meeting.**
 - b. Housing Subcommittee Updates:** Report out on Housing Subcommittee Ideas that were forwarded to former Assembly member Michelle Hale for future editorials (*3/24/2026 JCOA Workgroup Notes in pkt*), *Deb Craig Interview on KTOO*, & *Linda Kruger Update on AARP Housing Activities*. The JCOA website was updated to include housing info: <https://juneau.org/clerk/boards-committees/jcoa> and the AARP website was included: <https://www.aarp.org/livable-communities/housing/info-2020/missing-middle-housing/>
 - c. Recreation/Fitness Subcommittee Updates** — No Update.
 - d. Age-Friendly Planning Report Updates:** No update.
 - e. Transportation Updates:** Chair Craig led a discussion about positive and negative issues regarding transportation services for seniors. The application process, assistance with completing the application, getting the applications processed, as well as communication and training, were discussed. Suggested activities include a survey of seniors who use the system, volunteers to help with online applications, separate the guide and application and streamlining the guide.

Questions emerged regarding the contract that Chair Craig will forward to Ms. Van Kirk, CBJ:

 1. Application is available by snail mail, online or in person – what is the availability for help in filling out the app.

2. How many appeals have been submitted – does this speak to need for help filling out the application?
3. Service is intended to operate ¾ mile off the Capital Transit route – how often are requests beyond the ¾ mile parameter?
4. A client can be suspended for No-Show – what are the extenuating circumstances? Does the grantee check on the client if no show?
5. Assistance is supposed to be provided (via the contract) for door to vehicle. There are situations in the past when this did NOT occur – is the grantee providing this service now? Does this mitigate no show issues if the grantee goes to the door – particularly in inclement weather?

Comments were provided to the app:

1. CCS and SEARHC indicated their clients were still having issues. SEARHC has just instituted a shuttle for clients for their appts as Capital AkCess has been unreliable.
2. The app and booklet have too many words, is hard to read and not user friendly – simplify the format, make the document more user friendly and consumer oriented.
3. Consider mechanisms for assistance – Diane suggested setting up a cadre of volunteers to help with the application.

f. Member Updates [CCCTHITA, WWSG next meeting] Jennifer Garrison presented information on CCS services.

Members who are presenting were asked to send Chair Craig a list of the services offered by their agencies to be added as links in the Commissioner information on the JCOA website.

3. **AARP Update - Linda Kruger:** Information on planning for **May Senior Appreciation month** and a November conference focused on seniors in Juneau. JCOA has requested a Proclamation from the Mayor of Juneau to honor Senior Appreciation Month. Information about Older Americans month and appreciating seniors will be shared by Linda Kruger during the May KTOO Juneau Afternoon session. AARP will be hosting a Senior Conference that will be held at Centennial Hall on November 4 – **November is National Caregiver’s Month**. The conference will focus on seniors in Juneau and information/strategies on aging in place. The conference will include Age Friendly speakers, vendors, service providers, and resources. The conference is in the early planning stage and is being supported by AARP in collaboration with other Juneau groups.

Planning for May Senior Appreciation Month & November AARP Conference

AARP Sponsored/Participating Events

April

4/21 Walk SE walk info/sign-up Mendenhall Valley Library 4:30pm-6:30pm

4/29 Walk SE walk info/signup Douglas Library 3:00pm-5:00pm

May

5/4 Walk SE Whale to Downtown Library 10am-12pm. Linda on walk. (need help at the library 11am-12pm)

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4. **Outreach - April KTOO Juneau Afternoon w/ Linda Kruger & Deb Craig**-Discussion included information/data on missing middle housing in Juneau. Chair Craig encouraged members to review JCOA website for additional information: <https://juneau.org/clerk/boards-committees/jcoa>

G. COMMITTEE MEMBER / LIAISON COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

5. **JCOA Assembly Liaison Kelly's Monthly Assembly Report**-See report attached to JCOA meeting packet. Discussion about potential CBJ budget cuts, and how potential budget cuts might affect all ages, especially seniors. The discussion included comments about CBJ finding alternative funding.

H. NEXT MEETING DATE

6. **2026 Meeting Dates**

May 19, 2026 - Regular JCOA Meeting

June 16, 2026 - Regular JCOA Meeting

I. SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

J. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the commission, meeting adjourned at 4:27 p.m.

Paul Kelly's Public Report

April 26, 2026

Finance Committee Highlights

MEETING RECAPS:

Met 4/1/26 @ 5:30pm Special Assembly Meeting to formally introduce the budget

Full agenda:
<https://juneauak.portal.civicclerk.com/event/4943/files/agenda/12379>

Met 4/1/26 @5:45pm Regular Finance Committee Meeting –

Full agenda:
<https://juneauak.portal.civicclerk.com/event/4945/files/agenda/12377>

- Gondola Update
 - Instructed staff to introduce ordinances to exit the agreement with Goldbelt
 - Will discuss the new ordinances 5/4, and take action 5/18

Met 4/11/26 @ 10:30am Finance Retreat

Full agenda:
<https://juneauak.portal.civicclerk.com/event/4979/files/agenda/12483>

- Manager presented her budget and answered questions from the Assembly

Met 4/15/26 Listening session

Full agenda:
<https://juneauak.portal.civicclerk.com/event/4937/files/agenda/12473>

- Listened to public testimony on the budget
- Answered written questions from the public

Met 4/22 @ 5:30pm Finance Committee

Full agenda:
<https://juneauak.portal.civicclerk.com/event/4993/files/agenda/12532>

- Staff compiled suggestions for budget cuts from individual Assembly members into the Budget Reduction Summary.



Link: [Budget Reduction Summary](#)

- Staff will bring back answers about how those cuts will affect departments
- Foregone Revenue - We discussed the following revenue raising ideas (follow-up scheduled 5/13):
 - Raising taxes on some commercial aircrafts to keep up with inflation,
 - taxing commercial vessels,
 - lifting the \$15,000 sales tax cap,
 - requiring non-profits to collect and remit sales tax at their storefronts, and
 - ending exemptions on historic property repairs, sales on cruise ships, and real estate / travel agent commissions.



WEEKLY OFFICE HOURS ZOOM LINK:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81610970239?pwd=PGWc9SZVRF9WZGU6F1L5STMZEIKQ.1>

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- **Special Assembly meeting to hear budget testimony**
@ Assembly Chambers 4/29 at 5:30pm
- **Finance Committee** @ Assembly Chambers 4/29 @6pm (immediately following a special Assembly meeting)
- **Public Works and Facilities Committee** @ Assembly Chambers 5/4 at noon
- **Lands Housing and Economic Development Committee** @ Assembly Chambers 5/4 at 5pm
- **Committee of the Whole** @ Assembly Chambers 5/4 at 6pm
- **Finance Committee** @ Assembly Chamber 5/6 at 5:30pm
- **Finance Committee** @ Assembly Chambers 5/13 at 5:30pm
- **Human Resources Committee** @ Assembly Chambers 5/18 at 5pm
- **Regular Assembly Meeting** @ Assembly Chambers 4/6 at 6pm
- **Finance Committee** @ Assembly Chambers 5/20 at 5:30pm
- **Finance Committee (tentative)** @ Assembly Chambers 5/20 at 5:30pm

Full Assembly Calendar:
juneau.org/calendar

WEEKLY OFFICE HOURS:

Saturday, May 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30th
Assembly Chambers or ZOOM
from 10am-noon

Finance Committee Highlights - continued

UPCOMING MEETINGS:



4/29/26 Special Assembly Meeting to take testimony on the budget

Full agenda:
<https://juneauak.portal.civicclerk.com/event/4985/files/agenda/12574>



Followed Immediately by Finance Committee

Full agenda:
<https://juneauak.portal.civicclerk.com/event/4999/files/agenda/12561>

- Follow-up on United Way
- FY 27 Eaglecrest Budget
- Youth Activity Grants



5/6 @ 5:30pm Finance Committee

Full agenda:
<https://juneauak.portal.civicclerk.com/event/5004/files>

- We will hear a follow-up on our Budget Reduction questions and could take action
- City Manager will update the committee on any changes she's made to the budget
- We will take action on the passenger fee plan
- Will will take action on the school district budget

5/13 @ 5:30pm Finance Committee

Full agenda: No link available yet

- We will continue the discussion on Foregone reveue.
- We will continue discussing and possibly acting on budget reduction ideas

5/20 @ 5:30pm Finance Committee

Full agenda: No link available yet

- We'll start finalizing decisions we've made throughout the budget process
- We'll discuss any bonds that we want to propose on the October ballot

Committee Highlights

Human Resources Committee

Met 4/6/26 – full agenda:
<https://juneauak.portal.civicclerk.com/event/4834/files/agenda/12432>

- We amended a proposal from Member Brooks to change the rules about offering testimony at committee meetings. Currently public testimony is usually only offered at the monthly regular Assembly meetings and not at committee meetings. We passed it out of committee. It will be heard next at the Committee of the Whole.

Next meeting 5/18/26



Full agenda:
<https://juneauak.portal.civicclerk.com/event/4834/files>

Joint Assembly-School Board Facilites Committee

Met 3/31/26 – full agenda:
<https://juneauak.portal.civicclerk.com/event/4930/files/agenda/12344>

- We asked questions about bonds requested by the Juneau School District

Met again 4/20/26 – full agenda:
<https://juneauak.portal.civicclerk.com/event/4982/files/agenda/12501>

- We forwarded \$16 million in bonds to the Finance Committee - Bonds include:
 - Partial reroof at JDHS, and Sayeik: Gastineau
 - Glacier Vally reroof
 - Safety and security upgrades
 - HVAC upgrades at JDHS, Sít' Eetí Shaanáx
 - Boiler replacements/renovations at Kaxdigoowu Héen, Sít' Eetí Shaanáx, and Dzantik'i Heeni
 - Flood mitigation measures at Mendenhall River

Lands, Housing, and Economic Development

Met 4/13/26 – full agenda:

<https://juneauak.portal.civicclerk.com/event/4983/files/agenda/12485>

- We began our discussion on a draft ordinance that would change short-term-rental regulation. The ordinance was held in committee for more work.

Next meeting: 5/4/26 – No link available yet

Committee of the Whole

Met 4/26/26 - full agenda

<https://juneauak.portal.civicclerk.com/event/4842/files/agenda/12455>

- We discussed appropriating \$270,000 to support a child care proposal from the Southeast Childhood Collective. This is meant to represent a portion of the funds that the Juneau School District returned to us after canceling the RALLY program. These funds would in-part support the new program in licensing new locations and providing needs-based scholarships.
- Telephone Hill
 - We debated the mayor's proposal to reduce the footprint of the planned development, delay the development, and to sell the remaining properties. We rejected this proposal in a narrow 5-4 vote.
 - We decided to delay the planned renovation of Telephone Hill until we've heard proposals from contractors
- Gondola
 - We asked Goldbelt if we could change the terms of our Revenue Sharing agreement with them. They declined. They would prefer the current agreement.

Committee of the Whole - continued

- Gondola - continued
 - Forwarded an ordinance authorizing the manager to negotiate an end to the revenue sharing agreement
 - Discussed the costs and funding sources for exiting the agreement. The ordinance we're introducing authorizes \$9.5 million from general fund and \$2.7 million from the remaining project funds

Next meeting: 5/4/2026



Full agenda:

<https://juneauak.portal.civicclerk.com/event/4843/files>

Regular Assembly meeting

Met 4/6/26 – full agenda:

<https://juneauak.portal.civicclerk.com/event/4722/files>

- Opened the cold weather emergency shelter to year-round operations and reversed our dispersed camping policy

Next meeting: 5/18/26:



Full agenda:

<https://juneauak.portal.civicclerk.com/event/4723/files>

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