



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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

Democratic Caucus Minutes

April 8, 2026 at 5:00 PM

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Angela Powell called the meeting of the Democratic Caucus to order at 5:10 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)

Sheriff Michael Bouchard, Lieutenant Brian Burwell and Undersheriff Timothy Willis addressed the Caucus regarding Public Health and Safety Committee item entitled: Sheriff's Office - Approve Project Prove It with Flock Group for Unmanned Air Support as a Service (UASaaS) Program for Drone Response Services and Sheriff's Office - Request from the Oakland County Sheriff's Office Oakland Technical Campus School Resource Officer Unit for the Purchase of Four (4) Gun Safe Lockers.

Discussion Followed.

3. Public Comment

The following people addressed the Caucus during Public Comment #1: Dr. Paul Thomas, Water Resource Commissioner Jim Nash, Orion Township Supervisor Chris Barnett, Bob Leonard.

4. Approval of Minutes

a. Board of Commissioners - dated March 11, 2026

Gwen Markham moved approval of the Minutes dated March 11, 2026, as presented. Seconded by Marcia Gershenson.

A voice vote was conducted and the Minutes dated March 11, 2026, were approved unanimously.

5. Discussion Items

Commissioner Woodward addressed the Caucus to announce that item 13c Public Health and Safety Committee - Sheriff's Office - Approve Project Prove It with Flock Group for Unmanned Air Support as a Service (UASaaS) Program for Drone Response Services will be moved from Consent Agenda to Regular Agenda. There was no objection.

Commissioner Smith Charles addressed the Caucus to request that the item entitled: Finance Committee - Purchasing - Exception to Purchasing Policy - Extensions Beyond Five-Year Term with Unicom Systems Inc., Computer Technologies USA LLC, Precisely Software Incorporated, Insight Public Sector Inc., and Marsh & McLennan Agency LLC Company be moved from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda. There was no objection.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Woodward addressed the Caucus regarding the item entitled: Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee - 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 and stated that there would be an amendment offered at the Full Board meeting.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Smith Charles addressed the Caucus regarding the following items: Finance Committee - Purchasing - Exception to Purchasing Policy - Extensions Beyond Five-Year Term with Unicom Systems Inc., Computer Technologies USA LLC, Precisely Software Incorporated, Insight Public Sector Inc., and Marsh & McLennan Agency LLC Company and Legislative Affairs & Governmental Relations - 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.

Discussion followed

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

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Woodward addressed the Caucus that the two Full Board Public Comment sections would be consolidated into one and recommended at the top of the meeting.

Alycia Williams, incoming Oakland County Procurement Officer, addressed the Caucus regarding contract extensions related to the Circuit Court Case Management System.

Discussion followed.

6. Public Comment

No one addressed the Caucus during Public Comment #2.

7. Adjournment

The meeting recessed on Wednesday, April 8, 2026, at 6:34 PM.

The meeting adjourned on Wednesday, April 8, 2026, at 11:39 PM.