



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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

Human Trafficking Prevention Task Force

William Miller, Chair

January 22, 2026 at 3:30 PM

MINUTES

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair William Miller called the meeting of the Human Trafficking Prevention Task Force to order at 03:45 PM in Committee Room A 1200 N. Telegraph Road, 12E, Pontiac, MI 48341.

2. Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT: Karen Joliat, William Miller III, Michael Spisz, Linnie Taylor (4)

MEMBERS ABSENT WITH NOTICE: David Woodward (1)

3. Public Comment

Michele Isbister, Hope Against Human Trafficking
Rockson Arnold, Rockeagle Pictures

4. Approval of Minutes

a. Board of Commissioners - dated November 19, 2025

Michael Spisz moved **approval of the Minutes dated November 19, 2025, as presented**. Seconded by Linnie Taylor.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (4-0-0)

Yes: Karen Joliat, William Miller III, Michael Spisz, Linnie Taylor

No: None

Abstain: None

5. Approval of Agenda

Michael Spisz moved **approval of the agenda, as presented**. Seconded by Linnie Taylor.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (4-0-0)

Yes: Karen Joliat, William Miller III, Michael Spisz, Linnie Taylor

No: None

Abstain: None

6. Regular Agenda

a. Prosecuting Attorney's Office - Update on Caseload and Recent Arrests

Cindy Brown, Chief Prosecuting Attorney, and Sergeant Mike Miles, Sheriff's Office, reported that since the last meeting, twelve buyers of human trafficking victims have been identified and have been or are in the process of being charged. The Sheriff's Office has been investigating many illicit massage businesses. Since January 2021, seventy-six (76) traffickers have been charged and only one has been found not guilty. This number does not include charges issued against buyers of human trafficking victims. The Task Force participated in a discussion about the current human trafficking cases and investigations in Oakland County.

b. Board of Commissioners - Future Meeting Schedule

The next meeting of the Human Trafficking Prevention Task Force was tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, February 25, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

7. Other Business/Adjournment

Speakers:

Miesha Joassin, BOC Marketing & Communications Officer, shared that her team conducted a Sounding Board segment with Cindy Brown and Commissioner William Miller to recognize Human Trafficking Awareness Month and highlight the work of the Human Trafficking Prevention Task Force. The interview is available for viewing on the Oakland County Board of Commissioners' Facebook and Instagram pages.

The meeting adjourned at 04:20 PM.

NOTE: The foregoing minutes are subject to Committee approval.