

ARIZONA STATE SENATE

SENATE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON ELDER ABUSE

Minutes of the Meeting

June 2, 2026

1:00 P.M., SHR 1

Members of the public may access a livestream of the meeting here:

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Members Present:

Senator Mark Finchem, Chair
Senator Timothy "Tim" Dunn, Vice Chair
Senator Kevin Payne

Members Absent:

Senator Lela Alston
Senator Sally Ann Gonzales

Staff:

Anna Nguyen, Senate Research Analyst

Chairman Finchem called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. and attendance was noted.

OPENING REMARKS

Senator Finchem offered opening comments.

Anna Nguyen, Senate Research Analyst, explained the purpose of the Senate Ad Hoc Committee on Elder Abuse.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Dr. Holly Lawder, representing self, offered testimony and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Kevin Axon, representing self, offered testimony and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Frida Alvarado, representing self, offered testimony and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Bill Chalmers, representing self, offered testimony and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Johnnie Hamilton, co-owner, Caregiving for Seniors, LLC, offered testimony and answered questions posed by the Committee. Mr. Hamilton submitted a document entitled "Arizona Fiduciary Board Complaint Analysis" (Attachment A).

Kathy Hamilton, founder, co-owner, Caregiving for Seniors, LLC, offered testimony and answered questions posed by the Committee.

David Redkey, representing self, offered testimony and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Susan Wulff, on behalf of Bill Chalmers, offered testimony and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Dr. Lewis Heller, representing self, offered testimony and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Rene Self, representing self, offered testimony and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Martin Lynch, National Association for the Advancement of Checks and Balances (NAACB), offered testimony and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Malinda Sherwyn, representing self, offered testimony and answered questions posed by the Committee.

CLOSING REMARKS

The Committee offered closing remarks.

Kathy Hamilton and Johnnie Hamilton submitted written testimony entitled "Final Committee Testimony – Kathy & Johnnie Hamilton" (Attachment B).

Attached are forms noting the individuals who submitted a Speaker slip on the agenda items (Attachment C).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackson Cooper
Committee Secretary

(Audio recordings and attachments are on file in the Secretary of the Senate's Office/Resource Center, Room 115. Audio archives are available at <http://www.azleg.gov>)