

Agenda

Council on Aging Meeting

Tuesday, October 28th, 2025

7:30 p.m.

Webinar Meeting

(see link to register below and in body of email)

- Welcome members and guests
- Approve minutes of last COA meeting
- Cooper Center
 - Ribbon Cutting Friday, December 5, 2025
 - Opening Plans
- Department of Older Adult Services
 - Director's Report
 - MCOA Conference
 - Department Staffing
- Other Business

The [Assisted Living Residences Commission](#),

Virtual Public Hearing

Wednesday, November 5, 2025, from 2:00-4:00pm via Zoom.

To register:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/oncbjk5iRjCJM9AFwnaCbA#/registration>

The hearing, the second held by the Commission, is an opportunity for interested stakeholders to share feedback. The Commission is particularly focused on input in the following key areas:

1. Resident rights and protections (e.g., how residents and families can raise concerns, transparency of policies, financial protections)
2. Keeping residents safe in emergencies (e.g., fire safety, disaster planning, emergency response)
3. Staffing and workforce (e.g., type of staff, staff levels, training)
4. Types and levels of care (e.g., making sure care matches residents' needs)
5. Affordability and access (e.g., costs for residents and families)

6. Transparency of information for families and residents (e.g., how people can better compare options and make informed choices)

Established via Section 32 of last session's Long-term Care Reform law ([Chapter 197 of the Acts of 2024](#)), the ALR Commission is tasked with reviewing the current statutory and regulatory oversight of ALRs, best practices in other states, the impacts of licensing and certifying ALRs, advertising practices, trends and outcomes of incident reports made to the Executive Office of Aging and Independence (AGE) and the Long-Term Care Ombudsman's Office, safety standards, and consumer protections.

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