



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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

Democratic Caucus Minutes

October 30, 2025 at 5:00 PM

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Angela Powell called the meeting of the Democratic Caucus to order at 5:47 PM in Committee Room A 1200 N. Telegraph Road, 12E, Pontiac, MI 48341.

2. Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ann Erickson Gault, Brendan Johnson, Gwen Markham, William Miller III, Angela Powell, Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor, David Woodward, Penny Luebs (9)

MEMBERS ABSENT WITH NOTICE: Marcia Gershenson (1)

3. Public Comment

The following person addressed the Caucus during Public Comment #1: Commissioner Charles Cavell.

4. Approval of Minutes

a. Board of Commissioners - dated October 16, 2025

William Miller III moved **approval of the Minutes dated October 16, 2025**, as presented. Seconded by Yolanda Smith Charles.

Motion Passed.

A voice vote was conducted and the Minutes dated October 16, 2025, were approved unanimously.

5. Discussion Items

Commissioner Smith Charles addressed the Caucus regarding Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee item entitled: Board of Commissioners - Parks and Recreation Commission Appointment.

Commissioner Smith Charles addressed the Caucus regarding Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee item entitled: Human Resources - Exempting Oakland County Government From Public Act 152 of 2011 for Calendar Year 2026.

Discussion Followed.

Commissioner Smith Charles addressed the Caucus regarding Economic Development

and Infrastructure Committee item entitled: Economic Development - Oakland County Transit Division - 2026 Access to Transit Grant Program.

Discussion Followed.

Commissioner Woodward addressed the Caucus regarding Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee items entitled: 2026 Agreement with North Oakland Transportation Authority (NOTA) for Public Transit Services; 2026 Agreement with Rochester Hills-Oakland-Rochester Older Person's Commission (OPC) for Public Transit Services; 2026 Agreement with People's Express (PEX) for Public Transit Services; 2026 Agreement with Western Oakland Transportation Authority (WOTA) for Public Transit Services.

Discussion Followed.

Commissioner Woodward addressed the Caucus regarding Commissioner Cavell's proposed resolutions: Appropriation to Forgotten Harvest for Emergency Food Assistance and Directing the Release of the Miller Canfield Report on the ZaydLogix Contract to the Oakland County Board of Commissioners and the Public.

Discussion Followed.

Commissioner Smith Charles addressed the Caucus regarding the donation and naming of the Waterford School District land for public park use.

Discussion Followed.

Commissioner Luebs addressed the Caucus to request a discussion in the near future regarding the vacancy on the Oakland County Health Network (OCHN) board.

Discussion Followed.

Chair Powell addressed the Caucus to review the Caucus memo of announcements.

Discussion Followed.

6. Public Comment

The following people addressed the Caucus during Public Comment #2: Chris Barnett, Orion Township Supervisor and Commissioner Charles Cavell.

7. Adjournment

The meeting recessed on Thursday, October 30, 2025, at 6:21 PM.

The meeting adjourned on Thursday, October 30, 2025, at 8:47 PM.