



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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

Democratic Caucus Minutes

June 11, 2026 at 5:00 PM

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Angela Powell called the meeting of the Democratic Caucus to order at 5:07 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)

3. Approval of Minutes

a. Board of Commissioners - dated May 21, 2026

Gwen Markham moved approval of the Minutes dated May 21, 2026, as presented. Seconded by Linnie Taylor.

A voice vote was conducted and the Minutes dated May 21, 2026, were approved unanimously.

4. Discussion Items

Megan Sellers, Deputy County Executive and Aaron Thomas, Deputy Corporation Counsel addressed the Caucus regarding Human Resources policies in public and non-public spaces and Resolution #26006 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.

Scott Francis, Superintendent of Berkley Schools addressed the Caucus regarding the Regional Enhancement Millage Proposal that is on the ballot for the August Primary Election.

Discussion Followed.

Elana A. Rugh, President & CEO of Detroit Historical Society and Neil A. Barclay, President & Chief Executive Officer of Charles H. Wright Museum, addressed the Caucus regarding an amendment to Recreational Authorities Act 321 of 2000. A millage proposal was discussed to be on the ballot for the November Election. The appointed Authority would have to approve the request and meet the August 11th proposal deadline.

Discussion Followed.

Undersheriff Timothy Willis addressed the Caucus regarding the Oakland Curtail Auto Theft (OCAT) grant.

Discussion Followed.

Commissioner Smith Charles addressed the Caucus regarding the Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee items entitled: Water Resources Commissioner - Contract Amendment with Auger, Klein and Aller Architects, and Water Resources Commissioner - Grant Acceptance with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for the RainSmart Rebates Program and Board of Commissioners - Funding for In-Line Skating Rink at Harding Park with the City of Ferndale.

Commissioner Luebs addressed the Caucus regarding the Finance Committee item entitled: Executive's Office - Reallocation of American Rescue Plan Act Local Fiscal Recovery Funds.

Sara Gold, Strategic Partnership & Initiatives Officer addressed the Caucus.

Commissioner Markham addressed the Caucus regarding the Public Health and Safety Committee item entitled: Health & Human Services - Neighborhood and Housing Development - Grant Acceptance from the Michigan State Housing Development Authority for the FY 2026 Enhancement Grant.

Commissioner Smith Charles addressed the Caucus regarding the Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee items entitled: Parks & Recreation - Interlocal Agreement with Bloomfield Hills Schools for Transition Services and Operational Continuity at Discovery Oaks and Bloomfield Oaks, and Parks & Recreation - Memorandum of Understanding with the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority for the 2026 Water Safety and Swim Lesson Partnership.

Discussion Followed.

Commissioner Smith Charles addressed the Caucus regarding the Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee item entitled: Parks & Recreation - Grant Acceptance from the State of Michigan for the FY 2026 Great Lakes Management Grant Program.

Commissioner Smith Charles addressed the Caucus regarding the Public Health and Safety Committee item entitled: Sheriff's Office - Amendment #1 to the FY 2026 Emergency Response Support Program for the Rochester Hills Splash Pad Shooting from Oakland County Health Network.

Discussion Followed.

Commissioner Woodward addressed the Caucus regarding the next Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee meeting.

Commissioner Johnson addressed the Caucus regarding Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee - Board of Commissioners - Appointment to the Land Bank Authority.

Commissioner Miller addressed the Caucus regarding resident concerns and that public utilities will be giving a presentation at an upcoming Board of Commissioners Meeting.

Chair Powell addressed the Caucus stating that the Pontiac City Council had a meeting regarding Flock and is planning a meeting for Flock to address Oakland County as a whole. The date and location are to be determined.

5. Public Comment

The following people addressed the Caucus during Public Comment: Commissioner Jim Nash, Margarette Gupta, Mike Flores and Samantha Hunt.

6. Adjournment

The meeting recessed on Thursday June 11, 2026, at 6:21 PM.

The meeting adjourned on Thursday June 11, 2026, at 10:16 PM.