



City Council
Elder Affairs Committee
Meeting

36 Court Street
Springfield, MA 01103

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Councilor Kateri Walsh (Chair)

~Final~

April 8, 2026

2:00 PM

City Hall - Room 200

Roll Call

Present:

Councilor Walsh
Councilor Santaniello
Councilor Maria Perez
Council President Whitfield
Roy Goodman (Director of Elder Affairs)
Staff Coordinators

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Brian Santaniello	City Councilor At Large	Present	
Gerry Martin	City Councilor — Ward 7	Excused	
Maria Perez	City Councilor — Ward 1	Present	
Malo Brown	City Councilor — Ward 4	Excused	
Zaida Govan	City Councilor — Ward 8	Excused	
Kateri Walsh	City Councilor At Large	Present	
Justin Hurst	City Councilor At Large	Excused	
Victor Davila	City Councilor — Ward 6	Excused	
Michael Fenton	City Councilor — Ward 2	Excused	
Jose Delgado	City Councilor At Large	Excused	
Lavar Click-Bruce	City Councilor — Ward 5	Excused	
Melvin Edwards	City Councilor — Ward 3	Excused	
Tracye Whitfield	City Councilor At Large	Present	

Call To Order

2:00 PM (Off-Site) Meeting called to order on April 8, 2026, in the Raymond A. Jordan Center, 1476 Roosevelt Ave, Springfield, MA 01109.

Public Portion

1. Discussion of Current Issues Affecting Seniors

Minutes:

The Elder Affairs Committee convened on April 8, 2026, at the Raymond A. Jordan Senior Center, chaired by City Councilor Kateri Walsh. In attendance were Council President Tracye Whitfield, City Councilor Brian Santaniello, and City Councilor Maria Perez, along with Elder Affairs Director Roy Goodman and departmental staff.

Chair Walsh opened the session and facilitated a structured discussion focused on the operations and service delivery of the Department of Elder Affairs and Council on Aging. Director Goodman provided an overview of the department's mission, noting its responsibility to advocate, plan, develop, and coordinate services that support the health, independence, and well-being of older adults in the city. He stated that the department delivers social services, information, and referral assistance across multiple locations and works to address evolving community needs.

Council President Whitfield and Councilors Santaniello and Perez participated in the discussion and engaged with staff regarding program coordination, service accessibility, and community outreach. Department coordinators described current programming and identified general areas of need among the senior population, including access to resources, social engagement opportunities, and continued support services.

The meeting functioned as a listening session, with Council members receiving information from staff and observing program operations at the facility. No formal votes were taken. The session concluded with acknowledgment of the department's ongoing efforts and the importance of continued evaluation of services to meet the needs of Springfield's older adult population.

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