

**Rhode Island Governor's Commission on Aging  
Minutes of January 21, 2015 Meeting**

**Members present:**

Rick Ryan, Karen Enright, Libby Arron, Madeline Ernest, William Finelli, Bill Flynn, Jim Nyberg, Joan Crawley, Susan Adler, Sue Robbio.

**Guest:**

Nicholas Oliver

**Members excused:**

Esther Price, Brian Ott, MD

**Staff:**

Larry Grimaldi

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Rick Ryan at 10:32 AM

**Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes**

Bill Flynn made a motion to approve the previous meeting's minutes as submitted, seconded by Joan Crawley. Motion carried unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report**

\$ 0.00. Approved.

**Old Business:** (from previous minutes)

1. Rick reported on the December meeting with the Governor's Transition team. The goal of the meeting was to introduce the team to the Commission and stress the importance of reinstating the Division of Elderly Affairs to a Department.
2. Bill Flynn reported on his meeting with the Transition team and the Plan Forward for the Senior Agenda.

**New Business:**

1. Rick will invite C. Fogarty to attend the Commission's meeting preferably for the February meeting. Hopefully at that meeting, we can gain insight into C. Fogarty's goals for the Division and how the Commission might assist him to get there.
2. Rick will also request that a liaison be appointed to the Commission.
3. Larry Grimaldi gave a brief history of the Department of Elderly Affairs as a foundation for the discussion of the importance of reinstating the Division of Elderly Affairs to a Department.
4. Much discussion as to the rationale for the reinstating the Division of Elderly Affairs to a Department followed

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.

**Submitted**

D. Karen Enright  
Secretary