



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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

Democratic Caucus Minutes

February 19, 2026 at 8:30 AM

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Angela Powell called the meeting of the Democratic Caucus to order at 8:45 AM 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

The following people addressed the Caucus during Public Comment #1: Commissioner Charles Cavell, Megan Callaghan, Margarette Gupta and Robin McGregor.

4. Approval of Minutes

a. Board of Commissioners - dated January 22, 2026

William Miller III moved approval of the Minutes dated January 22, 2026, as presented. Seconded by Linnie Taylor.

Motion Passed.

A voice vote was conducted and the Minutes dated January 22, 2026, were approved unanimously.

5. Discussion Items

Commissioner Woodward addressed the Caucus to announce that an item from the Oakland County Transit Ad Hoc Committee will be added to the Consent Agenda entitled: Economic Development - Oakland County Transit Division - Amendment 2026-2 of Public Transportation Agreement with Rochester Hills-Oakland-Rochester Older Persons' Commission (OPC).

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Miller III addressed the Caucus, stating his preference for adopting a unified resolution that would apply County-wide, rather than pursuing multiple, separate

resolutions.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Woodward addressed the Caucus regarding Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee item entitled: Board of Commissioners - Resolution in Support of Michigan Senate Bills 508, 509 and 510. He also recommended a special committee be established to coordinate and review the various resolutions related to civil immigration enforcement and ICE's presence in Oakland County. The committee's work will include consultation with Corporation Counsel and Commissioner Powell in her capacity as Chair.

Discussion followed.

Megan Sellers, Deputy County Executive, addressed the Caucus regarding the Commissioners' concerns about the urgency of a resolution previously submitted to Corporation Counsel. She emphasized the importance of completing all necessary due diligence to ensure the County is protected while also safeguarding the public. She noted that Corporation Counsel has been working diligently on the matter for several weeks.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Luebs recommended that the Caucus begin the Board of Commissioners Meeting on time, recess prior to New and Miscellaneous Business, review the related resolutions during the recess, and then reconvene the Board of Commissioners Meeting to present their decision.

Discussion followed.

6. Public Comment

Chair Powell requested that due to time, public comments be addressed at the Board of Commissioners Meeting. Commissioners and the public expressed agreement with the recommendation.

Chair Powell called a recess at 9:32 AM.

Chair Powell called the Caucus to reconvene at 1:35 PM.

Roll Call

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

MEMBERS ABSENT WITH NOTICE: (1) Linnie Taylor

Chair Powell addressed the Caucus to discuss items under New & Miscellaneous Business.

Discussion followed.

Solon Phillips of Corporation Counsel addressed the Caucus. He stated that since

January 2025, his office has been actively monitoring and reviewing the actions taken by Washington. He further noted a thorough review of Commissioner Johnson's resolution is underway, emphasizing the distinction between guidelines and legal principles.

Discussion followed.

Chair Powell called a recess at 1:55 PM.

Chair Powell called the Caucus to reconvene at 2:22 PM.

Roll Call

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

MEMBERS ABSENT WITH NOTICE: (1) Linnie Taylor

Commissioner Woodward addressed the Caucus regarding the New & Miscellaneous Business item entitled: Resolution Opposing Civil Immigration Enforcement Activities by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Related Federal Agencies within Oakland County Owned or Operated Facilities, and Opposing the Use of Face Coverings that Conceal Officers Identities During Civil Immigration Enforcement.

Discussion followed.

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

Chair Powell requested that public comments be addressed at the Board of Commissioners Meeting due to time constraints. No one addressed the Caucus during Public Comment #2.

7. Adjournment

The meeting recessed on Thursday, February 19, 2026, at 2:29 PM.

The meeting adjourned on Thursday, February 19, 2026, at 3:30 PM.