



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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

Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee

Yolanda Smith Charles, Chair
November 13, 2024 at 9:30 AM

MINUTES

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Yolanda Smith Charles called the meeting of the Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee to order at 09:38 AM in Committee Room A 1200 N. Telegraph Road, 12 E, Pontiac, MI 48341.

2. Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Woodward, Ex-Officio; Christine Long; Philip Weipert; Gwen Markham; William Miller III; Yolanda Smith Charles; Ajay Raman; Brendan Johnson (Remote/Non-Voting) (8)

MEMBERS ABSENT WITH NOTICE: Michael Spisz (1)

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Yolanda Smith Charles led the Committee in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Minutes

a. **Board of Commissioners - dated October 16, 2024**

b. **Board of Commissioners - dated October 24, 2024**

Christine Long moved **approval of the Minutes dated October 16, 2024 and October 24, 2024, as presented.** Seconded by Ajay Raman.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (6-0-0)

Yes: Christine Long, Philip Weipert, Gwen Markham, William Miller III, Yolanda Smith Charles, Ajay Raman

No: None

Abstain: None

5. Approval of Agenda

Philip Weipert moved **approval of the agenda, as presented.** Seconded by Gwen Markham.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (6-0-0)

Yes: Christine Long, Philip Weipert, Gwen Markham, William Miller III, Yolanda Smith Charles, Ajay Raman

No: None

Abstain: None

6. Public Comment

None.

7. Communications

a. Economic Development - Oakland County Transit Division - SMART Apr-June 2024 Quarterly Report

Ajay Raman moved to **receive and file the attached Communication.**

Seconded by Gwen Markham.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (6-0-0)

Yes: Christine Long, Philip Weipert, Gwen Markham, William Miller III, Yolanda Smith Charles, Ajay Raman

No: None

Abstain: None

8. Consent Agenda

a. Board of Commissioners - Fiscal Year 2025 Appropriation with the City of Southfield for Tri-Party Road Improvement Program – Project No. 56941

Yolanda Smith Charles moved to **recommend to Board the proposed Board Action.** Seconded by Ajay Raman.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (6-0-0)

Yes: Christine Long, Philip Weipert, Gwen Markham, William Miller III, Yolanda Smith Charles, Ajay Raman

No: None

Abstain: None

9. Water Resources Commissioner Recommendations

a. Water Resources Commissioner - Authorization to Negotiate for the Purchase of Real Property for a New Public Works Building

Gwen Markham moved to **authorize the Water Resources Commissioner to negotiate for the purchase of real property for a new public works building.**

Seconded by Yolanda Smith Charles.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (6-0-0)

Yes: Christine Long, Philip Weipert, Gwen Markham, William Miller III, Yolanda Smith Charles, Ajay Raman

No: None

Abstain: None

10. Office of Sustainability Recommendations

- a. **Office of Sustainability - Grant Acceptance from the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) for the Community Energy Management (CEM) Grant**

Ajay Raman moved to **forward to Finance the proposed Board Action.**

Seconded by William Miller III.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (6-0-0)

Yes: Christine Long, Philip Weipert, Gwen Markham, William Miller III, Yolanda Smith Charles, Ajay Raman

No: None

Abstain: None

11. Facilities Management Department Recommendations

- a. **Facilities Management - Oakland County Steam Tunnel Repairs**

Philip Weipert moved to **forward to Finance the proposed Board Action.**

Seconded by William Miller III.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (6-0-0)

Yes: Christine Long, Philip Weipert, Gwen Markham, William Miller III, Yolanda Smith Charles, Ajay Raman

No: None

Abstain: None

12. Economic Development Department Recommendations

- a. **Economic Development - Business Development - Grant Acceptance from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) for the Brownfield Assessment Coalition Grant**

Gwen Markham moved to **forward to Finance the proposed Board Action.**

Seconded by Christine Long.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (6-0-0)

Yes: Christine Long, Philip Weipert, Gwen Markham, William Miller III, Yolanda Smith Charles, Ajay Raman

No: None
Abstain: None

- b. **Economic Development - Aviation and Transportation - Grant Acceptance from the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) for Oakland/Southwest Airport Obstruction Removal - Wetland Permit for Runway 8/26 Approach Clearing - Design**

Philip Weipert moved to **recommend to Board the proposed Board Action**. Seconded by Ajay Raman.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (6-0-0)

Yes: Christine Long, Philip Weipert, Gwen Markham, William Miller III, Yolanda Smith Charles, Ajay Raman

No: None

Abstain: None

13. Transit Ad Hoc Committee Recommendations

- a. **Economic Development - Oakland County Transit Division - Amendment 2025-1 with North Oakland Transportation Authority (NOTA) for Public Transit Services**

William Miller III moved to **recommend to Board the proposed Board Action**. Seconded by Philip Weipert.

Board of Commissioners - Amendment #1

David Woodward moved to **amend the proposed Board Action to state:**

motion to approve Amendment 2025-1 to the Public Transportation Agreement between Oakland County and North Oakland Transportation Authority (NOTA) with the attached 2025 amended Exhibit A – Scope of Transportation Services, Exhibit B – Budget, and Exhibit F- Veteran’s Transportation Agreement; further, authorize an appropriation in an amount not to exceed \$6,659,346 \$6,684,346 from the Oakland County Public Transportation Millage; further, authorize the Chair of the Board of Commissioners to execute the Amendment of Agreement on behalf of Oakland County; further, amend the FY 2025 budget as detailed in the attached Schedule A – Budget Amendment. Seconded by Philip Weipert.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (7-0-0)

Yes: David Woodward, Christine Long, Philip Weipert, Gwen Markham, William Miller III, Yolanda Smith Charles, Ajay Raman

No: None

Abstain: None

Main Motion, as amended.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (7-0-0)

Yes: David Woodward, Christine Long, Philip Weipert, Gwen Markham, William Miller III, Yolanda Smith Charles, Ajay Raman

No: None

Abstain: None

- b. **Economic Development - Oakland County Transit Division - Amendment 2025-1 with Western Oakland Transportation Authority (WOTA) for Public Transit Services**

- c. **Economic Development - Oakland County Transit Division - Amendment 2025-1 with People's Express (PEX) for Public Transit Services**

- d. **Economic Development - Oakland County Transit Division - Amendment 2025-1 with Rochester Hills-Oakland-Rochester Older Persons' Commission (OPC) for Public Transit Services**

Ajay Raman moved to **recommend to Board the proposed Board Actions for Transit Ad Hoc Committee items 14b, 14c, and 14d.** Seconded by Christine Long.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (7-0-0)

Yes: David Woodward, Christine Long, Philip Weipert, Gwen Markham, William Miller III, Yolanda Smith Charles, Ajay Raman

No: None

Abstain: None

14. Materials Management Planning Committee Recommendations

- a. **Economic Development - City of Northville Request to be Excluded from the Oakland County Materials Management Plan**

Gwen Markham moved to **recommend to Board the proposed Board Action.** Seconded by Ajay Raman.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (7-0-0)

Yes: David Woodward, Christine Long, Philip Weipert, Gwen Markham, William Miller III, Yolanda Smith Charles, Ajay Raman

No: None

Abstain: None

15. Closed Session

- a. **Executive's Office - Pontiac Redevelopment Project**

Yolanda Smith Charles moved to **enter into closed session for the purpose of considering material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute.** Seconded by Gwen Markham.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (7-0-0)

Yes: David Woodward, Christine Long, Philip Weipert, Gwen Markham, William Miller III, Yolanda Smith Charles, Ajay Raman

No: None

Abstain: None

The Committee went into closed session at 10:55 AM

The Committee resumed in open session at 11:43 AM

Gwen Markham moved to **proceed in accordance with the directives discussed in Closed Session**. Seconded by Yolanda Smith Charles.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (6-0-0)

Yes: David Woodward, Christine Long, Philip Weipert, Gwen Markham, Yolanda Smith Charles, Ajay Raman

No: None

Abstain: None

16. Public Comment

None.

17. Other Business/Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:44 AM.

NOTE: The foregoing minutes are subject to Committee approval.