

OAKLAND COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES

January 6, 2021

Meeting called to order by Oakland County Clerk/Register of Deeds, Lisa Brown at 6:04 p.m. via Teleconference.

Roll called.

PRESENT: Cavell from Ferndale in Oakland County, Charles from Southfield in Oakland County, Gershenson from Bloomfield Township in Oakland County, Gingell from Orion Township in Oakland County, Hoffman from Highland Township in Oakland County, Jackson from Southfield in Oakland County, Joliat from Waterford Township in Oakland County, Kochenderfer from Rochester Hills in Oakland County, Kowall from White Lake Township in Oakland County, Kuhn from Troy in Oakland County, Long from Commerce Township in Oakland County, Luebs from Clawson in Oakland County, Markham from Novi in Oakland County, McGillivray from Madison Heights in Oakland County, Miller from Farmington in Oakland County, Moss from Birmingham in Oakland County, Nelson from Waterford Township in Oakland County, Powell from Pontiac in Oakland County, Spisz from Oxford Township in Oakland County, Weipert from South Lyon in Oakland County, Woodward from Royal Oak in Oakland County. (21)

EXCUSED ABSENCE WITH NOTICE: None. (0)

Quorum present.

Oakland County Clerk/Register of Deeds, Lisa Brown opened the evening with the introduction of Oakland County Commissioner Christine Long who gave the invocation.

Moved by McGillivray supported by Kowall the minutes of the December 7, 2020 Board Meeting be approved.

A sufficient majority having voted in favor, the minutes were approved as printed.

Moved by Long seconded by Nelson to approve and close the Journal for the 2019 - 2020 Biennial Session and adjourn the 2019 – 2020 Session Sine Die.

AYES: Charles, Gershenson, Gingell, Hoffman, Jackson, Joliat, Kochenderfer, Kowall, Kuhn, Long, Luebs, Markham, McGillivray, Miller, Moss, Nelson, Powell, Spisz, Weipert, Woodward, Cavell. (21)

NAYS: None. (0)

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A sufficient majority having voted in favor, the motion carried.

BIENNIAL SESSION

Oakland County Clerk/Register of Deeds, Lisa Brown administered the oath of office to the 2021 – 2022 Oakland County Board of Commissioners.

The 2021 – 2022 Session was called to order by Oakland County Clerk/Register of Deeds, Lisa Brown at 6:28 p.m.

Roll called.

PRESENT: Gershenson, Gingell, Hoffman, Jackson, Joliat, Kochenderfer, Kowall, Kuhn, Long, Luebs, Markham, McGillivray, Miller, Moss, Nelson, Powell, Spisz, Weipert, Woodward, Cavell, Charles. (21)

EXCUSED ABSENCE WITH NOTICE: None. (0)

Quorum present.

Moved by Luebs seconded by Gershenson the agenda be approved, as presented.

AYES: Gingell, Hoffman, Jackson Joliat, Kochenderfer, Kowall, Kuhn, Long, Luebs, Markham, McGillivray, Miller, Moss, Nelson, Powell, Spisz, Weipert, Woodward, Cavell, Charles, Gershenson. (21)

NAYS: None. (0)

A sufficient majority having voted in favor, the agenda, as presented, was approved.

Moved by Spisz seconded by Jackson the Board Rules be adopted as the Temporary Rules of the Board of Commissioners.

AYES: Hoffman, Jackson, Joliat, Kochenderfer, Kowall, Kuhn, Long, Luebs, Markham, McGillivray, Miller, Moss, Nelson, Powell, Spisz, Weipert, Woodward, Cavell, Charles, Gershenson, Gingell. (21)

NAYS: None. (0)

A sufficient majority having voted in favor, the Board Rules were adopted as Temporary Rules of the Board of Commissioners.

Oakland County Clerk/Register of Deeds, Lisa Brown opened the nominations for the Temporary Chairperson.

Moved by McGillivray seconded by Weipert that Christine Long be nominated for Temporary Chairperson.

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Vote on Temporary Chairperson:

AYES: Jackson, Joliat, Kochenderfer, Kowall, Kuhn, Long, Luebs, Markham, McGillivray, Miller, Moss, Nelson, Powell, Spisz, Weipert, Woodward, Cavell, Charles, Gershenson, Gingell, Hoffman. (21)

NAYS: None. (0)

A sufficient majority having voted in favor, Christine Long was elected Temporary Chairperson.

Oakland County Clerk/Register of Deeds, Lisa Brown turned the gavel over to Temporary Chairperson Christine Long and assumed the Chair of the County Clerk of the Board.

Temporary Chairperson Christine Long opened the nominations for the Permanent Chairperson.

Moved by Gershenson seconded by Spisz that David Woodward be nominated for Permanent Chairperson.

Vote on Permanent Chairperson:

AYES: Joliat, Kochenderfer, Kowall, Kuhn, Long, Luebs, Markham, McGillivray, Miller, Moss, Nelson, Powell, Spisz, Weipert, Woodward, Cavell, Charles, Gershenson, Gingell, Hoffman, Jackson. (21)

NAYS: None. (0)

A sufficient majority having voted in favor, David Woodward was elected Permanent Chairperson.

Commissioner Long presented Chairperson David Woodward with the gavel.

Chairperson David Woodward addressed the Board to thank his fellow Commissioners.

Chairperson David Woodward opened the nominations for Vice-Chairperson.

Moved by McGillivray seconded by Nelson that Marcia Gershenson be nominated as Permanent Vice-Chairperson.

AYES: Kochenderfer, Kowall, Kuhn, Long, Luebs, Markham, McGillivray, Miller, Moss, Nelson, Powell, Spisz, Weipert Woodward, Cavell, Charles, Gershenson, Gingell, Hoffman, Jackson, Joliat. (21)

NAYS: None. (0)

A sufficient majority having voted in favor, Marcia Gershenson was elected Vice-Chairperson.

Vice-Chairperson Marcia Gershenson addressed the Board to thank her fellow Commissioners.

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No one addressed the Board during Public Comment.

Chairperson David Woodward addressed the Board to appoint the following Commissioners to serve on the Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee:

Chairperson: Kristen Nelson

Vice Chairperson: Marcia Gershenson

Minority Vice Chairperson: Adam Kochenderfer

Members: Janet Jackson, Penny Luebs and Karen Joliat

Moved by Charles seconded by Long the appointments to the Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee be confirmed.

A sufficient majority having voted in favor, the appointments were confirmed.

Chairperson David Woodward addressed the Board to call a recess at 6:46 p.m.

Chairperson David Woodward called the Board to reconvene at 7:14 p.m.

Vote to reconvene:

AYES: Kowall, Kuhn, Long, Luebs, Markham, McGillivray Miller, Moss, Nelson, Powell, Spisz, Weipert, Woodward, Cavell, Charles, Gershenson, Gingell, Hoffman, Jackson, Joliat, Kochenderfer. (21)

NAYS: None. (0)

A sufficient majority having voted in favor, the meeting was reconvened

REPORT

BY: Kristen Nelson, Chairperson, Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee

IN RE: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS - RULES FOR THE OAKLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' 2021-2022 SESSION

To the Oakland County Board of Commissioners

Chairperson, Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee, having reviewed the proposed rules for the Oakland County Board of Commissioners, hereby recommends the adoption of the attached rules as the permanent rules for the Oakland County Board of Commissioners for 2021-2022.

Chairperson, on behalf of the Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee, I move the acceptance of the foregoing report.

KRISTEN NELSON

Copy of 2021-2022 Rules for the Oakland County Board of Commissioners on file in County Clerk's office.

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Moved by Nelson seconded by Luebs the Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee Report be confirmed.

Discussion followed.

Moved by Kuhn seconded by Moss the report be amended as follows:

Strike and/or insert the following language in section VIII. I:

VIII. APPOINTMENTS OF COMMITTEES:

COMMITTEE TYPE:	APPOINTED BY:	MEMBERSHIP:	ATTENDANCE/ MINUTES/ POST:	REPORTS TO:	CREATED BY:
Standing	Board Per Rules	Commissioners	Yes	Board of Commissioners	Board Rules
Subcommittee	Committee(s)/ Committee Chair(s)	Committee(s) Members Only	Yes	Committee(s)	Committee Action
Special	Board Chair with Board approval	Commissioners Only	Yes	Per Direction at Formation	Board Chair
Ad Hoc	Board Chair & with Board Approval	Unrestricted	Yes	Per Direction at Formation	Board Chair or Resolution
Task Force	Board Resolution	Unrestricted	Yes	Per Direction at Formation	Resolution
Study Group	Committee/ Committee Chair with Committee Approval or by /Board Chair with Board Approval	Unrestricted	No	Per Direction at Formation — Responsibility is for information gathering, fact finding or advisory only.	Committee Chair or Board Chair or Committee Action

Strike out and insert the following language in section IX. C. (2):

IX. COMMITTEE OPERATIONS

C. Notice and Meeting Date:

(2) Committees shall meet at the time and place set by the annual meeting schedule ~~their Chairperson or shall meet at such time and place as a majority of their members may decide. The Chairperson of a committee may cancel a meeting with notice to the members.~~ Special and/or emergency meetings shall meet at such time and place as a majority of their members or the Committee Chairperson may decide. The Chairperson of a committee may cancel a meeting with notice to the members.

Insert the following language after IX. C.(2):

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(3) All Board of Commissioners or Standing Committee material packets shall be numbered by page, and all proposed resolutions numbered by line.
Strike out the following language in section IX. D.:

D. Procedure to Bring Matters Before the Committees:

~~(4) A standing committee Chairperson, Majority Vice Chairperson, or the Chairperson of the Board's sponsorship is required to initiate a resolution in the committee.~~

Insert the following language after (6) in section IX. D.:

D. Procedure to Bring Matters Before the Committees:

(7) Prior to consideration by a Standing Committee, a resolution shall receive all necessary administrative reviews and include provisions detailing associated appropriations and human resource impacts, if any. The Chairperson of the Standing Committee may waive this rule at their discretion. Waiver of this rule shall be noted in the minutes of committee.

Strike and insert the following language in section IX. H.:

H. Grant Application and Acceptance of Policies and Procedures:

(1) Board of Commissioners approval of all grant applications in excess of ~~\$100,000~~ 10,000 unless authorized by the Chairperson of the Board for the purposes of meeting a submission deadline. If the Chairperson authorizes a grant application for the purposes of meeting a submission deadline the full application shall be submitted to the appropriate liaison committee to be included as a communication on the committee agenda as a grant application rule exception. At a minimum, the full grant application shall include: the dates that the grantor agency opened and closed opportunities for submittal of applications, an explanation detailing the reason or reasons why the grant application was not submitted for Board approval, a summary of the provisions of the grant application, and the requirements for grant matching funds and impact on county personnel.

Insert the following language in section XIII. B.:

XIII. BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING PROCEDURES

B. Suspension of the Board Rules:

These rules and any rules in parliamentary authority shall be suspended upon the affirmative vote of a majority of members elected and serving. A statement detailing the reason or reasons why the immediate action is warranted.

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Insert the following language in section XII. I.:

I. Meetings of the Board of Commissioners:

(3) The annual calendar of planned meetings of the Board and standing committees shall be established by the Chairperson and distributed to members not less than 30 days prior to the commencement of the year. The Chairperson shall consult with the Chairperson of the Minority Caucus in the development of and amendments to the calendar which shall be established with the consent of a majority of the members elected and serving at or before the first meeting of the Board held each year. An amendment to the annual calendar shall be authorized upon the consent of a majority of members elected and serving.

Insert the following language after XII. I (3):

(4) A meeting not authorized in the annual calendar shall be considered a special meeting and held in accordance with the provisions of MCL 46.10. An emergency meeting may be held at the Call of the Chair with approval of a majority of the members elected and serving.

Discussion followed.

Vote on amendment:

AYES: Kuhn, Long, Moss, Spisz, Weipert, Gingell, Hoffman, Joliat, Kochenderfer, Kowall. (10)

NAYS: Luebs, Markham, McGillivray, Miller, Nelson, Powell, Woodward, Cavell, Charles, Gershenson, Jackson. (11)

A sufficient majority not having voted in favor, the amendment failed.

Vote on report, as presented:

AYES: Long, Luebs, Markham, McGillivray, Miller, Moss, Nelson, Powell, Spisz, Weipert, Woodward, Cavell, Charles, Gershenson, Gingell, Hoffman, Joliat, Kochenderfer, Kowall, Kuhn. (20)

NAYS: Jackson. (1)

A sufficient majority having voted in favor, the report, as presented, was confirmed.

REPORT

BY: Kristen Nelson, Chairperson, Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee

IN RE: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS - 2021 STANDING COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

To the Oakland County Board of Commissioners

Chairperson, Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee hereby recommends the

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following appointments to the Board of Commissioners' Standing Committees for 2021:

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Gwen Markham, Chairperson, Charlie Cavell, Vice Chair, Eileen Kowall, Minority Vice Chair, Gary McGillivray, Angela Powell, Yolanda Charles, Christine Long, Chuck Moss

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:

Kristen Nelson, Chairperson, Marcia Gershenson, Vice Chair, Adam Kochenderfer, Minority Vice Chair, Janet Jackson, Penny Luebs, Karen Joliat

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Penny Luebs, Chairperson, Angela Powell, Vice Chairperson, Bob Hoffman, Minority Vice Chairperson, Gary McGillivray, Janet Jackson, Kristen Nelson, Charlie Cavell, Michael Gingell, Thomas Kuhn

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE:

William Miller, Chairperson, Yolanda Charles, Vice Chairperson, Philip Weipert, Minority Vice Chairperson, Gwen Markham, Charlie Cavell, Michael Spisz
Chairperson, on behalf of the Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee,
I move the acceptance of the foregoing report.

KRISTEN NELSON

Moved by Nelson seconded by Hoffman the Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee Report be accepted and the assignments confirmed.

Vote on report:

AYES: Luebs, Markham, McGillivray, Miller, Moss, Nelson, Powell, Spisz, Weipert, Woodward, Cavell, Charles, Gershenson, Gingell Hoffman, Jackson, Joliat, Kochenderfer, Kowall, Kuhn, Long. (21)

NAYS: None. (0)

A sufficient majority having voted in favor, the report was accepted and the assignments confirmed.

REPORT

BY: Kristen Nelson, Chairperson, Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee

IN RE: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS - APPOINTMENTS TO THE OAKLAND COUNTY COORDINATING ZONING COMMITTEE

To the Oakland County Board of Commissioners

Chairperson, Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee hereby recommends the following three Commissioners Gwen Markham, Gary McGillivray and Philip Weipert be appointed to the Coordinating Zoning Committee for a two-year period beginning January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2022:

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Gwen Markham, Chairperson

Gary McGillivray

Philip Weipert

Chairperson, on behalf of the Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee, I move the acceptance of the foregoing report.

KRISTEN NELSON

Moved by Nelson seconded by Weipert the Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee Report be accepted and the appointments confirmed.

Discussion followed.

Vote on report:

AYES: Markham, McGillivray, Miller, Moss, Nelson, Powell, Spisz, Weipert, Woodward, Cavell, Charles, Gershenson, Gingell Hoffman, Jackson, Joliat, Kochenderfer, Kowall, Kuhn, Long, Luebs. (21)

NAYS: None. (0)

A sufficient majority having voted in favor, the report was accepted and the appointments confirmed.

REPORT

BY: Kristen Nelson, Chairperson, Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee

IN RE: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – 2021 APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND AUTHORITIES

To the Oakland County Board of Commissioners

Chairperson, Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee, having reviewed the vacancies for boards, commissions, committees, and councils herein mentioned, hereby recommends the filling of the vacancies as follows:

AREA AGENCY ON AGING (Two-Year Term ending 12/31/22)

Penny Luebs

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION (Remainder of Three-Year Term ending 12/31/21)

Yolanda Charles

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION (Three-Year Term ending 12/31/23)

Andrea LaFontaine

ROAD COMMISSION (Six-Year Term ending 12/31/26)

Nancy Quarles

SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (SEMCOG) (Two-Year Term ending 12/31/22)

Delegates (6)

Dave Coulter – current member
Yolanda Charles
William Miller
David Woodward
Charlie Cavell
Philip Weipert

Alternates (6)

Sean Carlson- current member
Penny Luebs
Gwen Markham
Marcia Gershenson
Gary McGillivray
Chuck Moss

Chairperson, on behalf of the Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee,
I move the acceptance of the foregoing report.

KRISTEN NELSON

Copy of resume for Nancy Quarles on file in County Clerk's office.

Moved by Nelson seconded by Luebs the Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee Report be accepted and the appointments confirmed.

Discussion followed.

Moved by Moss seconded by Kowall the report be amended as follows:
Strike and insert the following language:

ROAD COMMISSION (Six-Year Term ending 12/31/26)

~~Nancy Quarles~~ **Greg Jamian**

Discussion followed.

Vote on amendment:

AYES: Moss, Spisz, Weipert, Gingell, Hoffman, Joliat, Kochenderfer, Kowall, Kuhn, Long. (10)

NAYS: McGillivray, Miller, Nelson, Powell, Woodward, Cavell, Charles, Gershenson, Jackson, Luebs, Markham. (11)

A sufficient majority not having voted in favor, the amendment failed.

Vote on report, as presented:

AYES: Miller, Moss, Nelson, Powell, Spisz, Weipert, Woodward, Cavell, Charles, Gershenson, Gingell, Hoffman, Joliat, Kochenderfer, Kowall, Kuhn, Jackson, Long, Luebs, Markham, McGillivray. (21)

NAYS: None. (0)

A sufficient majority having voted in favor, the report, as presented, was accepted and the appointments confirmed.

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Oakland County Clerk/Register of Deeds Lisa Brown read a communication from David Coulter, Oakland County Executive appointing Barbara Whittaker to the Board of Directors of the Oakland County Art Institute for a term ending May 22, 2024.

Oakland County Clerk/Register of Deeds Lisa Brown read a communication from David Coulter, Oakland County Executive appointing Helaine Zack to the Regional Transit Authority Governing Board for a term expiring January 1, 2024.

Oakland County Clerk/Register of Deeds Lisa Brown read a communication from the Board of Commissioners Staff thanking the Board for their generous gift at Christmas.

Oakland County Clerk/Register of Deeds Lisa Brown read a communication from Wilma S. Cotton, Chairperson, Oakland County Board of Canvassers regarding hazard pay for members of the Board of Canvassers.

Oakland County Clerk/Register of Deeds, Lisa Brown read a communication from Chairperson David Woodward appointing the following:

Angela Powell – Chair, Janet Jackson – Vice-Chair, Yolanda Charles and Chuck Moss to the Community Development Citizens Advisory Council for a term ending December 31, 2022;

Carol Bacak-Egbo to the Oakland County Historical Commission for a term ending December 31, 2023;

Bob Hoffman and Thomas Kuhn (alternate) to the Sanitary Code Appeal Board for a term ending December 31, 2023;

and the following individuals to serve on the Public Transportation Authority for a term ending December 31, 2022:

Members: Marie Donigan, Melanie Piana, Tameka Ramsey, Rashon Byrd, and David Harrel

Alternates: Kent Douglas and Steve Unruh.

Oakland County Clerk – Register of Deeds, Lisa Brown read a communication from Chairperson David Woodward appointing the following: Gary McGillivray, Penny Luebs, Kristen Nelson, Eileen Kowall and Christine Long to the Airport Committee for a term ending December 31, 2022;

Gwen Markham and David Woodward to the Claims Review Committee for a term ending December 31, 2022;

Angela Powell to the MSU Extension Advisory Council for a term ending December 31, 2022;

Janet Jackson and Michael Spisz to the Substance Use Disorder Oversight Policy Board for a term ending December 31, 2022;

Yolanda Charles to the Tax Increment Financing Review (TIFA) for a term ending December 31, 2022;

Charlie Cavell and Karen Joliat to the Youth Assistance Coordinating Council for a term ending December 31, 2022;

and the following people to the Lake Boards for a term ending December 31, 2022:

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Lake Boards – Terms Ending December 31, 2022

Big Lake	Bob Hoffman
Blue Heron Pond	Kristen Nelson
Bush Lake	Bob Hoffman
Cedar Island Lake	Eileen Kowall
Charlick Lake	Bob Hoffman
Charnwood Lake	Thomas Kuhn
Clarkston Mill Pond	Karen Joliat
Cranberry Lake	Mike Spisz
Dixie Lake	Bob Hoffman
Duck Lake	Bob Hoffman
Duck Lake Pond	Kristen Nelson
Eagle Lake	Eileen Kowall
Eliza Lake	Bob Hoffman
Forest Lake	Chuck Moss
Gilbert Lake	Chuck Moss
Gourd Lake	Bob Hoffman
Grass Lake	Eileen Kowall
Highland Lake	Bob Hoffman
Huntoon Lake	Eileen Kowall
Indianwood Lake	Mike Gingell
Island Lake	Chuck Moss
Kellogg Lake	Bob Hoffman
Lake Louise	Mike Spisz
Lake Neva	Eileen Kowall
Lake Oakland	Karen Joliat
Lake Ona	Eileen Kowall
Lakeville Lake	Mike Spisz
Lower Long Lake	Chuck Moss
Meadow Lake	Marcia Gershenson
Murray Lake	Bob Hoffman
Orange Lake	Chuck Moss
Pontiac Lake	Eileen Kowall
Rainbow Lake	Eileen Kowall
Round Lake	Eileen Kowall
Schoolhouse Lake	Karen Joliat
Scott Lake	Karen Joliat
Susin Lake	Bob Hoffman
Taggett Lake	Bob Hoffman
Tipsico Lake	Bob Hoffman
Tomahawk Lake	Bob Hoffman
Upper Long Lake	Chuck Moss
Van Norman Lake	Karen Joliat
Wabeek Lake	Chuck Moss
Walled Lake	Gwen Markham
Walters Lake	Karen Joliat

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Watkins Lake	Karen Joliat
Waumegah Lake	Bob Hoffman
White Lake	Eileen Kowall
Williams Lake	Eileen Kowall
Wolverine Lake	Chris Long
Woodruff Lake	Bob Hoffman

Moved by Hoffman seconded by Gershenson the communications be received and filed and the appointments confirmed.

A sufficient majority having voted in favor, the communications were received and filed, and the appointments confirmed.

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTION #21001

BY: Commissioners Janet Jackson, District #21; Michael Spisz, District #3; Penny Luebs, District #16; Bob Hoffman, District #2; Eileen Kowall, District #6; Gwen Markham, District #9; Christine Long, District #7; Michael Gingell, District #1; Marcia Gershenson, District #13; Philip Weipert, District #8; and Kristen Nelson, District #5

RE: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS — DESIGNATION OF JANUARY 11, 2021 AS NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS DAY AND JANUARY 2021 AS SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH IN OAKLAND COUNTY

To the Oakland County Board of Commissioners

Chairperson, Ladies and Gentlemen:

WHEREAS human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery and is a crime against humanity that violates the most basic human rights; and

WHEREAS human trafficking victims are children – boys and girls, along with adults – men and women who are recruited, harbored, obtained, or exported through force, fraud or coercion for the purposes of sexual exploitation, forced labor, involuntary servitude, debt bondage and other methods of slavery; and

WHEREAS an estimated 100,000 to 300,000 American children – boys and girls, some as young as 14 years old, are at risk of being trafficked for commercial sex in the United States each year as part of the \$9.8 billion U.S. sex trafficking industry, according to a report from anti-trafficking group Shared Hope International; and

WHEREAS even with the diligent efforts of federal, state and local law enforcement, human trafficking is the fastest growing and second largest criminal industry in the world today, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; and

WHEREAS in 2016, the International Labor Organization estimates that there are 40.3 million victims of human trafficking worldwide; and

WHEREAS the State of Michigan has the 7th largest call volume to the National Human Trafficking Resource Center hotline; and

WHEREAS in 2019, Michigan had 364 trafficking cases, 184 victims identified, and 145 businesses were involved in trafficking; and

WHEREAS in 2007, the U.S. Senate designated January 11th as National Human Trafficking Awareness Day to raise awareness of sexual slavery and human trafficking worldwide; and

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WHEREAS in 2010, President Barack Obama continued to address the injustice of modern slavery and human trafficking and proclaimed January as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month, culminating in the annual celebration of National Freedom Day on February 1st; and

WHEREAS Michigan's Attorney General has identified human trafficking as a serious concern for law enforcement agencies, coordinating efforts for training, awareness and victim care; and

WHEREAS the Human Trafficking Commission Act, Act 325 of 2014, established the Michigan Human Trafficking Commission for the prevention, intervention, and rehabilitation to the illegal act of human trafficking in the State; and

WHEREAS on January 14, 2015 a majority of the new legislation from the 2014 Human Trafficking Legislative Package took effect to fight against the horrific crimes of human trafficking; and

WHEREAS the Oakland County Board of Commissioners sponsored a successful event in 2014 to provide human trafficking professional training and public awareness and in 2015 created the Oakland County Human Trafficking Task Force; and

WHEREAS Oakland County is dedicated to preventing and combating Human trafficking and through a collaborative effort has launched the Oakland County Human Trafficking website to enhance public awareness, conduct outreach in the community, and work with the victims of human trafficking; and

WHEREAS Oakland County remains unrelenting in its efforts to end the exploitation and injustice suffered by the victims of this crime and in 2018, in partnership with Common Ground, launched the Oakland County Human Trafficking Hot Line to provide trafficking victims crisis support, intervention and program services; and

WHEREAS all people must work to dismantle trafficking networks, help survivors rebuild their lives, address the underlying forces that push so many into bondage, develop economies that create legitimate jobs, and build a global sense of justice that says no child or adult should ever be exploited.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners recognize January 11, 2021 as Human Trafficking Awareness Day and January 2021 as Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month in order to bring awareness and prevention to the crime of human trafficking in Oakland County and every day strive to restore to all people the most basic rights of freedom, dignity and justice.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Oakland County Clerk/Register of Deeds is requested to forward a copy of this resolution to the Michigan Abolitionist Project, the Michigan Human Trafficking Task Force, the Michigan Rescue and Reach Coalition, Sheriff Michael Bouchard, Oakland Schools, CARE House of

Oakland County, Common Ground, Sanctum House, Centro Multicultural La Familia, Crossroads for Youth, Jewish Family Services and Youth Assistance for Oakland County. Chairperson, we move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

JANET JACKSON, MICHAEL SPISZ,
PENNY LUEBS, BOB HOFFMAN,
EILEEN KOWALL, GWEN MARKHAM,
CHRISTINE LONG, MICHAEL
GINGELL, MARCIA GERSHENSON,
PHILIP WEIPERT, KRISTEN NELSON

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The Chairperson referred the resolution to the Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee. There were no objections.

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTION #21002

BY: Commissioners Michael J. Gingell, District #1; David T. Woodward, District #19; Marcia Gershenson, District #13; Michael Spisz, District #3

RE: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS — DEDICATION AND NAMING OF THE OAKLAND COUNTY ELECTIONS DIVISION TRAINING ROOM TO THE WILLIS C. “BILL” BULLARD JR. CONFERENCE ROOM

To the Oakland County Board of Commissioners

Chairperson, Ladies and Gentlemen:

WHEREAS Willis C. “Bill” Bullard Jr.’s extraordinary career in public service spanned more than four decades, including service in elective office at the local, county and state level; and

WHEREAS Bill Bullard served the citizens of Highland Township as a member of the Township Board from 1978-80 and as Township Supervisor from 1980-82; and

WHEREAS Bill Bullard was elected to the State House of Representatives in 1982, which launched a distinguished career of two decades of service in the Michigan legislature; and

WHEREAS Bill Bullard, Jr. was elected to the Michigan Senate in 1996 and served until 2002; and

WHEREAS as chair of the House Taxation Committee in 1993, Bullard was instrumental in helping shape the “property tax cut/school finance proposal, which later became known as Proposal A.” As a legislator, he sponsored more than 170 bills that eventually became law, including Public Act 232 of 2001, which created two new circuit court judgeships for Oakland County, and the repeal of the Michigan Inheritance Tax (Public Act 54 of 1993); and

WHEREAS Bill Bullard continued his career in public service as a member of the Oakland County Commission from 2003-2010; and

WHEREAS Bill Bullard’s exemplary leadership skills were demonstrated during three terms of service as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS Bill Bullard was appointed Oakland County Clerk/Register of Deeds in 2010 by the Oakland County Circuit Court; and

WHEREAS Bill Bullard’s many achievements as Oakland County Clerk include the creation of the e-filing center, making court records easily accessible and transparent to the public, and implementation of Oakland County’s election night reporting system, transforming elections administration in the county with the rapid transmission of accurate election results from precincts and posted online for the public; and

WHEREAS Bill Bullard’s tireless commitment to public service continued through his appointment as Deputy Clerk of White Lake Township in November, 2020; and

WHEREAS Bill Bullard’s many years of dedicated public service have transformed Oakland County and the State of Michigan, making a difference in lives of countless individuals; and

WHEREAS his extraordinary career in public service and community leadership came to a close with Bill Bullard’s passing on December 18, 2020; and

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WHEREAS the many contributions of Bill Bullard to improving the lives of the people of Oakland County and promoting excellence in government service are appropriately honored with the designation and naming of the Board of Canvassers/Elections Training Room in his honor.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners hereby renames the Board of Canvassers/Elections Training Room located in the West Wing Extension Building – Elections Division of Oakland County as the Willis C.”Bill” Bullard Jr. Conference Room.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Oakland County Board of Commissioners authorizes the administration to make the necessary expenditures related to this change not to exceed \$15,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the not to exceed amount of \$15,000 will be covered from existing resources within the Facilities Maintenance and Operations Fund (#63100). Chairperson, we move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MICHAEL GINGELL, DAVID
WOODWARD, MARCIA
GERSHENSON, MICHAEL SPISZ

The Chairperson referred the resolution to the Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee. There were no objections.

The Board adjourned at 7:41 p.m. to the call of the Chair on January 21, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

LISA BROWN
Clerk

DAVID WOODWARD
Chairperson