

**CLARENCE SENIOR CITIZENS, Inc.  
4600 THOMPSON ROAD  
CLARENCE, NY 14031**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
Date: February 12, 2026**

**Meeting called to order in Room 7 at 9:00 am by Chair Carol Gettings.**

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Jim Blum, Kathleen Bryant, Brendan Cullinan, Carol Gettings, Bob Hoag, Michael Ramaccia, Paul Schulz, Jay Steinbrenner, Thomas Ternquist.

EXCUSED: Lori Adams

Executive Director: Heather Kraemer

Town Board Liaison: Daniel Michnik, excused

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MISSION STATEMENT - Jim Blum**

**SECRETARY'S REPORT - Paul Schulz**

Minutes - December 11, 2025 Regular Board meeting minutes distributed.  
No corrections known.

Motion to accept draft minutes of December 11, 2025 made by Paul Schulz, seconded by Tom Ternquist. Voting aye to approve draft December 11 minutes, (9) Carol Gettings, Jim Blum, Kathleen Bryant, Brendan Cullinan, Bob Hoag, Michael Ramaccia, Jay Steinbrenner, Tom Ternquist and Paul Schulz.

Voting nay (0). Voting abstain (0).

Motion carried unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT - Bob Hoag**

Financials - Financial results through November were reviewed. The cash position of the Corporation at approximately \$97 thousand is good and investments held at Vanguard are approximately \$279 thousand. December financials will be included in the annual audit of the corporation's financials for 2025 which is beginning today. Payroll and retirement benefits as of the end of November were more than 98% of the income from the Town. Payroll for 2025 is higher than payroll for 2024 due to there being a number of unfilled positions within the staff in 2024.

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**BOARD CHAIR REPORT** - Carol Gettings – The Chair requested that committee chairs prepare and deliver to the Executive Director the reports of their activities for 2025 so that they can be compiled by the staff for the annual meeting. She also asked that Board members who have not renewed their membership to do so promptly.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** - Heather Kraemer COF January  
2026 and February 2026

**As of 12/31/2025** - 2025 members 1,050, Paid members for 2026 73 ;Paid non-resident members for 2026 15; Total Shuttle mileage 74,431

**Month of December** - New Members 0 ; Total Attendance 2,001; Activities 445; Special Events 591; Off-Site Events 110; Meals Served 825; Meals (frozen) 361; Shuttle Riders 137; Shuttle Miles 2,430.

**Comments** - Highlights of December were covered.

Christmas On Ice 12/1  
Yoga for Better Balance 12/1, 12/8,  
12/22, & 12/29  
Paula's Donuts 12/1 & 12/15  
Book Club 12/1  
Tree Decorating 12/2  
Computer Help 12/3 & 12/17  
Fused Glass Class - 12/3  
Treatments for Cognitive issues 12/4  
Seneca Casino Trip 12/8  
ClearCaptions - Hearing impaired  
info 12/9  
The Wisdom of Morrie (B. Poczik)  
12/9  
Dinner and a movie - 12/9, 12/23, &  
12/30  
Bingo Bash 12/ 9 and 12/23  
Safe Driver Class 12/10  
Membership Christmas Party - Ripa's  
12/10  
Music and Pastries 12/11

December was a busy month with 9 holiday events occurring both at the Center or off site. Holiday gifts were collected which provided a pick up truck full of toys for donation to Toys for Tots and the City Mission.

**As of January 31, 2026** – Paid members – 565; Total shuttle Mileage – 74,543

**Month of January** – New Members 18; Total Attendance 1,215; Activities 589; Special Events 0 ; Off Site Events 0; Meals Served 707; Meals (frozen) 237; Shuttle Riders 85; Shuttle Miles 986

Highlights for January, in addition to our regularly scheduled programs were as follows:

Paula's Donuts - 1/6  
Afternoon Movies 1/6, 1/13, & 1/27  
Potluck Turkey Dinner - 1/6  
Bingo Bash - 1/6  
Computer Help - 1/7 & 1/21  
Glass Art - 1/7 & 1/28  
Music and Pastries - 1/8  
Yoga for Better Balance - 1/12  
Book Club - 1/12  
Crock Pot Cooking -1/13  
Safe Driving Class - 1/14  
Living Your Best Life (Diabetes) -  
1/14  
Martin Luther King Lunch 1/16

In January the Center was closed several days as a result of severe cold and weather conditions. As a result, several events and activities were cancelled. It was also closed for painting, carpet cleaning and re-waxing the tile floors. The building looks great with these improvements. Volunteers participated in the Youth Bureau Winterfest and sold hot beverages and doughnuts, raising \$124.00. Town Parks employees did a great job with snow removal in the parking lot, sometimes plowing 3 or more times a day. A big thanks to the Parks Department. Katie has been doing technology training with the members which has been well received. The new stove has been installed and the kitchen staff is very pleased with how it works. There are still problems with people ignoring the traffic flow signs.

## **FUTURE EVENTS**

3/10 - Blarney Bunch Irish Show (Seneca Niagara)  
3/25 – Barefoot in the Park (Neil Simon)- Geneva theater (Rochester)  
4/28 – 4/30 – SOLD OUT – Joshua at the Sights and Sounds theater with dinner in Pennsylvania; live performance of Oklahoma at Dutch Apple theater; dinner at Hershey Farms, bus tour of Kreider Farms; amish shopping excursion  
5/20 – Annual Health Fare  
9/9 – Annual Basket Raffle

11/14 - Shop-A-Latte shopping event

Before presentation of committee reports, the Board approved Committee Memberships as follows:

Finance Committee Paul Schulz moved to approve the following persons as members of the Finance Committee: Brendan Cullinan, Chair (approved by the Board December 11, 2025), Bob Hoag, Thomas Ternquist and Jeff Buckley. Seconded by Jim Blum. Motion carried unanimously with the following voting aye (9) Carol Gettings, Jim Blum, Kathleen Bryant, Brendan Cullinan, Bob Hoag, Michael Ramaccia, Jay Steinbrenner, Tom Ternquist and Paul Schulz. Voting nay (0). Voting abstain (0).

Legislation and By-laws Paul Schulz moved to approve the following persons as members of the Legislation and By-Laws Committee: Paul Schulz, Chair (approved by the Board December 11, 2025), Lori Adams and Jim Blum. Seconded by Tom Ternquist. Motion carried unanimously with the following voting aye: (9) Carol Gettings, Jim Blum, Kathleen Bryant, Brendan Cullinan, Bob Hoag, Michael Ramaccia, Jay Steinbrenner, Tom Ternquist and Paul Schulz. Voting nay (0). Voting abstain (0).

Membership and Programs Paul Schulz moved to approve the following persons as members of the Membership and Programs Committee: Thomas Ternquist, Chair (approved by the Board December 11, 2025), Brendan Cullinan, Jay Steinbrenner and Mike Becker. Seconded by Brendan Cullinan. Motion carried unanimously with the following voting aye: (9) Carol Gettings, Jim Blum, Kathleen Bryant, Brendan Cullinan, Bob Hoag, Michael Ramaccia, Jay Steinbrenner, Tom Ternquist and Paul Schulz. Voting nay (0). Voting abstain (0).

Personnel Committee Paul Schulz moved to approve the following persons as members of the Personnel Committee: Kathleen Bryant, Chair (approved by the Board December 11, 2025), Bob Hoag and Michael Ramaccia. Seconded by Tom Ternquist. Motion carried unanimously with voting aye: (9) Carol Gettings, Jim Blum, Kathleen Bryant, Brendan Cullinan, Bob Hoag, Michael Ramaccia, Jay Steinbrenner, Tom Ternquist and Paul Schulz. Voting nay (0). Voting abstain (0).

Planning Committee Paul Schulz moved to approve the following persons as members of the Planning Committee: Michael Ramaccia, Chair (approved by the Board December 11, 2025), Jim Blum and Thomas Ternquest. Seconded by Brendan Cullinan. Motion carried unanimously with the following voting aye: (9) Carol Gettings, Jim Blum, Kathleen Bryant, Brendan Cullinan, Bob Hoag, Michael Ramaccia, Jay Steinbrenner, Tom Ternquist and Paul Schulz. Voting nay (0). Voting abstain (0).

**EXECUTIVE & PEC** – Carol Gettings

Executive Committee - Met to set agenda for this meeting.

Performance Evaluation Committee (PEC) – No Report

**FINANCE** - Brendan Cullinan – The meeting in January was cancelled due to weather. As of November the Center was fully staffed and finances were sound. No plans for any fundamental change in investment strategy.

**NOMINATING** – Executive Committee to make recommendations for membership for Board approval at the March 12, 2026 meeting.

**PERSONNEL** – Tom Ternquist - January meeting was cancelled due to weather.

**LEGISLATION AND BY-LAWS** – Paul Schulz - In November, an amendment to the Corporation's By-Laws to reflect the recommended change in the time period for memberships from a calendar year to a fiscal year based on the application date was approved for posting. The proposed amendment was posted and requires Board approval. Paul Schulz made a motion to approve the amendment to the Corporation's By-Laws as posted, seconded by Tom Ternquist.

Motion carried unanimously with the following voting aye: (9) Carol Gettings, Jim Blum, Kathleen Bryant, Brendan Cullinan, Bob Hoag, Michael Ramaccia, Jay Steinbrenner, Tom Ternquist and Paul Schulz.

Voting nay (0). Voting abstain (0).

In addition to the amendment to the Corporation's By-laws, a proposed amendment to the Corporation's Policy on committees with respect to the duties of the Membership and Programs Committee has been posted. Paul Schulz made a motion to approve the changes to the Policy on Committees relating to the duties of the Membership and Programs Committee, the text of which was included in the Board package. The motion was seconded by Tom Ternquist.

Motion carried unanimously with the following voting aye: (9) Carol Gettings, Jim Blum, Kathleen Bryant, Brendan Cullinan, Bob Hoag, Michael Ramaccia, Jay Steinbrenner, Tom Ternquist and Paul Schulz.

Voting nay (0). Voting abstain (0).

**PLANNING** – No Report.

**OLD (unfinished) BUSINESS** – The Chair noted that all Board members would have received forms from the Town requesting certification that they had no conflicts of interest with respect to their service for the Board and asked all to make sure they had returned the certifications to the Town Clerk. The Executive Director reported that additional security cameras were to be installed when the weather improves.

**NEW BUSINESS** - It has come to the attention of the Executive Director that a number of the local senior citizens centers are discontinuing Bingo games out of concern that it is a violation of the New York State Penal Code provisions which prohibit gambling. She reported that, in addition to Bingo which is held at the Center, there are several groups that play cards for small dollar amounts. While a not-for-profit organization can hold bingo games, it must hold a license from the State to be legally entitled to do so. There is no such exemption for card games involving small dollar amounts. The Board engaged in a lengthy discussion with the general consensus being that it seemed unreasonable for these activities to be prohibited but that it is not acceptable for the Corporation to allow these activities to continue. There was further discussion on the requirements for the license to conduct bingo games and the number of people that participate in bingo.

Following this discussion, Paul Schulz made a motion that the Executive Director and staff be directed to inform individuals who play cards for money that any contribution or exchange of money related to card games is prohibited and the conduct at the Center of any such card games where money is contributed, wagered or exchanged is prohibited. Jim Blum seconded the motion.

Motion carried with the following voting aye: (7) Jim Blum, Kathleen Bryant, Brendan Cullinan, Michael Ramaccia, Jay Steinbrenner, Tom Ternquist and Paul Schulz. Voting nay (2) Carol Gettings and Bob Hoag. Voting abstain (0).

Jim Blum then made a motion to suspend the holding of bingo games and have the Finance Committee evaluate whether it is desirable to continue the holding of the games and incur the annual license fee, including an investigation of whether there are ways to change the pricing of the bingo games to alleviate the cost to the Corporation of the annual license. Jay Steinbrenner seconded the motion.

Motion carried with the following voting aye: (8) Carol Gettings, Jim Blum, Kathleen Bryant, Bob Hoag, Michael Ramaccia, Jay Steinbrenner, Tom Ternquist and Paul Schulz. Voting nay (0). Voting abstain (1) Brendan Cullinan.

**TOWN BOARD LIAISON** - Daniel Michnik – No Report

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** (received in writing)

Public Comments – No Public Comments were submitted at the December meeting.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** - None.

**ADJOURNMENT**-There being no other business, Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:20 am.

**TRAINING SESSION** - None.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING** - Thursday, March 12, 2026

Paul Schulz, Secretary