



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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

Democratic Caucus Minutes

March 11, 2026 at 5:00 PM

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Angela Powell called the meeting of the Democratic Caucus to order at 5:03 PM in Committee Room A 1200 N. Telegraph Road, 12E, Pontiac, MI 48341.

2. Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ann Erickson Gault, Marcia Gershenson, Penny Luebs, Gwen Markham, Angela Powell, Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor, David Woodward (8)

MEMBERS ABSENT WITH NOTICE: Brendan Johnson, William Miller III (2)

3. Closed Session – Corporation Counsel Opinion related to Resolution 2026-6227

a. Board of Commissioners - Closed Session to discuss the legal opinion regarding Resolution 2026-6227

Gwen Markham moved the Democratic Caucus to Closed Session to discuss the legal opinion regarding Resolution 2026-6227. Seconded by Linnie Taylor.

The Majority Caucus went into closed session at 5:10 PM.
The Majority Caucus resumed in open session at 6:00 PM.

Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ann Erickson Gault, Marcia Gershenson, Penny Luebs, Gwen Markham, Angela Powell, Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor, David Woodward (8)

MEMBERS ABSENT WITH NOTICE: Brendan Johnson, William Miller III (2)

The meeting recessed on Wednesday, March 11, 2026, at 6:01 PM.

Chair Powell called the Majority Caucus to reconvene at 7:35 PM.

Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ann Erickson Gault, Marcia Gershenson, Penny Luebs, Gwen Markham, Angela Powell, Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor, David Woodward (8)

MEMBERS ABSENT WITH NOTICE: Brendan Johnson, William Miller III (2)

4. Public Comment

The following people addressed the Caucus during Public Comment #1: Murryum Farooqi, Mike Flores, Margarette Gupta.

5. Approval of Minutes

a. Board of Commissioners - dated February 19, 2026

Penny Luebs moved approval of the Minutes dated February 19, 2026, as presented. Seconded by Linnie Taylor.

Motion Passed.

A voice vote was conducted and the Minutes dated February 19, 2026, were approved unanimously.

6. Discussion Items

Commissioner Woodward addressed the Caucus regarding Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee item entitled: Board of Commissioners - Appointment to the Oakland Community Health Network Board and New & Miscellaneous Business item entitled: Board of Commissioners - Supplemental Funding Request for the Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Site-Based Program (Crisis Response Unit).

Discussion Followed.

Major Russ Yeiser, Deputy Chief of Staff addressed the Caucus.

Discussion Followed.

No one addressed the Caucus during Public Comment #2.

Chair Powell addressed the Caucus to review the Democratic Caucus memo of announcements and stated the Community Safety & Civil Rights Ad Hoc Committee is meeting this Tuesday, March 17th.

7. Adjournment

The meeting recessed on Wednesday, March 11, 2026, at 7:55 PM.

The meeting adjourned on Wednesday, March 11, 2026, at 9:40 PM.