



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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

Legislative Affairs & Government Operations Committee

Brendan Johnson, Chair

December 2, 2025 at 9:00 AM

MINUTES

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Brendan Johnson called the meeting of the Legislative Affairs & Government Operations Committee to order at 09:13 AM in Committee Room A 1200 N. Telegraph Road, 12E, Pontiac, MI 48341.

2. Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ann Erickson Gault, Marcia Gershenson, Robert Hoffman, Brendan Johnson, Karen Joliat, Penny Luebs, Linnie Taylor (7)

MEMBERS ABSENT WITH NOTICE: (0)

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Brendan Johnson led the Committee in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Minutes

a. Board of Commissioners - dated November 4, 2025

Penny Luebs moved **approval of the Minutes dated November 4, 2025, as presented**. Seconded by Robert Hoffman.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (7-0-0)

Yes: Ann Erickson Gault, Marcia Gershenson, Robert Hoffman, Brendan Johnson, Karen Joliat, Penny Luebs, Linnie Taylor

No: None

Abstain: None

5. Approval of Agenda

Penny Luebs moved **approval of the agenda, as presented**. Seconded by Ann Erickson Gault.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (7-0-0)

Yes: Ann Erickson Gault, Marcia Gershenson, Robert Hoffman, Brendan Johnson, Karen Joliat, Penny Luebs, Linnie Taylor

No: None
Abstain: None

6. Public Comment

Mary Gillis, Waterford Resident
Laurie Gorin, Auburn Hills Resident
Margarette Gupta, Oakland Township Resident
Walter Mersino, Lake Orion Resident
Charlie Cavell, Commissioner District 19

7. Communications

- a. **Parks & Recreation - Exception to Board Rules Memo - Grant Application to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for the FY 2026 Southeast Michigan Resilience Fund Grant Program**
- b. **Parks & Recreation - Exception to Board Rules Memo - Grant Application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for the FY 2026 Michigan Invasive Species Program**
- c. **Parks & Recreation - Amendment #2 to the 2023 Michigan Invasive Species Grant Program**

The attached Communications items were received by the Committee.

8. Parks & Recreation Recommendations

- a. **Parks & Recreation - Application to Bird City Michigan for Oakland County's Designation as a Bird City**
Marcia Gershenson moved to **recommend to Board the proposed Board Action**. Seconded by Karen Joliat.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (7-0-0)

Yes: Ann Erickson Gault, Marcia Gershenson, Robert Hoffman, Brendan Johnson, Karen Joliat, Penny Luebs, Linnie Taylor

No: None

Abstain: None

- b. **Parks & Recreation - Springfield Oaks Residential Lease Renewal with Terry Foshia**
Linnie Taylor moved to **recommend to Board the attached suggested resolution**. Seconded by Penny Luebs.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (7-0-0)

Yes: Ann Erickson Gault, Marcia Gershenson, Robert Hoffman, Brendan Johnson, Karen Joliat, Penny Luebs, Linnie Taylor

No: None
Abstain: None

c. Parks & Recreation - Groveland Oaks Residential Lease Renewal with Robert Hatt

Robert Hoffman moved to **recommend to Board the attached suggested resolution**. Seconded by Penny Luebs.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (7-0-0)

Yes: Ann Erickson Gault, Marcia Gershenson, Robert Hoffman, Brendan Johnson, Karen Joliat, Penny Luebs, Linnie Taylor

No: None

Abstain: None

d. Parks & Recreation - Amendment #1 to the Telecommunications License Agreement with Celco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless

Penny Luebs moved to **recommend to Board the proposed Board Action**. Seconded by Robert Hoffman.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (7-0-0)

Yes: Ann Erickson Gault, Marcia Gershenson, Robert Hoffman, Brendan Johnson, Karen Joliat, Penny Luebs, Linnie Taylor

No: None

Abstain: None

e. Parks & Recreation - Creation of Recreation Program Coordinator and Strategic Sourcing Agent Positions

Penny Luebs moved to **forward to Finance the proposed Board Action**. Seconded by Marcia Gershenson.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (7-0-0)

Yes: Ann Erickson Gault, Marcia Gershenson, Robert Hoffman, Brendan Johnson, Karen Joliat, Penny Luebs, Linnie Taylor

No: None

Abstain: None

f. Parks & Recreation - Cooperative Service Agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service for Wildlife Management at Oakland County Parks

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

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (7-0-0)

Yes: Ann Erickson Gault, Marcia Gershenson, Robert Hoffman, Brendan

Johnson, Karen Joliat, Penny Luebs, Linnie Taylor

No: None

Abstain: None

g. Parks & Recreation - Park Development Grant Agreement with the Charter Township of Royal Oak

Penny Luebs moved to **forward to Finance the proposed Board Action.**

Seconded by Ann Erickson Gault.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (7-0-0)

Yes: Ann Erickson Gault, Marcia Gershenson, Robert Hoffman, Brendan Johnson, Karen Joliat, Penny Luebs, Linnie Taylor

No: None

Abstain: None

h. Parks & Recreation - Strategic Partnership Grant Agreement with the Clinton River Watershed Council to Implement the Clinton River Water Trail Comprehensive Plan

Penny Luebs moved to **recommend to Board the proposed Board Action.** Seconded by Ann Erickson Gault.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (7-0-0)

Yes: Ann Erickson Gault, Marcia Gershenson, Robert Hoffman, Brendan Johnson, Karen Joliat, Penny Luebs, Linnie Taylor

No: None

Abstain: None

i. Parks & Recreation - Grant Acceptance from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for the FY 2026 Off-Road Vehicle Trail Improvement Fund Program

Robert Hoffman moved to **recommend to Board the proposed Board Action.** Seconded by Penny Luebs.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (7-0-0)

Yes: Ann Erickson Gault, Marcia Gershenson, Robert Hoffman, Brendan Johnson, Karen Joliat, Penny Luebs, Linnie Taylor

No: None

Abstain: None

j. Parks & Recreation - Grant Acceptance from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund and Approval of the Agreement for Purchase and Sale for the Turtle Woods Nature Preserve Acquisition

Ann Erickson Gault moved to **forward to Finance the attached suggested resolution.** Seconded by Penny Luebs.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (7-0-0)

Yes: Ann Erickson Gault, Marcia Gershenson, Robert Hoffman, Brendan Johnson, Karen Joliat, Penny Luebs, Linnie Taylor

No: None

Abstain: None

9. Board of Commissioners Recommendations

a. Board of Commissioners - Compensation for County Elected Officials

Linnie Taylor moved to **recommend to Board the proposed Board**

Action. Seconded by Penny Luebs.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (7-0-0)

Yes: Ann Erickson Gault, Marcia Gershenson, Robert Hoffman, Brendan Johnson, Karen Joliat, Penny Luebs, Linnie Taylor

No: None

Abstain: None

b. Board of Commissioners - Providing Written Notice of Charges and Scheduling a Hearing Regarding Road Commissioner Jim Esshaki

Penny Luebs moved to **refer to Economic Development & Infrastructure the attached suggested resolution.** Seconded by Linnie Taylor.

Board of Commissioners - Johnson Amendment

Brendan Johnson moved the **attached Johnson Amendment.** Seconded by Marcia Gershenson.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (5-2-0)

Yes: Ann Erickson Gault, Brendan Johnson, Karen Joliat, Penny Luebs, Linnie Taylor

No: Marcia Gershenson, Robert Hoffman

Abstain: None

Main motion, as amended.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (6-1-0)

Yes: Ann Erickson Gault, Marcia Gershenson, Brendan Johnson, Karen Joliat, Penny Luebs, Linnie Taylor

No: Robert Hoffman

Abstain: None

c. Board of Commissioners - Establishment of the Oakland County Financial Disclosure Policy

Penny Luebs moved to **recommend to Board the proposed Board**

Action. Seconded by Karen Joliat.

Board of Commissioners - Erickson Gault Amendment

Ann Erickson Gault moved the **attached Erickson Gault Amendment**.
Seconded by Marcia Gershenson.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (7-0-0)

Yes: Ann Erickson Gault, Marcia Gershenson, Robert Hoffman, Brendan Johnson, Karen Joliat, Penny Luebs, Linnie Taylor

No: None

Abstain: None

Main motion, as amended.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (7-0-0)

Yes: Ann Erickson Gault, Marcia Gershenson, Robert Hoffman, Brendan Johnson, Karen Joliat, Penny Luebs, Linnie Taylor

No: None

Abstain: None

10. Other Business/Adjournment

Commissioners' Comments

Speakers:

Brendan Johnson

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 AM.

NOTE: The foregoing minutes are subject to Committee approval.