



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

1200 N. Telegraph Road, Bldg. 12 East, Pontiac, MI 48341

Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee

Yolanda Smith Charles, Chair

October 22, 2025 at 9:30 AM

MINUTES

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Yolanda Smith Charles called the meeting of the Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee to order at 09:34 AM in Committee Room A 1200 N. Telegraph Road, 12E, Pontiac, MI 48341.

2. Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brendan Johnson, Gwen Markham, Robert Smiley, Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor, Philip Weipert (6)

MEMBERS ABSENT WITH NOTICE: William Miller III (1)

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Robert Smiley led the Committee in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Minutes

a. Board of Commissioners - dated September 10, 2025

Brendan Johnson moved **approval of the Minutes dated September 10, 2025, as presented.** Seconded by Linnie Taylor.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (6-0-0)

Yes: Brendan Johnson, Gwen Markham, Robert Smiley, Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor, Philip Weipert

No: None

Abstain: None

5. Approval of Agenda

Robert Smiley moved **approval of the agenda, as presented.** Seconded by Gwen Markham.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (6-0-0)

Yes: Brendan Johnson, Gwen Markham, Robert Smiley, Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor, Philip Weipert

No: None
Abstain: None

6. Public Comment

None.

7. Communications

- a. **Facilities Management - Oakland County Vehicle Fleet – Fiscal Year 2025 Update**
- b. **Management and Budget - Monthly Reports - Pontiac Redevelopment Project**
- c. **Water Resources Commissioner - Monthly Report - New Public Works Building October 2025**
- d. **Economic Development - Monthly Report - Oakland Thrive October 2025**
- e. **Economic Development - Business Development - Quarterly Report - US Center for Advanced Manufacturing October 2025**
- f. **Economic Development - Business Development - Quarterly Report - Project DIAMOnD Phase II October 2025**
- g. **Economic Development - Oakland County Transit Division - Quarterly Report - Local Transit Providers' April-June**
- h. **Board of Commissioners - Formation Letter - Public Spaces and Community Places Study Group**
- i. **Economic Development - Business Development - OCBRA Rules of Procedure, Brownfield Plan Guidelines, and Brownfield Plan Application**
Linnie Taylor moved to **receive and file the attached Communications.**
Seconded by Robert Smiley.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (6-0-0)

Yes: Brendan Johnson, Gwen Markham, Robert Smiley, Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor, Philip Weipert

No: None

Abstain: None

8. Consent Agenda

- a. **Board of Commissioners - Fiscal Year 2026 Appropriation with the City of Novi for Tri-Party Road Improvement Program – Project No. 57291**
Gwen Markham moved to **recommend to Board the proposed Board Action**. Seconded by Linnie Taylor.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (6-0-0)

Yes: Brendan Johnson, Gwen Markham, Robert Smiley, Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor, Philip Weipert

No: None

Abstain: None

9. Economic Development Department Recommendations

- a. **Economic Development - Business Development - Amended Oakland County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (OCBRA) Bylaws and Fee Schedule**

Robert Smiley moved to **forward to Finance the proposed Board Action**.
Seconded by Gwen Markham.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (6-0-0)

Yes: Brendan Johnson, Gwen Markham, Robert Smiley, Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor, Philip Weipert

No: None

Abstain: None

- b. **Economic Development - Business Development - Orchard Shoppes Brownfield Plan located at 4210 Orchard Lake Rd. in the City of Orchard Lake Village**

Philip Weipert moved to **forward to Finance the proposed Board Action**.
Seconded by Linnie Taylor.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (6-0-0)

Yes: Brendan Johnson, Gwen Markham, Robert Smiley, Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor, Philip Weipert

No: None

Abstain: None

Chair Yolanda Smith Charles made a public hearing announcement on the adoption of the Brownfield Redevelopment Plan for the Orchard Shoppes Brownfield project which shall be held on October 30, 2025, at 6:00 PM in the Oakland County Board of Commissioners' Auditorium, 1200 North Telegraph Road, Pontiac, Michigan.

- c. **Economic Development - Aviation and Transportation - Grant Acceptance between Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and Oakland**

County International Airport (OCIA) for Reconstruct and Lighting of Taxiways D, F, Y and Apron-Astropark

Linnie Taylor moved to **recommend to Board the proposed Board Action**. Seconded by Robert Smiley.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (6-0-0)

Yes: Brendan Johnson, Gwen Markham, Robert Smiley, Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor, Philip Weipert

No: None

Abstain: None

- d. **Economic Development - Aviation and Transportation - Grant Acceptance between Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and Oakland County International Airport (OCIA) to Acquire Land, Rehab Runway, Acquire Snow Removal Equipment, Reconstruct Taxiway-M - Land, Design, Equipment, Construction**

Philip Weipert moved to **recommend to Board the proposed Board Action**. Seconded by Linnie Taylor.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (6-0-0)

Yes: Brendan Johnson, Gwen Markham, Robert Smiley, Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor, Philip Weipert

No: None

Abstain: None

10. Facilities Management Department Recommendations

- a. **Facilities Planning & Engineering - Campus-Wide Evacuation Signs Replacement**

Linnie Taylor moved to **forward to Finance the proposed Board Action**. Seconded by Philip Weipert.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (6-0-0)

Yes: Brendan Johnson, Gwen Markham, Robert Smiley, Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor, Philip Weipert

No: None

Abstain: None

11. Office of Sustainability Recommendations

- a. **Office of Sustainability - Solarize Program Partnership with Great Lakes Renewable Energy Association (GLREA)**

Brendan Johnson moved to **recommend to Board the proposed Board Action**. Seconded by Gwen Markham.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (6-0-0)

Yes: Brendan Johnson, Gwen Markham, Robert Smiley, Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor, Philip Weipert

No: None

Abstain: None

12. Transit Ad Hoc Committee Recommendations

a. Economic Development - Oakland County Transit Division - 2026 Access to Transit Grant Program

Philip Weipert moved to **recommend to Board the proposed Board Action**. Seconded by Brendan Johnson.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (6-0-0)

Yes: Brendan Johnson, Gwen Markham, Robert Smiley, Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor, Philip Weipert

No: None

Abstain: None

b. Economic Development - Oakland County Transit Division - 2026 Agreement with North Oakland Transportation Authority (NOTA) for Public Transit Services

c. Economic Development - Oakland County Transit Division - 2026 Agreement with Rochester Hills-Oakland-Rochester Older Person's Commission (OPC) for Public Transit Services

d. Economic Development - Oakland County Transit Division - 2026 Agreement with People's Express (PEX) for Public Transit Services

e. Economic Development - Oakland County Transit Division - 2026 Agreement with Western Oakland Transportation Authority (WOTA) for Public Transit Services

Brendan Johnson moved to **recommend to Board the proposed Board Action for Transit Ad Hoc Committee Items 12b, 12c, 12d, and 12e**. Seconded by Gwen Markham.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (6-0-0)

Yes: Brendan Johnson, Gwen Markham, Robert Smiley, Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor, Philip Weipert

No: None

Abstain: None

13. Materials Management Planning Committee Recommendations

a. **Economic Development - Interim Approval Process for Solid Waste Processing and Transfer Facilities**

Brendan Johnson moved to **recommend to Board the proposed Board Action**. Seconded by Robert Smiley.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (6-0-0)

Yes: Brendan Johnson, Gwen Markham, Robert Smiley, Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor, Philip Weipert

No: None

Abstain: None

14. Closed Session

a. **Parks & Recreation - Request for Authorization to Negotiate the Purchase of Property**

Robert Smiley moved to **enter into Closed Session for the purpose of considering the purchase of property**. Seconded by Linnie Taylor.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (6-0-0)

Yes: Brendan Johnson, Gwen Markham, Robert Smiley, Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor, Philip Weipert

No: None

Abstain: None

The Committee went into closed session at 10:44 a.m.

The Committee resumed in open session at 10:59 a.m.

Linnie Taylor moved **that the department be authorized to proceed in accordance with the directives discussed in closed session**. Seconded by Robert Smiley.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (6-0-0)

Yes: Brendan Johnson, Gwen Markham, Robert Smiley, Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor, Philip Weipert

No: None

Abstain: None

15. Public Comment

None.

16. Other Business/Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:01 AM.

NOTE: The foregoing minutes are subject to Committee approval.