



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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

Safer Communities Ad Hoc

Marcia Gershenson, Chair

June 2, 2026 at 12:00 PM

MINUTES

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Marcia Gershenson called the meeting of the Safer Communities Ad Hoc to order at 12:02 PM in Committee Room A 1200 N. Telegraph Road, 12E, Pontiac, MI 48341.

2. Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT: Marcia Gershenson, Penny Luebs, Angela Powell, Timothy Willis, Betsey Hage (5)

MEMBERS ABSENT WITH NOTICE: (0)

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Marcia Gershenson led the Committee in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Minutes

a. Board of Commissioners - dated March 11, 2026

Penny Luebs moved **approval of the Minutes dated March 11, 2026, as presented**. Seconded by Timothy Willis.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (5-0-0)

Yes: Marcia Gershenson, Penny Luebs, Angela Powell, Timothy Willis, Betsey Hage

No: None

Abstain: None

5. Approval of Agenda

Penny Luebs moved **approval of the agenda, as presented**. Seconded by Angela Powell.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (5-0-0)

Yes: Marcia Gershenson, Penny Luebs, Angela Powell, Timothy Willis, Betsey Hage

No: None

Abstain: None

6. Public Comment

None.

7. Communications

- a. **Board of Commissioners - (Mission Statement) MR #2023-125 - Establishing the OC Safer Communities Fund**
- b. **Board of Commissioners - Budget and Invoice Update**
Breanne Progar, BOC Analyst, provided a brief update about the status of the Safer Communities Ad Hoc Budget.

The attached Communications were received by the Committee.

8. Regular Agenda

- a. **Board of Commissioners - Disarmory Ministries 2025 Final Impact Report**
Father Chris Yaw, Disarmory Ministries, provided an overview of the 2025 Final Impact Report.

Angela Powell moved to **receive and file the attached Report**. Seconded by Penny Luebs.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (5-0-0)

Yes: Marcia Gershenson, Penny Luebs, Angela Powell, Timothy Willis, Betsey Hage

No: None

Abstain: None

- b. **Board of Commissioners - Discussion on the FY 2026 Request from Disarmory Ministries**
Chair Gershenson and Father Chris Yaw led the group in a brief discussion regarding FY 2026 request for Disarmory Ministries.
- d. **Board of Commissioners - Discussion of E-Trace and Future Gun Buy Back Events Targeted Towards Pawn Shop Owners**
Ryan Bates, Director - End Gun Violence Michigan, joined virtually and led the group a discussion about issues surrounding illegal gun sales at Oakland County pawn shops.
- c. **Board of Commissioners - Discussion on Allocating Funding for Biometric Gun Safes to Provide at Gun Safety Training Programs**
Skye Thietten, Steering Member - End Gun Violence, joined virtually to speak on the subject of biometric gun safes to provide at gun safety training programs.

Angela Powell moved to **approve the one-time allotment in the amount of \$5,000 from the Fiscal Year 2026 Safer Communities Fund (FND21275) to Disarmory Ministries to support pawn shop gun buyback and gun disposal events, contingent upon the approval of a successful program and**

communication strategy; further, the program and communication strategy must be approved by the Full Board of Commissioners; further, authorize the Chair of the Board of Commissioners to execute any required agreements on behalf of Oakland County after the final review from Corporation Counsel and the Purchasing Division. Seconded by Timothy Willis.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (5-0-0)

Yes: Marcia Gershenson, Penny Luebs, Angela Powell, Timothy Willis, Betsey Hage

No: None

Abstain: None

e. Board of Commissioners - Future Project Ideas

Chair Gershenson led the group in a brief conversation about future project ideas.

9. Public Comment

None.

10. Other Business/Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 01:01 PM.

NOTE: The foregoing minutes are subject to Committee approval.