



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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

Democratic Caucus Minutes

January 22, 2026 at 5:00 PM

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Angela Powell called the meeting of the Democratic Caucus to order at 5:05 PM in Committee Room A 1200 N. Telegraph Road, 12E, Pontiac, MI 48341.

2. Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ann Erickson Gault, Marcia Gershenson, Brendan Johnson, Penny Luebs, Gwen Markham, William Miller III, Angela Powell, Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor, David Woodward (10)

MEMBERS ABSENT WITH NOTICE: (0)

3. Public Comment

No one addressed the Caucus during Public Comment #1.

4. Approval of Minutes

a. Clerk/Register of Deeds - dated December 11, 2025

Penny Luebs moved approval of the Minutes dated December 11, 2025, as presented. Seconded by Linnie Taylor.

Motion Passed.

A voice vote was conducted and the Minutes dated December 11, 2025, were approved unanimously.

5. Discussion Items

Commissioner Smith Charles addressed the Caucus regarding Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee item entitled: Economic Development - Aviation and Transportation - Rescind Resolution #2025-6037_25-40, 2025 Land Lease Addendum with Mr. Hangar, LLC.

Discussion Followed.

Commissioner Woodward addressed the Caucus regarding Finance Committee item entitled: Executive's Office - Courts & Law Enforcement Management Information System Authority (CLEMIS) Transfer Agreement.

Discussion Followed.

Commissioner Johnson addressed the Caucus regarding Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee item entitled: Board of Commissioners - Oakland Community Health Network Appointment.

Discussion Followed.

Commissioner Woodward addressed the Caucus regarding Special Order of Business item entitled: Motion to Discharge - Supporting the County Executive Office recommendation to create a County Ombudsman.

Discussion Followed.

Commissioner Woodward addressed the Caucus regarding the nomination and election of the Board of Commissioners Vice Chair. Commissioner Luebs moved to nominate Commissioner Gershenson as the Board of Commissioners Vice Chair. Seconded by Chair Powell.

Discussion Followed.

Commissioner Luebs addressed the Caucus to announce the 2026 NACo Annual Legislative Conference is February 21-24, 2026 in Washington D.C.

Discussion Followed.

Chair Powell addressed the Caucus to announce the 2026 NACo Annual Conference & Exposition is July 17-20, 2026 in New Orleans.

Discussion Followed.

Commissioner Markham addressed the Caucus to announce the SEMCOG University Workshop application is due February 2, 2026.

Discussion Followed.

Commissioner Johnson addressed the Caucus to announce the Tri-County Summit is May 1, 2026.

Discussion Followed.

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

Discussion Followed.

6. Public Comment

The following person addressed the Caucus during Public Comment #2: Margarette Gupta.

7. Adjournment

The meeting recessed on Thursday, January 22, 2026, at 5:43 PM.

The meeting adjourned on Thursday, January 22, 2026, at 7:10 PM.

