



The Governing Voice for
700,000 Wayne County Residents

CONFERENCE OF WESTERN WAYNE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
December 12, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER- BROSINAN

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

Supervisor Abbo welcomed the board and audience to Northville Township and Mayor Turnbull gave an update on the City of Northville.

2. ROLL CALL- McRae

Supervisor McRae called the roll:
Supervisor Ann Marie Graham-Hudak, Canton Charter Township;
Mayor Brian Turnbull, City of Northville;
Deputy Supervisor Timothy Rush, alternate, Sumpter Township;
Mayor Robert McCraight, City of Romulus;
Mayor John Rhaesa, City of Wayne;
Mayor Ken Voigt, City of Belleville;
Supervisor Kelly Trombly, Huron Township;
Mayor Maureen Miller Brosnan, City of Livonia;
Supervisor Pat McRae, Redford Township;
Mayor Byron Nolen, City of Inkster;
Supervisor Chuck Curmi, Plymouth Township;
Supervisor Mark Abbo, Northville Township;
Mayor Mark Jacobs, City of Garden City;
Deputy Mayor Jim Godbout, alternate, City of Westland;
Mr. Hussien Saad, alternate, Dearborn Heights;
Fire Chief Joseph Murray, alternate, City of Dearborn.

CWW Board Member/voting alternate of record not present: City of Plymouth and Van Buren Township.

Others present: Representatives from Debbie Dingell's office and members of the audience.

3. INTRODUCTIONS- BROSAN

Mayor Brosnan asked board members and members of the audience to introduce themselves.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA- BROSAN

Motion by McRae, supported by Rush to approve the agenda for December 12, 2025.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES- MCRAE

Motion by Voigt, supported by Turnbull to approve the meeting minutes for November 14, 2025.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

6. TREASURES REPORT- MCCRAIGHT

Motion by Abbo, supported by Rush to approve the Treasurers report for 10/31/2025.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

7. DIRECTORS REPORT

A. Executive Director's Report- Sellek

House Slashes \$645M in Projects

The House Appropriations unilaterally cut \$645M in unspent work projects in a move almost never before seen. Multiple CWW communities had projects that were affected.

MPSC Not Rushing Data Center Decision

The Chair of the Michigan Public Service Commission has stated that the body intends to thoroughly review DTE Energy Company's proposed special contracts to provide energy to a large data center before issuing a ruling and does not consider itself bound by the tight deadlines outlined in the utility's agreements with its prospective customer.

When asked whether the PSC wants assurances written into the special contracts that the costs of additional energy needs will not be passed on to other customers, the Chair said, “Absolutely.”

The Chair’s comments were in response to a question as to whether the PSC intended to follow the December 5 deadline for contract approval pushed by DTE and supported by Governor Whitmer. The deadline is contained within its agreement with OpenAI and its partners, who are seeking to build a multibillion-dollar data center in Saline Township that would require 1.4 gigawatts of battery storage to help power the facility.

Under the DTE agreement, if approval was not obtained by December 5, the customer could either terminate the agreement with 30 days’ notice or extend the date for satisfaction of the condition precedent to December 19.

DTE is seeking to obtain ex parte approval of special contracts for electric service for the proposed data center, which would fast-track the process and bypass public hearings.

The PSC said the commission has three main issues it is weighing regarding the DTE proposal:

- 1) The ability of DTE to provide the necessary power for the project and for all its customers.
- 2) Making sure that OpenAI and its partners are paying their share of the area’s energy costs and that higher bills are not being pushed onto other customers is also important.
- 3) The increasing speculation that there may be a technology bubble forming around AI.

Commissioners are also looking closely at issues related to grid reliability.

House Speaker Matt Hall was critical of data centers and said he would support more oversight of the proposed project. Hall said he supported robust public debate because he didn't believe there would be enough oversight. Data centers also don't create enough jobs beyond the initial construction, Hall said. For real economic development, Hall said the state should focus on the number of jobs a project will create long-term and the wages of those jobs.

Public Safety Trust Fund Grants

Local government units will start to see cash flow toward their law enforcement and public safety services in the spring. Still, boilerplate language leaves local officials unsure about the long-term impact of the funds.

The Public Safety Revenue Sharing Grants included \$70 million in sales tax revenue for local governments related to public safety in the 2025-26 fiscal year budget. The budget designates \$20 million as one-time funding.

As part of the budget, lawmakers provided the funds through boilerplate rather than through statute. Local government groups are unsure if the program will become permanent, even though the intention was to continue the grants for 3 years.

This additional funding was related to the shift of the sales tax for revenue sharing for the long-term road funding plan. Lawmakers held the School Aid Fund harmless but not local governments.

The sales tax funds were part of the constitutional revenue sharing, which was reduced by 6% or \$63 million.

In a recent report, the House Fiscal Agency said public safety grant funding is projected to be around \$42.6 million for all cities, villages and townships. Detroit is receiving around \$10.7 million.

Other standouts include Benton Harbor with over \$250,000, Jackson with over \$340,000, Battle Creek with over \$582,000, Flint with \$1.04 million, Kalamazoo with \$1.07 million, Lansing with \$1.5 million and Grand Rapids with \$1.7 million.

Counties will receive just over \$14 million of the \$70 million, with Wayne County projected to receive the most at \$3.6 million, followed by Macomb County at \$1.26 million and Oakland County at \$1.24 million.

Other concerning boilerplate includes the funding cutting off at three years, which means communities need to plan accordingly for the resources they offer through this funding, given it could dry up. If it is even allocated in the subsequent two budgets.

Townships push for supplemental budget amid revenue sharing cuts

As discussed in November, Townships are calling for a supplemental budget bill to fight the decrease in constitutional revenue sharing. Still, the fate of any supplemental in the next few weeks is up in the air.

However, as rumors of a supplemental swirl, House leadership has been closed off to both the idea and to including local governments as beneficiaries of additional funding.

As part of the road funding plan in the 2025-2026 fiscal year budget, local governments saw a decrease in constitutional revenue-sharing funds, as lawmakers removed the sales tax on fuel. The Townships coalition letter stated that while an increase in road funding is positive overall, townships will not directly benefit, along with suffering a 4.6% reduction in partial effect in the 2025-2026 fiscal year, then an estimated 8.9% loss for a full fiscal year, which could result in around a \$93 million loss.

The coalition is asking for a supplemental budget that could backfill the loss of the sales tax revenue as well as new language in the Neighborhood Roads Fund to ensure townships are not required to provide a match for projects to county road associations.

Supervisor Graham-Hudak has stated that this year's budget slashed funding to local governments, which represent 52% of Michigan residents. "These cuts to services in our hometown, many of which we take for granted, are wrong and must be fixed by Lansing."

Judy Allen, with the Michigan Townships Association, said up until the budget negotiations in September, she believed townships would be protected. She is asking for the Legislature to reconsider. Since those discussions, the supplemental may still be introduced, but perhaps narrower than planned.

Townships are still having conversations with legislators, Allen said at the end of November, and there is a possibility of a supplemental, which is very likely, and a goal to include local units in it.

However, a spokesperson for Speaker Hall says this is not a priority for the speaker over the next few weeks, as he is currently focused on other initiatives. Additionally, House Appropriations Chair Ann Bollin stated she is opposed to including local government in a supplemental because they saw increases in funding for public safety and roads, and for establishing a reserve fund for election equipment.

2026 Conflict of Interest Form

The 2026 Conflict of Interest form is provided separately from the board packet. Please return it to CWW staff by the January 9, 2026, board meeting.

2026 Alternate Form

Board members must complete and sign the Alternate Form officially designating their alternate for 2026. 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 with the Board in your place.

2026 Contact List

The 2026 contact form is also provided as a separate item. Please update this form and leave it at your seat.

CWW 2026 Committee Appointments

The 2026 CWW committee assignments will be approved at the January 9, 2026, 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): (already approved for 2025-2026) 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 Robert McCraight, City of Romulus

Mayor John Rhaesa, City of Wayne

Alternates:

Mayor Maureen Miller Brosnan, City of Livonia

Supervisor Anne Marie Graham-Hudak, Canton Township

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, Former 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. These amounts will change with the 2026 contract with Wayne County.

When necessary, the 1/10 Mil Committee reviews and approves yearly funding recommendations from Growth Works, the CWW facilitator for Youth Assistance Programs.

CWW 2025 YAP subcontractors:

Growth Works

City of Wayne

City of Westland

City of Garden City

City of Northville

CWW 2026 YAP Subcontractors:

Growth Works

City of Northville

(City of Garden City, City of Westland and City of Wayne contracted with Wayne County on their own for the 2026 contract)

Committee Members:

Supervisor Pat McRae, Redford Township

Mayor Maureen Miller Brosnan, City of Livonia

Supervisor Anne Marie Graham-Hudak, Canton Township

Jordyn Sellek, CWW Exec. Director

2026 Wayne County Inclusion Committee:

Supervisor Mark Abbo, Northville Township

Personnel Committee:

Mayor Maureen Miller Brosnan, City of Livonia

Mayor Brian Turnbull, City of Northville

Supervisor Mark Abbo, Northville Township

2026 Nominating Committee:

Supervisor Anne Marie Graham-Hudak, Canton Township

Mayor Maureen Miller Brosnan, City of Livonia

Supervisor Mark Abbo, Northville Township

Mental Health Subcommittee

Supervisor Anne Marie Graham-Hudak, Canton Township

Mayor Brian Turnbull, City of Northville

Supervisor Kevin McNamara, VanBuren Township

Jordyn Sellek, CWW Exec. Director

2026 Executive Committee

The Nominating Committee's informational report is below:

The Board will vote on the committee's recommendation at the January 9, 2026, meeting. After the vote, the 2026 Executive Committee will be sworn in.

In accordance with CWW's Nominating and Executive Committee policies, the Nominating Committee, comprised of Supervisor Anne Marie Graham-Hudak, Mayor Maureen Miller Brosnan, and Supervisor Mark Abbo, will be recommending the following slate of officers for the 2026 CWW Executive Committee.

Chairperson: Anne Marie Graham-Hudak
Canton Township

Vice Chairperson: Supervisor Pat McRae
Redford Township

Secretary: Mayor Robert McCraight
City of Romulus

Treasurer: Mayor Ken Voigt
City of Belleville

Chair Emeritus: Mayor Maureen Miller Brosnan
City of Livonia

Next CWW Meeting

The City of Westland will host the January 9, 2026 meeting.

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

B. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE-HEALANDER

Legislative Calendar

The legislature has three session days remaining for 2025, December 16, 17 and 18.

The first day of session in the new year will be January 14 as required under the Constitution. The chamber is not expected to meet January 20, February 12, or February 17. Spring recess will be March 24 through April 9. The House also will not meet May 5, May 6 or May 7, or the week of May 25. The Detroit Regional Chamber Mackinac Policy Conference is scheduled for May 26 through May 29.

The calendar shows the House will meet regularly in June, and session is scheduled for July 1 and July 2, as well as July 14-16. A final day of session in July is scheduled for July 29. There is about one week of session in August. The House plans to take the week of Sept. 8-Sept. 10 off, and there are only three session days scheduled for October, as elected officials will be in the home stretch of campaigning before Election Day on November 3.

The schedule shows the House rounding out 2026 by meeting on November 5 and then November 10 through November 12. The chamber also plans to meet December 1- 3, and then it's scheduled to meet Monday through Friday the week of December 14 to end its lame duck period.

House Files Appeal Over 9 Bills from Last Term

House Republicans filed an appeal to the Supreme Court regarding the Court of Appeals decision that Speaker Hall must present the nine remaining bills from last term to Whitmer.

Both the Court of Appeals and the Court of Claims previously ruled the Constitution required the House to present the bills. The Court of Appeals went further and ordered the House to present the bills.

House Republicans, in their appeal, argued that the Senate lacked standing to sue the House over the bills and that mandating their presentation posed separation-of-powers concerns.

Among the nine bills in question is one ([House Bill 6058](#) of 2024) that would require local governments, school districts and other public bodies to pay a greater share of their employees' health insurance premiums.

The remaining legislation still held in the House includes three bills allowing Detroit history museums to seek a property tax millage from Wayne County voters ([House Bill 4177](#) of 2023, [House Bill 5817](#) of 2024 and [House Bill 5818](#) of 2024); bills that would put corrections officers into the State Police pension system ([House Bill 4665](#) of 2023, [House Bill 4666](#) of 2023 and [House Bill 4667](#) of 2023) and exempting public assistance, disability and worker's compensation from garnishment to repay debts ([House Bill 4900](#) of 2024 and [House Bill 4901](#) of 2024).

The case will face the Supreme Court's 6-1 Democratic majority in its appeal.

Legislature Wins First Battle in Marijuana Tax

As part of the Legislature's roads plan, a 24% wholesale tax was placed on marijuana sellers.

Amending the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act with a three-fourths vote in the Legislature is not the sole method to create a tax on cannabis, the Court of Claims said on Monday in a ruling that clears the way for the tax to take effect next year.

Judge Sima Patel ruled mostly for the state, denying cannabis advocates and businesses' requests for a preliminary injunction to block the 24% wholesale tax from being implemented. She left one aspect of the plaintiff's argument open for further discussion.

Cannabis groups argued the move to pass another law to implement the wholesale tax was an unconstitutional one to avoid needing a supermajority vote to amend the initiated law that legalized cannabis in the state. The groups plan to make a swift appeal.

Overall, Patel denied the plaintiffs' motions for preliminary injunction and summary disposition. She granted the state's motion for summary disposition in part and denied it in part, requesting additional discovery on the effect of the new tax.

Patel ordered a scheduling conference on January 14, 2026, which will be after the new tax takes effect on January 1.

PSC Approves Recommendations for Improving Power Restoration Times To Essential Facilities

The Public Service Commission approved a set of 13 recommendations that they said will help strengthen electric service for priority facilities, including schools, hospitals, and those used by first responders.

The set of recommendations approved unanimously are meant to beef up reliability requirements for facilities that serve communities and are essential to maintaining public health and safety.

The order stems from work that began in 2023 to improve service for customers during periods of extreme weather. In 2023, PSC staff were directed to review service quality rules and the resilience requirements for critical facilities to ensure they can continue operations during power outages or have power quickly restored.

A key requirement was to mandate service restoration to critical facilities within 72 hours of an outage. If unsuccessful, utilities would have to explain why the deadline could not be met.

One recommendation to enhance resilience was to have officials from the state's two largest investor-owned utilities, Consumers Energy Company and DTE Energy Company, meet annually with critical facility customers to discuss their needs.

All state-regulated utilities would be required to inform PSC staff, ahead of forecasted major storms, of the anticipated number of outages, the actions being taken to prepare for responding to them, and the appropriate company contacts.

Utilities are directed to meet annually with local government emergency managers to discuss power restoration and reliability issues affecting critical facility customers within their jurisdictions. The utilities were also directed to periodically review their lists of critical facility customers and their local emergency coordinators.

Regulated utilities would be required to file summary outage reports after major power outages, detailing total outages, the number of downed electric wires, and the number of

outside crews called in to assist with power restoration. These reports would be due within 14 days after restoring power.

Utilities would also be authorized to release customers' names, addresses, and contact information to the Department of State Police Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division and the State Emergency Operations Center during and after major power outages. This would be for purposes of public safety and federal disaster reimbursement.

8. ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMMENTS

Zach Hayward from Congresswoman Dingell's office gave the board a quick update that their team is working on forecasting community funding for the new year. Mr. Hayward advised the board to start planning ahead for these projects.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments were made

10. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Turnbull, supported by Rush to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m.