



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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

Legislative Affairs & Government Operations Committee

Brendan Johnson, Chair

March 24, 2026 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 09:03 AM in Committee Room A 1200 N. Telegraph Road, 12E, Pontiac, MI 48341.

2. Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ann Erickson Gault, Robert Hoffman, Brendan Johnson, Karen Joliat, Penny Luebs, Linnie Taylor (6)

MEMBERS ABSENT WITH NOTICE: Marcia Gershenson (1)

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Linnie Taylor led the Committee in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Minutes

a. Board of Commissioners - dated March 3, 2026

Karen Joliat moved **approval of the Minutes dated March 3, 2026, as presented**. Seconded by Ann Erickson Gault.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (5-0-0)

Yes: Ann Erickson Gault, Robert Hoffman, Brendan Johnson, Karen Joliat, Linnie Taylor

No: None

Abstain: None

5. Approval of Agenda

Ann Erickson Gault moved **approval of the agenda, as presented**. Seconded by Karen Joliat.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (5-0-0)

Yes: Ann Erickson Gault, Robert Hoffman, Brendan Johnson, Karen Joliat, Linnie Taylor

No: None
Abstain: None

6. Public Comment

Margarette Gupta, Oakland Township Resident

7. Communications

- a. **Parks & Recreation - State of Michigan Office of Family Partnerships Wayne RESA/Region 10 MiFamily Engagement Center Mini Grant Acceptance**
- b. **Board of Commissioners - Craig Brown - Resignation from the Progressive Lifestyles, Inc. Board of Trustees**
The attached Communications were received by the Committee.

8. Board of Commissioners Recommendations

- a. **Board of Commissioners - Authorizing the Oakland County Zoological Authority to Place a Millage Renewal Question on the November 3, 2026 General Election Ballot Pursuant to Public Act 49 of 2008**
Detroit Zoological Society representatives Amanda Hanlin, Chief of Staff, and Robert Schumaker, Chief Financial Officer; along with Brandon Kolo, Chair, Oakland County Zoological Authority, provided an update and gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the upcoming Detroit Zoo millage. A discussion was held and committee members' questions were answered. The attached presentation titled Where Life Connects was received by the Committee

Penny Luebs moved to **recommend to Board the attached suggested resolution.** Seconded by Linnie Taylor.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (6-0-0)

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

No: None

Abstain: None

- b. **Board of Commissioners - Amendment #1 to the Oakland County Art Institute Authority Articles of Incorporation**

Proposed Board Action: amend Article III - Board of Directors, Section 1, Appointments and Term of Office, second sentence, by striking out "{2}" and inserting **four (4)**; further, that a copy of these amended articles shall be submitted to the Oakland County Art Institute Authority; further, that the Oakland County Clerk is hereby directed to file a printed copy of the Articles, as amended and adopted, with the Secretary of State.

Swarn Rajpal, Chair, Oakland County Art Institute Authority, provided an update on the Articles of Incorporation. A discussion was held and committee members' questions were answered.

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

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (6-0-0)

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

No: None

Abstain: None

c. Board of Commissioners - Opposing State Legislation Preempting Local Zoning Authority

Robert Hoffman moved to **recommend to Board the attached suggested resolution**. Seconded by Ann Erickson Gault.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (5-1-0)

Yes: Ann Erickson Gault, Robert Hoffman, Karen Joliat, Penny Luebs, Linnie Taylor

No: Brendan Johnson

Abstain: None

9. County Executive Administration Recommendations

a. Risk Management - Update to Oakland County Workplace Violence Policy

Proposed Board Action: adopt the newly proposed Oakland County Workplace Violence Policy, as attached; further that the Workplace Violence Policy be disseminated to all County employees once adopted by the Oakland County Board of Commissioners.

Penny Luebs moved to **recommend to Board the proposed Board Action**. Seconded by Linnie Taylor.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (6-0-0)

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

No: None

Abstain: None

10. Human Resources Recommendations

a. Human Resources - Interlocal Agreement with Participating MiLife Employer Communities to Establish On-Site Health & Wellness Center and Services Agreement with Marathon Health for Clinical Services

Proposed Board Action: approve the attached Interlocal Agreement Amendment with the Cities of Ferndale, Hazel Park, Madison Heights, Oak Park and Royal

Oak; further authorize the Chair of the Board of Commissioners to execute the attached Interlocal Agreement; further, appropriate an amount not to exceed \$26,897,388 for professional and operational expenses necessary for a third party to operate a near-site clinic.

Ann Erickson Gault assumed the chair at 9:52 a.m.
Brendan Johnson resumed the chair at 9:58 a.m.

Heather Van Poucker, Deputy Director, Human Resources, provided an update and gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the On-Site Health & Wellness Center. A discussion was held and committee members' questions were answered. The attached presentation titled 5-Year Benefits Plan Near-Site Health Clinic/Pharmacy was received by the Committee.

Linnie Taylor moved to **recommend to Board the proposed Board Action**. Seconded by Penny Luebs.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (5-1-0)
Yes: Ann Erickson Gault, Robert Hoffman, Brendan Johnson, Penny Luebs, Linnie Taylor
No: Karen Joliat
Abstain: None

11. Parks & Recreation Recommendations

a. Parks & Recreation - Grant Amendment for the Park and Trail Capital Community Grant Program Agreement with the City of Ferndale

Proposed Board Action: approve the amendment to extend the Ferndale Community Grant Program Agreement through November 16, 2027.

Ann Erickson Gault assumed the chair at 10:24 a.m.
Brendan Johnson resumed the chair at 10:27 a.m.

Penny Luebs moved to **recommend to Board the proposed Board Action**. Seconded by Linnie Taylor.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (6-0-0)
Yes: Ann Erickson Gault, Robert Hoffman, Brendan Johnson, Karen Joliat, Penny Luebs, Linnie Taylor
No: None
Abstain: None

b. Parks & Recreation - Grant Application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for the FY 2027 Off-Road Vehicle Trail Improvement Program

Proposed Board Action: approve the grant application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources' (MDNR) for the FY 2027 Off-Road Vehicle

(ORV) Trail Improvement Program in the amount of \$150,000.

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

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (5-0-0)

Yes: Ann Erickson Gault, Robert Hoffman, Brendan Johnson, Penny Luebs, Linnie Taylor

No: None

Abstain: None

c. Parks & Recreation - Memorandum of Understanding for the Nine Mile Pathway Phase II Task Force

Proposed Board Action: approve the Nine Mile Pathway Phase II Task Force Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the County of Oakland and the cities of Novi, Northville, South Lyon, and the Charter Township of Lyon; further, authorize the Chair of the Board of Commissioners to execute the MOU on behalf of Oakland County.

Linnie Taylor moved to **recommend to Board the proposed Board Action**. Seconded by Ann Erickson Gault.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (6-0-0)

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

No: None

Abstain: None

d. Parks & Recreation - Amendment to Interlocal Agreement with the City of Farmington Hills – Heritage Park Partnership Extension

Proposed Board Action: approve Amendment #1 to the Interlocal Agreement between the County of Oakland and the City of Farmington Hills to extend the transition period of the agreement through June 1, 2026.

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

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (6-0-0)

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

No: None

Abstain: None

e. Parks & Recreation - Interlocal Partnership Agreement with Bloomfield Hills School District for Bowers Farm

Proposed Board Action: approve the 30-year Interlocal Agreement with Bloomfield Hills Schools for Bowers Farm and authorize the Chair of the Board of Commissioners to execute the attached agreement.

Alan Jaros, Deputy Director, Parks & Recreation, and Chris Ward, Director, provided an update and gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Bloomfield Hills School District Partnership Agreements for Bowers Farm and Johnson Nature Center. A discussion was held and committee members' questions were answered. The attached presentation titled Bloomfield Hills School District Partnership Agreements was received by the Committee.

f. Parks & Recreation - Interlocal Partnership Agreement with Bloomfield Hills School District for the Johnson Nature Center

Proposed Board Action: approve the 30-year Interlocal Agreement with Bloomfield Hills Schools for the Johnson Nature Center; further, authorize the Chair of the Board of Commissioners to execute the attached agreement.

Penny Luebs moved to **recommend to Board the proposed Board Action for Items 11e and 11f**. Seconded by Linnie Taylor.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (6-0-0)

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

No: None

Abstain: None

12. Other Business/Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:56 AM.

NOTE: The foregoing minutes are subject to Committee approval.