



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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

Safer Communities Ad Hoc

Marcia Gershenson, Chair

September 1, 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 12:13 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

Betsey Hage led the Committee in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Minutes

a. Board of Commissioners - dated June 4, 2026

Penny Luebs moved **approval of the Minutes dated June 4, 2026, 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

5. Approval of Agenda

Penny Luebs moved **approval of the agenda, 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

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 Policy Analyst, provided an update on the Safer Communities Ad Hoc budget and invoicing. In alignment with school year calendars, invoices are issued in May. Any funds remaining at the end of the fiscal year will be available to spend in the next fiscal year.

The attached Communications were received by the Committee.

8. Regular Agenda

a. Board of Commissioners - Discussion on Allocating Funding to Support the Partnership Program between Disarmory Ministries and End Gun Violence Michigan for the Purchase of Biometric Gun Safes

Father Chris Yaw, Disarmory Ministries and End Gun Violence Michigan, and Skye Thietten, End Gun Violence Michigan, led the group in a discussion about Biometric Gun Safes.

Angela Powell moved to **recommend to Public Health & Safety the establishment of an agreement with Disarmory Ministries for the purpose of purchasing 100 biometric gun safes at a cost of \$72.99 each for a total of \$7,299.** 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

b. Board of Commissioners - Discussion on the Future Partnership Proposal with Disarmory Ministries and the Oakland County Health Department to Safely Remove Unwanted Firearms

Father Chris Yaw led the group in a discussion about a future partnership opportunity with Disarmory Ministries and the Oakland County Health Department.

c. Board of Commissioners - Future Project Ideas

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

9. Other Business/Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 01:06 PM.

NOTE: The foregoing minutes are subject to Committee approval.