



Disability Services Advisory Council (ASAC/DSAC)

March 6, 2025

Aging, Disability, and Veterans
Services Division

Department of County Human Services

Main features of using Zoom on a computer.

Zoom application features in the works, as requested.

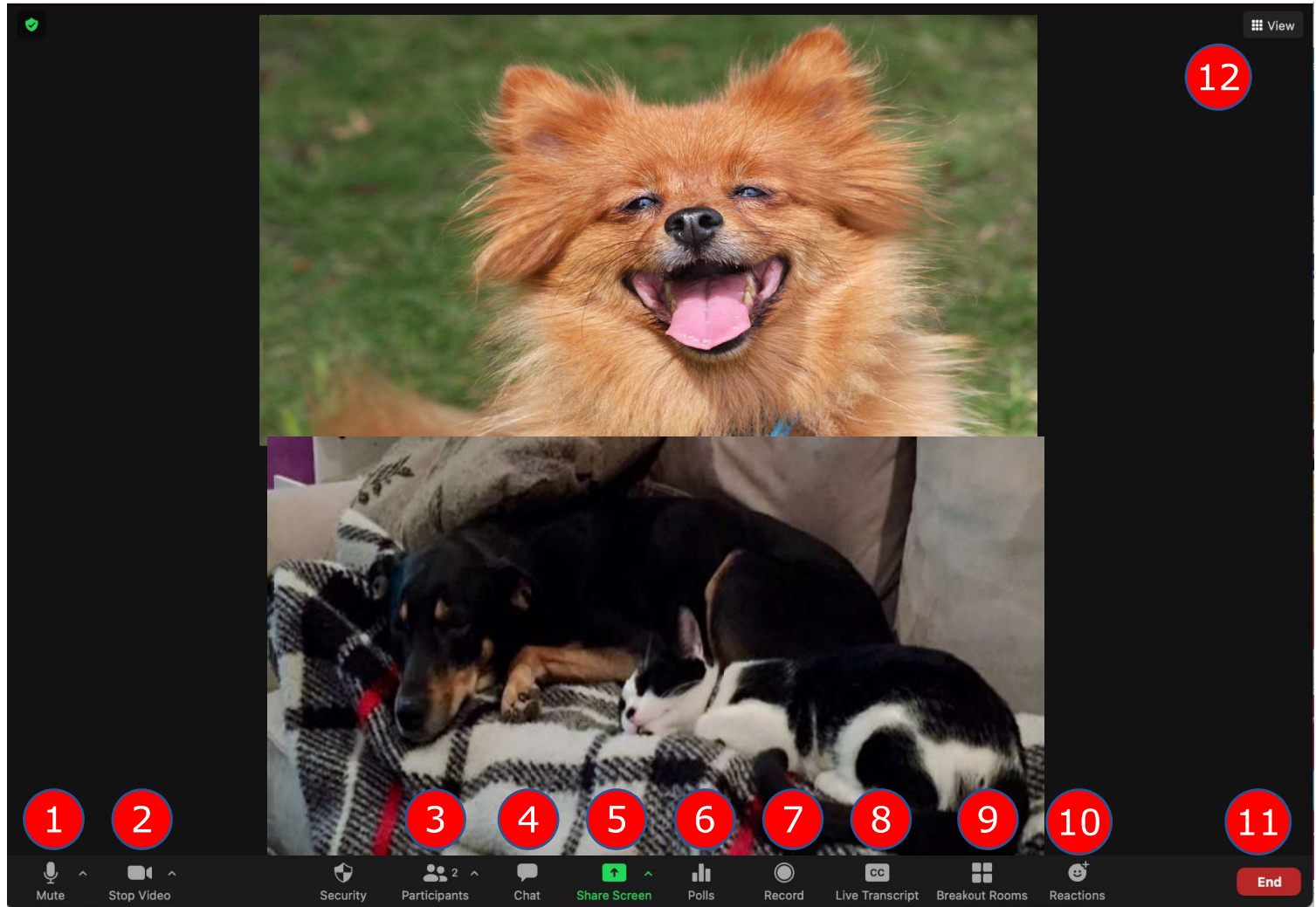


Image of a Zoom platform screen with two dogs in the participant boxes and red circles with white numbers above each of the Zoom button icons.

Land acknowledgement

We are located in Portland, Oregon, Multnomah County.

Today, we honor the Indigenous people whose traditional and ancestral homelands we stand on—the Multnomah, Kathlamet, Clackamas, Tumwater, Watlala bands of the Chinook, the Tualatin Kalapuya and many other Indigenous nations of the Columbia River.



Land acknowledgement, continued

It is important we acknowledge the ancestors of this place and to recognize that we are here because of the sacrifices forced upon them.

In remembering these communities, we honor their legacy, their lives, and their descendants.



Accessibility statement

We will (imperfectly!) model accessible presentation techniques such as:

- Using a minimum of 20 point font on slides.
- Limiting reliance on words and images.
- Orally describe visual presentation elements.
- Taking time on slides.



Accessibility statement, continued

- ✓ Ask ahead of time if anyone needs accommodations.
- ✓ Use a virtual platform with auto-generated closed captioning.
- ✓ Include alternate text or image descriptions.



Meeting goals

- Welcome and accessibility.
- Land and labor acknowledgements.
- Introductions.
- Area Plan - What has Changed from Feedback?
- Area Plan - Voting
- Future meetings.
- Council updates and public testimony.



Quick introductions

Please share:

- Your name
- Pronouns
- Prompt – What is your favorite animal?



2025-29 Area Plan update

- Alex Garcia Lugo, division project manager
- Jason Normand, research and evaluation
- Marina Khalina, Community Services manager
- Nicole Galport, research and evaluation



Advisory council feedback

More Data in the Population Profile:

- Added tables with percentages.
- Additional narrative about Veterans, people of color, and living situations (grandparents raising grandchildren and living alone).



Advisory council feedback

Clarified differences among OPI Classic, OPI-Expansion, and OPI-Medicaid programs.



Advisory council feedback

New Information & Referral Task:

- Begin an advocacy group with ASAC/DSAC to strategize how to ensure District Center providers are available to all populations in their service district.



Advisory council feedback

New Transportation Task:

- Begin an advocacy group with ASAC/DSAC to strategize how to expand transportation services.



Updates

Area Plan draft is available via

- Website: <https://multco.us/info/2025-2029-area-plan-aging>
- [Public Comments Form](#)

Feedback period closed yesterday, March 5.



Updates

Feedback received:

- ASAC & DSAC feedback.
- Listening session with SACOO (~50 people attended).
- Listening session with AHSC (~90 people attended).
- Listening session online (~85 people attended)
- 2 comments through email.
- 10 comment through the form.



Public comment examples

Public comment:

We need healthcare advocates to make sure our seniors are able to get the care they need. Technology and the ever changing healthcare system rules are more difficult for seniors to be able to keep up with. They are falling through the cracks and need more outreach and advocacy for their needs.

— Person 55 or older



Public comment examples

Public comment:

I am 78 years old and live with my widowed daughter in law. She has taken excellent care of me for five years now, but she is also getting older and will soon be needing physical help with me so I can stay in our home. Kamala had a good idea in paying family to take care of their loved ones, when they can't work outside the home. We also live with a 21-year-old granddaughter who has problems of her own... We all live on Social Security. –Person 55 or older with a disability



Public comment examples

Public comment:

In light of federal executive orders, please do everything you can to protect and assist transgender and non-binary Oregonians in accessing equitable and supportive services for seniors, people with disabilities, and veterans.

—Person with a disability



Final feedback opportunity

Please share your comments or questions on the current draft of the 2025-29 Older Americans Act Area Plan.





**I'M TAKING
A BREAK**

15-minute break

Area Plan Next Steps

- Present the Area Plan to the Board of County Commissioners on March 20, 2025.

Meetings with Commissioners prior to the board meeting scheduled:

- Commissioner Shannon Singleton (March 11)
- Commissioner Meghan Moyer (March 12)



Consensus process for the OAA Area Plan

Why Consensus?

- Collaborative.
- Power sharing.
- Emphasizes shared understanding.
- Relationship-oriented.
- Protects marginalized voices and positions.
- Uncovers unintended impacts.



Consensus process for the OAA Area Plan, continued

What does consensus mean?

- Everyone can support the decision.
- Not everyone needs to believe it is the **best** decision.
- Yet everyone agrees to live with it, to stand in support of its success and to not work against it.



Consensus process for the OAA Area Plan, continued

zero, one, or two (0-1-2)

- Require additional discussion to determine what else needs to be considered.
- Negotiation and compromise are tools to raise these responses to a **3** or higher.



Consensus process for the OAA Area Plan, continued

three (3)

- Strongly suggests the need to ask what else, if anything, can be done to raise responses to **4** or **5**.
- Important to clarify whether the **3** indicates a substantive reservation that needs to be addressed.



Consensus process for the OAA Area Plan, continued

four or five (4-5)

- Consensus has been achieved and the proposal can be considered approved.
- Ideally, approval is achieved when all responses are at least 3s and mostly 4s and 5s.



Consensus process for the OAA Area Plan, continued

Which best describes your level of agreement?



No way!

Hold on, we need to talk about this.

I have reservations, but I could be convinced.

I guess I am okay with it.

Sounds good.

Love it!

← More disagreement

More consensus →

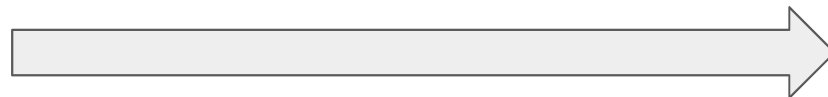


Consensus process for the OAA Area Plan, continued

- Practice?



Tacos Soft Shell



Hard Shell



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Consensus process for the OAA Area Plan, continued

Obtain input from the public and approval from the AAA Advisory Council on the development, implementation and administration of the Area Plan through a public process, which should include, at a minimum, a 30- calendar day or greater time period for public review and comment on the Area Plan and a public hearing prior to submission of the Area Plan to ODHS. The Multnomah County Aging, Disability, and Veterans Services Division (ADVSD) shall publicize the hearing(s) through legal notice, mailings, advertisements in newspapers, and other methods determined by the AAA to be most effective in informing the public, service providers, advocacy groups, etc.



Consensus process for the OAA Area Plan, continued

- Approve submitting the current 2025-2029 Area Plan Draft document to the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners, and then to the State of Oregon.



Budget season updates

- Chair's budget representative—attended February ASAC and DSAC meetings.
- April 24, Chair's executive (proposed) budget released.
- May 7, budget public hearing (6-8pm)
—placeholder.



Public testimony

- Please feel free to provide comments.



Wrap-up

- Thanks for attending!

