



Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 22, 2026, 10 am

Present | Cynthia Crim, Karl Wilson, Sr. Mary Ann Nestel, Ann Bannes, Skip Batchelor, Mary Wheeler *Absent* | Bill Siedhoff

Senior Fund Staff | Nicole Brueggeman, Stephanie Herbers, Katie Ratkowski

Other Attendees | Andrew Bramman (Lashly Baer), Jane Kaniecki (Practicum Student), Alisha Barnum and Renita Duncan (External Auditors, RubinBrown)

Review and Approval of Minutes (*Cynthia Crim*)

Sr. Mary Ann Nestel made a motion to approve the November minutes as presented, Skip Batchelor seconded; All were in favor of approving minutes.

Introduction of Practicum Student

Stephanie introduced Jane Kaniecki, who has recently started as a practicum student with the Senior Fund. She is pursuing her master's in public health and social work. She will be at future meetings and events for the next few months.

Fiscal Committee Report (*Karl Wilson*)

FY2025 Audit Presentation | Presented an overview of the FY2025 audit, which included an unmodified opinion on financial statements. Cash increased \$76,144, which is partly due to increased real estate tax revenue received. FY2025 was a year of change, with the transition of accounting partners mid-year. Senior Fund staff met with RubinBrown and Anders to set expectations of duties, and everything went according to plan.

Mary Wheeler made a motion to accept the FY2025 audit as presented, Skip Batchelor seconded. The Executive Board voted as follows:

Ann Bannes – Yes

Chauncy “Skip” Batchelor – Yes

Cynthia Crim – Yes

Sr. Mary Ann Nestel – Yes

Mary Wheeler – Yes

Karl Wilson – Yes

LAGERS Pension Program | Shared information about the Missouri LAGERS pension program, which is a program specifically for Missouri local governments and political

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subdivisions. The Fiscal Committee and staff have submitted an appraisal request to learn about the costs associated with the program. Once the valuation is completed, it must be public for 45 days before a vote to approve.

Staff will also look into other retirement programs to learn about the different options and the costs and benefits to the Senior Fund and its employees.

Senior Fund Brand Presentation (*Bob Schuster*)

Shared background of Senior Fund branding project, which was focused on accessibility, storytelling about the Senior Fund and based on community insight, which included a survey of constituents for feedback. After compiling the results, a brand was created based on woven systems, showing Senior Fund's commitment to the city and the organizations that support its older adults who live there. Schuster recommended changing the public-facing and adopted name to Senior Fund of St. Louis City, which emphasizes first, the work of the Senior Fund, and second where it is located.

There was a question about whether anything needs to be done legally to use a new public-facing name. Senior Fund's legal name is City of St. Louis Senior Citizens' Services Fund, but it has been going by St. Louis City Senior Fund since the beginning. Staff will consult with legal counsel to check that the name change is possible and done correctly.

Information about requirements will be presented at the next executive board meeting, where the board will vote to approve the new branding.

FY27 Program Investment Recommendations (*Ann Bannes*)

Landscape Updates | Gave background on the funding landscape and findings from the Missouri Master Plan on Aging, as well as information from service providers collected during the strategic capacity project completed over the summer. The Governor has called for \$600 million to be removed from the annual budget, and \$56 million of that is from Health and Senior Services. Cuts from programs will have a cascading impact, ultimately creating major issues for older adults.

FY27 Investment Strategy | Shared recommendations for investment strategies reviewed by the Program and Grants Committee. The recommended framework focused on programs and services, increased the funding for organizational capacity funding, and maintained a smaller amount of money in reserve for responsive funding needs. The full budget will be approved at a later board meeting.

Skip Batchelor made a motion to approve the FY27 Program Investments Strategy as presented, Sr. Mary Ann Nestel seconded; All were in favor.

Direct Services Grant RFP Release | Shared proposal to release an RFP for grants for services providing Caregiving Support or Case Management & Resource Navigation. Also discussed funding for sunsetting Oral Health services to finish treatment plans for existing clients.

Mary Wheeler made a motion to approve releasing an RFP for Caregiving Support or Case Management & Resource Navigation, as well as allowing funds to complete treatment for existing clients in the Oral Health grant, Skip Batchelor seconded; All were in favor.

A discussion was had regarding Seniors Count.

*With no further business to discuss, meeting was adjourned. Next full board meeting is currently scheduled for **February 26, 2026 at 10am.***