



The Governing Voice for
700,000 Wayne County Residents

CONFERENCE OF WESTERN WAYNE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES December 13, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER- TURNBULL

Mayor Turnbull called the meeting to order at 9:31 am.

Supervisor MacNamara welcomed the board and the audience to Van Buren Township.

2. ROLL CALL- GRAHAM-HUDAK

Supervisor Graham-Hudak called the roll:
Supervisor Ann Marie Graham Hudak, Canton Charter Township;
Mayor Brian Turnbull, City of Northville;
Supervisor Mark Abbo, Northville Charter Township;
Deputy Supervisor Timothy Rush, alternate, Sumpter Township;
Mayor McCraight, City of Romulus;
Fire Chief Joseph Murray, alternate, City of Dearborn;
Mayor Bill Bazzi, City of Dearborn Heights;
Mayor John Rhaesa, City of Wayne;
Mayor Ken Voigt, City of Belleville;
Supervisor Kelly Trombly, Huron
Township;
Mr. Robb Drzewicki, alternate, City of Livonia;
Supervisor Pat McRae, Redford Township;
Mayor Byron Nolen, City of Inkster;
Supervisor Charles Curmi, Plymouth
Township;
Mayor Suzi Deal, City of Plymouth;
Deputy Mayor James Godbout, alternate, City of Westland;
Supervisor Kevin McNamara, VanBuren Township.

CWW Board Member/voting alternate of record not present: The City of Garden

City. Others present: Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib, Congresswoman Debbie

Dingell and members of the audience.

3. INTRODUCTIONS- TURNBULL

Mayor Turnbull asked board members and members of the audience to introduce themselves

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA-TURNBULL

Motion by Godbout, supported by Rush to approve the agenda for December 13, 2024. AYES: All. Motion carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES- GRAHAM-HUDAK

Motion by Bazzi, supported by Rush to approve the meeting minutes for November 8, 2024. AYES: All. Motion carried.

6. TREASURES REPORT- GRAHAM-HUDAK

Motion by Graham-Hudak, supported by Brosnan to approve the Treasurers report for 10/31/2024.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

7. DIRECTORS REPORT

A. Executive Director's Report- Sellek

The Senior Alliance (TSA) Appointments-Action Item

Additional information on each nominee was provided via email and because of the length, will not be in this report.

1. TSA recommends appointing Ed King for a term commencing immediately and expiring September 30, 2027. This seat was held by Dr. Syed Taj, whose term expired on September 30, 2024.
2. TSA recommends appointing Dr. Kristine Ajrouch for a term commencing immediately and expiring September 30, 2025. This seat is currently held by Ed King.

Motion by Brosnan, supported by Rush to approve The Senior Alliance nominees.

Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Growth Works Update

Growth Works continues collaborating with Wayne County and 3rd Circuit Court officials to implement juvenile justice reforms. As part of this initiative, Growth Works staff receive training to conduct additional assessments as mandated by statute while incorporating other best practices.

Providing high-quality client care remains a top priority for the Western Wayne Care Management Organization. Growth Works maintains an average caseload of fewer than 12 youth per case manager, ensuring that each client receives personalized, meaningful support. For comparison,

Growth Works is required to limit caseloads to a maximum of 25 youth per case manager.

Preliminary performance results suggest another successful year for Growth Works' Care Management Organization. In addition to achieving 100% compliance in contract audits conducted by the county, Growth Works has seen outstanding outcomes: clients have committed no felony offenses while under care over the past three years, including 2024. Furthermore, only two out of 84 level two youth discharged from the program in the past two years have committed felony offenses.

Representatives from Growth Works are scheduled to attend the January 2025 meeting to further discuss their progress and answer any questions.

2025 Conflict of Interest Form

The 2025 Conflict of Interest form is provided separately from the board packet. Please return it to CWW staff by the January 10, 2025, board meeting.

2025 Alternate Form

Board members must complete and sign the Alternate Form officially designating their alternate for 2025. This has also been provided separately from your board packet. Please have these returned to CWW ASAP. If you cannot attend a meeting but would like your community represented, your alternate can sit on the Board in your place.

2025 Contact List

The 2025 contact form is also provided as a separate item. Please update this form and leave it at your seat.

CWW 2025 Committee Appointments

The 2025 CWW committee assignments will be approved at the January 10, 2025, CWW Board Meeting. Your service to the committees is sincerely appreciated. Please take this opportunity to review the various committees and assignments. If you would like to be added (or removed) from any committee, please let Ms. Sellek know before the end of the year.

Wayne County Transit Authority (WCTA): There are 3-4 meetings annually, but we are required by law to nominate members for this committee. The Wayne County Commission will then approve the nominated members.

Members:

Supervisor Pat McRae, Redford Township
Mayor Bill Bazzi, Dearborn Heights

Mayor John Rhaesa, City of Wayne

Alternate:

Mayor Robert McCraight, City of Romulus

Southeast Michigan Government Alliance (SEGA): is the governing Board of SEMCA. It is comprised of elected officials from the SEMCA region. SEMCA now focuses on Workforce Development and Educational Advisory issues.

Members:

Al Haidous, Wayne County Commissioner

(SEGA) Alternate: Jordyn Sellek, CWW Exec. Director

1/10 Mil Committee: meets when necessary to review 1/10 mil funds received from Wayne County. 1/10 mil of the Wayne County jail millage provides funds for community Youth Assistance Programs. CWW enters into a contractual arrangement with Wayne County on behalf of its member communities. Currently, the CWW receives annual funds of \$136,000 for 1/10 mil monies and \$472,259 for CCF monies. When necessary, the 1/10 Mil Committee reviews and approves yearly funding recommendations from Growth Works, the CWW facilitator for Youth Assistance Programs.

CWW YAP subcontractors:

Growth Works

City of Wayne

City of Westland

City of Garden City

City of Northville

Committee Members:

Supervisor Pat McRae, Redford Township

Mayor Maureen Miller Brosnan, City of Livonia

Anne Marie Graham-Hudak, Canton Township

Jordyn Sellek, CWW Exec. Director

Craig Puckett, CWW Dir. Of Leg. Affairs

2025 Wayne County Inclusion Committee:

Supervisor Mark Abbo, Northville Township

Personnel Committee:

Maureen Miller Brosnan, City of Livonia

Mayor Brian Turnbull, City of Northville

Need Additional Member

2025 Nominating Committee:

Supervisor Anne Marie Graham-Hudak, Canton Township

Mayor Maureen Miller Brosnan, City of Livonia

Member-At-Large appointed by 2025 Chair

Ad Hoc Committees:

Great Lakes Water Authority Subcommittee

Mayor Bill Bazzi, Dearborn Heights
Mayor Jon Rhasea, City of Wayne
Jordyn Sellek, CWW Exec. Director
Craig Puckett, CWW Dir. Of Leg. Affairs

***Will need additional members if committee becomes active again**

Mental Health Subcommittee

Supervisor Anne Marie Graham-Hudak, Canton Township
Mayor Brian Turnbull, City of Northville
Supervisor Kevin McNamara, VanBuren Township
Mayor Bill Bazzi, Dearborn Heights
Jordyn Sellek, CWW Exec. Director
Craig Puckett, CWW Dir. Of Leg. Affairs

Goals and Objectives Committee

Mayor Maureen Miller Brosnan, City of Livonia
Jordyn Sellek, CWW Exec. Director
Craig Puckett, CWW Dir. Of Leg. Affairs

***Will need additional members if committee becomes active again**

Joint Transportation Committee with DCC

Chief Al Cox (on behalf of the City of Plymouth)
Jordyn Sellek, CWW Exec. Director

***Will need additional member if committee becomes active again**

2025 Executive Committee

The Nominating Committee's informational report is below:

The Board will vote on the committee's recommendation at the January 10, 2025, meeting. After the vote, the 2025 Executive Committee will be sworn in.

In accordance with CWW's Nominating and Executive Committee policies, the Nominating Committee, comprised of Mayor Brian Turnbull, Mayor Maureen Miller Brosnan, and Supervisor Mark Abbo, will be recommending the following slate of officers for the 2025 CWW Executive Committee.

Chairperson: Mayor Maureen Miller Brosnan
City of Livonia

Vice Chairperson: Anne Marie Graham-Hudak
Canton Township

Secretary: Supervisor Pat McRae
Redford Township

Treasurer: Mayor Robert McCraight
City of Romulus

Chair Emeritus: Mayor Brian Turnbull
City of Northville

Next CWW Meeting

The City of Inkster will host the January 10, 2025 meeting.

***Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and
Happy New Year!***

B. Legislative Update- Puckett

Federal

Federal Lame Duck

Congress has until December 20 to finalize a budget to avoid a shutdown. It has been reported that another stopgap funding measure is expected. This time it may include a disaster aid package to assist in recovery from many natural disasters including Hurricanes Helene and Milton.

State

State Lame Duck Update

The Democrats currently have a 56-54 majority in the House. As reported last month, Republicans will take majority back next year ending the Democrat trifecta. The lame duck season started slow due to House Democrat attendance issues. The Senate adjourned at 5:30am this morning and the House has scheduled a rare Friday session today. Under the Michigan Constitution, bills must sit for five days before they can be passed, thus anything that hasn't passed its first house by today, is likely dead.

Minimum Staffing Levels

Senate Bill 1167 (Sen. Klinefelt – D) would require minimum staffing levels be a subject to collective bargaining between the public employer and the representative of its police and fire department employees passed the Senate yesterday. CWW opposed this legislation and HB 4688 that is also currently in the House.

Senate Bills 938 and 1052 – Radioactive Waste

Senator Camilleri's bills, SB 938 and 1052 relating to radioactive waste were passed by the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment last week. There were several CWW members there to testify in support of the legislation. SB 938 and 1052 passed the Senate yesterday.

Motion by McCraight, supported by Rush to support Senate Bills 938 and 1052.

Ayes: all. Motion Carried.

Ground Emergency Medical Transport Reimbursement Program

House Bill 5695 (Rep. McFall – D) passed the House and has been sent to the Senate. This legislation would amend the Social Welfare Act to authorize a supplemental reimbursement program for eligible ground emergency medical transportation providers that provide services to Medicaid recipients. Participation in the program would be voluntary. CWW supported the legislation.

Polluter Pay Legislation

The Senate package of the polluter pay bills passed the Senate with a substitute this morning at 5am. The intent is to get companies to clean up their sites and provide transparency. Contamination cleanup has been a long debate. In 1990, Michigan passed the most stringent cleanup laws in the nation. Concern over lack of investment in brownfields led to the Michigan Legislature passing a new law in 1995 to lessen requirements for those found responsible for contamination, tying cleanup to land's intended use and proving who cause the contamination before they can force anyone to fix it. CWW voted to oppose the legislation as written.

Expand Reasons for Closed Session

Senate Bill 1023 (Sen. Klinefelt – D) would expand the reasons that a public body could hold closed session, including to consult with its attorney on the attorney's legal opinion

and to consider a demand made of the public body, among other things. SB 1023 passed the Senate last week and was referred to the House Committee on Government Operations.

Zoning Bills

House Bills 6095 – 6098 were introduced right before the Legislature went on break after the elections and have already passed the House Committee on Economic Development and Small Business. The intent of the legislation is to address the housing crisis, but it would have a negative effect on local zoning such as:

- Prohibit zoning ordinance from requiring more than 1.5 parking spaces per residential dwelling unit (HB 6095).
- Require local units to have a form listing all required studies or documents at the time of an application and restrict when any additional study could be required (HB 6096).
- Allow residential duplexes by right in any zoning district where a single-family dwelling is permitted (HB 6097).

Motion by McCraight, supported by MacNamara to oppose House Bills 6095-6098.

Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act (PA 152)

House Bill 6058 (Xiong – D) would increase the amount that public employers will pay toward employees' medical benefit plans. Currently, public employers can choose between an inflation-adjusted capped contribution or a maximum 80% contribution. HB 6058 would eliminate this ceiling and replace it with increased contribution amounts that become the floor for healthcare costs. HB 6058 passed the House Committee on Labor last week and is currently on third reading in the House.

Freight Train Crew Size

Senate Bill 100 (Sen. Geiss – D) would prohibit a train engaged in transporting freight from operating unless the train was operated by a crew of at least two individuals. SB 100 passed the Senate last week and was discharged from the House Committee on Transportation, Mobility and Infrastructure.

Revenue Sharing Trust Fund

CWW joined the Michigan Municipal League, Michigan Township Association and others in urging support for House Bills 4274 and 4275 that would establish a Revenue Sharing Trust Fund. More than 500 letters from township, city and county officials were submitted to the Governor asking for action on a permanent revenue sharing funding stream.

FOIA Bills

Senate Bills 669 and 670 which would expand Michigan's Freedom of Information Act to the governor's office and the Legislature. Michigan is only one of two states that exempt them from public records laws. The bills passed the House Government Operations Committee unanimously this week.

Dark Stores

HB 5865-5868 is a bipartisan package of bills introduced at the end of June that would close the "dark store" tax loophole. The tax loopholes allow retailers to reduce property tax liabilities by claiming in court that their stores should be assessed based on sale prices of vacant, often deed-restricted stores. This legislation is intended to ensure fair property tax assessment. The legislation had a hearing in committee on Wednesday, but no vote was taken.

Unemployment Benefits

Senate Bill 40 (Sen. Wojno – D) gradually increases unemployment benefits. Maximum benefits would increase from \$362 to \$446 per week in 2025, \$530 in 2026, and \$614 in 2027. SB 40 passed the House this week.

1. PRESENTATIONS

Judge Breeda O'Leary gave a presentation on Regional Behavior Court and the benefits it brings to Western Wayne communities.

John Attenburg from the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Initiative gave a presentation on protecting freshwaters in the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence basin.

2. ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMMENTS

Congresswoman Debbie Dingell informed the board the current funding is expiring next Friday and ensuring her staff is solidifying all projects have everything in place before the end of year. The congresswoman also encourages the board to make calls on legislation to their representatives.

Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib echoed Congresswoman Dingell's funding update and also added that there may be a continued resolution to March but that the longer they extend, they may be removed all together. The Congresswoman informed the board that the removal of medical debt from individual credit reports will be implemented the week on December 16th. The congresswoman also informed the board that VA home repair projects are now up.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments were made by the public.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Rust, supported by McRae to adjourn the meeting at 11:07 a.m.

AYES: all. Motion carried

