



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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

Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee

Yolanda Smith Charles, Chair

October 30, 2025 at 4:30 PM

MINUTES

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Yolanda Smith Charles called the meeting of the Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee to order at 04:40 PM in Committee Room A 1200 N. Telegraph Road, 12E, Pontiac, MI 48341.

2. Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brendan Johnson; Gwen Markham; William Miller III; Robert Smiley; Yolanda Smith Charles; Linnie Taylor; Philip Weipert; David Woodward, Ex-Officio (8)

MEMBERS ABSENT WITH NOTICE: (0)

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Gwen Markham led the Committee in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Agenda

Robert Smiley moved **approval of the agenda, 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. Public Comment

Kim Viener, Western Oakland Transportation Authority (WOTA); Lynn Gromaski, North Oakland Transportation Authority (NOTA); Renee Cortright, Older Person's Commission (OPC); Evalina Taylor, People's Express (PEX); and Rick Hamill, Oakland Township Supervisor

6. Transit Ad Hoc Committee Recommendations

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

Board of Commissioners - Woodward & Johnson Amendment

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

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

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

Board of Commissioners - Woodward & Johnson Amendment

Gwen Markham moved to **recommend to Board the proposed Board Action for Transit Ad Hoc Committee Items 6a, 6b, 6c, and 6d**. Seconded by Robert Smiley.

David Woodward moved **the attached Woodward & Johnson Amendments for Transit Ad Hoc Committee Items 6a, 6b, 6c, and 6d**. Seconded by Brendan Johnson.

Philip Weipert moved to **amend the Woodward & Johnson Amendments to an expiration date of December 31, 2027 (2 year agreement)**. Seconded by Robert Smiley.

Motion Failed.

Vote Summary (3-5-0)

Yes: Robert Smiley, Yolanda Smith Charles, Philip Weipert

No: Brendan Johnson, Gwen Markham, William Miller III, Linnie Taylor, David Woodward

Abstain: None

Return to Woodward & Johnson Amendments.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (7-1-0)

Yes: Brendan Johnson, Gwen Markham, William Miller III, Robert Smiley,
Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor, David Woodward
No: Philip Weipert
Abstain: None

Main Motion, as amended.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (7-1-0)

Yes: Brendan Johnson, Gwen Markham, William Miller III, Robert Smiley,
Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor, David Woodward

No: Philip Weipert

Abstain: None

7. Public Comment

Chris Barnett, Orion Township Supervisor; Evalina Taylor, PEX; and Kim Viener, WOTA

8. Other Business/Adjournment

Commissioners' Comments

Speakers:

Brendan Johnson

The meeting adjourned at 05:42 PM.

NOTE: The foregoing minutes are subject to Committee approval.