

SEMCOG Information

General Assembly Meeting Minutes June 22, 2023

A. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Approval of Agenda

SEMCOG Chairperson Chris Barnett, Supervisor, Orion Township, called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. and led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Barnett welcomed General Assembly delegates, alternates, and guests to Lakes of Taylor Golf Course.

B. Welcome

Assad Turfe, Deputy County Executive, Wayne County, welcomed General Assembly attendees.

C. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Barnett asked if there were any additions to the agenda. **Motion** by Rock Abboud, Councilmember, Village of Beverly Hills, to approve the agenda. The **motion** carried.

D. Public Comment

Mr. Barnett offered members of the public three minutes to comment on any agenda item. There were no public comments.

E. Approval of Consent Resolution

Motion by Diana McKnight-Morton, Trustee, Washtenaw Community College, to approve the Consent Resolution: Financial Statements – April 2023; Approval of General Assembly Minutes: March 23, 2023; and Receipt of Executive Committee Minutes: April 28, 2023. The **motion** carried.

F. Report from Transportation Safety Task Force

Chairperson: William Miller, Commissioner, Oakland County

Vice- Chairperson: Michelle Nard, Commissioner, Macomb County

Mr. Barnett introduced William Miller, Commissioner, Oakland County, who premiered a SEMCOG-produced video and presented the *Southeast Michigan Transportation Safety Plan*. After discussion, **motion** by William Miller, Commissioner, Oakland County, to approve the *Southeast Michigan Transportation Safety Plan*. The **motion** carried.

WHEREAS, the *Southeast Michigan Transportation Safety Plan* supports the vision:

All people of Southeast Michigan benefit from a connected, thriving region of small towns, dynamic urban centers, active waterfronts, diverse neighborhoods, premiere educational institutions and abundant agricultural, recreational, and natural areas.

WHEREAS, transportation safety impacts individuals lives, communities, and the region;

WHEREAS, traffic crashes produce not only personal tragedy, but increased burdens on the region due to medical and insurance costs, lost production potential, and delay of passengers and freight;

WHEREAS, one person is killed and six are seriously injured each day in Southeast Michigan;

WHEREAS, the *Southeast Michigan Transportation Safety Plan* identifies Southeast Michigan's key safety needs and establishes a vision, targets, and key emphasis areas that integrate the Safe System Approach and the six E's of Safety – engineering, education, enforcement, emergency responses, equity, and evaluation;

WHEREAS, five regional policies have been developed in alignment with the National Roadway Safety Strategy's Safe System Approach – safer people, safer roads, safer vehicles, safer speeds, and post-crash care – to direct implementation of the vision of zero fatalities and serious injuries by 2050;

WHEREAS, each of the five regional policies are supported by actions with timelines to help guide implementation and performance measures to monitor the effectiveness of each action;

WHEREAS, the Transportation Safety Task Force comprised of elected officials, local governments, transportation professionals, Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP), and other key stakeholders guided the development of the *Southeast Michigan Transportation Safety Plan* and established the regional policies and actions;

WHEREAS, SEMCOG's Executive Committee at its April 28, 2023, meeting unanimously recommended General Assembly adoption of the *Southeast Michigan Transportation Safety Plan*;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, this 22nd day of June 2023, THAT the General Assembly of SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, adopts the *Southeast Michigan Transportation Safety Plan*;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the safety policies be integrated and incorporated into the *2050 Regional Transportation Plan* and other regional planning efforts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the regional policies be encouraged and advocated through SEMCOG plan implementation activities, TIP project prioritization, educational training workshops, and in coordination with other local and regional planning efforts.

Mr. Barnett thanked Commissioners Miller and Nard for their leadership of the Transportation Safety Task Force, and members of the task force for work developing the plan.

G. Report from Chairperson: Chris Barnett, Supervisor, Orion Township,

Mr. Barnett recapped SEMCOG's hosting the National Association of Regional Councils 2023 Conference & Exhibition in Detroit and shared a SEMCOG-produced video with highlights from the event.

Mr. Barnett then announced the winner of SEMCOG's 2023 Regional Showcase Award: the City of Oak Park for their 9 Mile Redesign and Linear Park. Mr. Barnett introduced a SEMCOG-produced video highlighting the project and then welcomed Erik Tungate, City Manager, Oak Park, who accepted the award on behalf of the City.

Mr. Barnett then announced SEMCOG's two 2023 Regional Ambassadors – recipients of SEMCOG's highest individual honor: Eric Sabree, Treasurer, Wayne County, and Claude Molinari, President and CEO, Detroit Metro Convention and Visitors Bureau. Mr. Sabree and Mr. Molinari each thanked SEMCOG for this recognition.

Mr. Barnett then looked back at the past year by:

- Welcoming SEMCOG's newest members and celebrating record-high membership;

- Recognizing the leaders of SEMCOG Task Forces and Committees for their leadership throughout the year;
- Thanking SEMCOG's officers for their commitment, leadership and teamwork during his term as chairperson;
- Recognizing SEMCOG Immediate Past Chairperson Don Hubler, Secretary, Macomb Schools ISD, for his service and commitment to SEMCOG;
- Thanking SEMCOG staff for their expertise and hard work; and
- Reflected on his time as Chairperson and the importance of SEMCOG to the region.

H. Report from Nominating Committee: Philip Weipert, Oakland County Commissioner

Motion by Philip Weipert, Commissioner, Oakland County, to nominate Mandy Grewal, Supervisor, Pittsfield Township, as First Vice Chairperson. The **motion** carried.

Motion by Mr. Weipert that the General Assembly elect the following four Vice Chairs:

- Laura Kropp, Mount Clemens Mayor
- Gwen Markham, Oakland County Commissioner
- Michelle Nard, Commissioner, Macomb County; and
- Theresa Rich, Vice President, Oakland Schools.

The **motion** carried.

Motion by Mr. Weipert that the General Assembly elect the 2023-2024 Delegates At-Large. The slate of candidates follows:

- Stephanie Baron, Director of Regional Relations, DTE
- Colin Bird, Consulate General of Canada, Detroit
- Michele Economou Ureste, Executive Director, Workforce Intelligence Network
- Michael Karson, President and CEO, Area Agency on Aging 1-B
- Maureen Krauss, President and CEO, Detroit Regional Partnership
- Claude Molinari, President and CEO, Metro Detroit Convention & Visitors Bureau
- Gregory Pitoniak, Executive Director, Southeast Michigan Community Alliance (SEMCA)
- Robert Taubman, President, CEO, Chairman, Taubman Centers, Inc.
- Ronald Taylor, President and CEO, Detroit Area Agency on Aging
- Helene Weir, President and CEO, YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit

The **motion** carried.

I. Incoming Chairperson's Remarks

Pauline Repp, Mayor, Port Huron

Mr. Barnett introduced SEMCOG's incoming leader and 47th Chairperson Pauline Repp, Mayor, Port Huron. Ms. Repp began her report by recognizing Mr. Barnett for his service as Chairperson. Ms. Repp then highlighted upcoming work initiatives for her term as Chairperson, including:

- Vision 2050: The Regional Transportation Plan for Southeast Michigan;
- Continued work on the Southeast Michigan GREEN Initiative; and
- Member meetups and other peer networking opportunities.

Ms. Repp thanked SEMCOG members and staff for the opportunity to serve as Chairperson.

J. Report from Executive Director, Amy O’Leary

Executive Director O’Leary began her report by thanking Chairperson Barnett, the SEMCOG officers – especially outgoing officers Don Hubler, Secretary, Macomb Schools ISD, and Eric Sabree, Treasurer, Oakland County, for their thoughtful leadership of the organization.

Ms. O’Leary then reported on the following topics:

- SEMCOG’s new Member Services brochure;
- The recent announcement that SEMCOG has been designated as an Economic Development District by the Economic Development Administration;
- A federal and state legislative update, focusing on:
 - The FY 2024 appropriations process and its impact on Community Project Requests;
 - A state budget update and SEMCOG’s efforts to secure state funding for local road projects; and
 - An update on other legislative activity, including aggregate mining legislation and distracted driving – calling General Assembly members’ attention to a one-pager SEMCOG recently produced on the latter;
- An update on the recent Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Tour and SPARK Grant funding; and
- Upcoming training and events being offered by SEMCOG.

Ms. O’Leary then recognized and thanked SEMCOG’s Past Chairpersons, inviting all to celebrate these past leaders at the Past Chairs Reception immediately following the Business Meeting.

K. Upcoming Meetings

Mr. Barnett then highlighted SEMCOG’s upcoming meetings:

Executive Committee
Thursday, July 27, 2023
SEMCOG offices (Detroit)

Executive Committee
Friday, September 29, 2023
SEMCOG offices (Detroit)

General Assembly
Thursday, October 26, 2023
Oakland University (Rochester)

There being no further business, Mr. Barnett adjourned the General Assembly at 6:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Spence
Committee Clerk

**General Assembly Meeting Attendance
June 22, 2023**

General Assembly

Rock Abboud, Councilmember, Village of Beverly Hills
Jorja Baldwin, Vice Chairperson, Board of Commissioners, District 2, St. Clair County
Chris Barnett, Supervisor, Charter Township of Orion
Bryan Barnett, Mayor, City of Rochester Hills
Donald Boynton Jr., Charter Township Of Van Buren
Dillon Breen, Trustee, Schoolcraft College
Kat Bruner James, Councilmember, City of Ferndale
Stacy Cobb-Muniz, Councilmember, City of Eastpointe
Terry Croft, Trustee, Genoa Charter Township
Dale DeSloover, Board President, Monroe County ISD
Cody Dill, Councilmember, City of Gibraltar
Kimberly Dold, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Garden City
Sharlan Douglas, Commissioner, City of Royal Oak
Donnie Dudas, Trustee, Port Huron Charter Township
Kathy Elliott, Treasurer, Charter Township of Chesterfield
Kristofer Enlow, Trustee, Charter Township Of Lyon
Lynette Findley, Clerk, Superior Charter Township
Anne Marie Graham-Hudak, Supervisor, Charter Township of Canton
Larry Gray, Jr., Supervisor, Charter Township Of Commerce
Donald Green, Supervisor, Charter Township of Milford
Mandy Grewal, Supervisor, Pittsfield Charter Township
Joe Gruber, DDA Director, City of Wyandotte
Abdul Haidous, Commissioner, District 11, Wayne County
Florence Hayman, Councilmember, City of New Baltimore
Donald Hubler, Secretary, Board of Education, Macomb ISD
Cathy Jaskiewicz, Member, Environmental Sustainability Task Force, Scio Township
Eric Keaton, Councilmember, City of Chelsea
Joshua Kofflin, Councilmember, City of Milan
Ed Kolar, Mayor, City of Milan
Joe LaRussa, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Farmington
Anthony Lieto, Councilmember, Village Of Maybee
Stephen Lindley, Deputy Director, Economic Development, City of Harper Woods
Diana Lowe, Trustee, Genoa Charter Township
Ryan Madis, Village Manager, Village of Ortonville
Gwen Markham, Commissioner, District 15, Oakland County
Dan Marsh, City Administrator, City of Southgate
Diana McKnight-Morton, Trustee, Washtenaw Community College
William Miller, III, Commissioner, District 16, Oakland County
Aleksander Mizikar, Director of Public Works, City of Rochester
Claude Molinari, President And CEO, Detroit Metro Convention And Visitors Bureau
Mark Monohon, Trustee, Charter Township Of Waterford
Michelle Nard, Commissioner, District 12, Macomb County

Chuck Norton, Councilmember, City of Riverview
Diane O'Connell, Supervisor, Charter Township Of Ann Arbor
Dan O'Leary, Deputy Supervisor, Charter Township of Clinton
Wendy Pate, Councilmember, City of Trenton
Philip Paternoster, Treasurer, City of Utica
Joseph Petrosky, Associate Provost, Academic Affairs, Oakland Community College
Al Prieur, Deputy Supervisor, Bedford Township
Yousef Rabhi, Commissioner, District 8, Washtenaw County
John Paul Rea, Deputy County Executive, Macomb County
Anthony Reeder, Supervisor, Lenox Township
Pauline Repp, Mayor, City of Port Huron
Theresa Rich, Vice President, Oakland Schools ISD
Eric Sabree, Treasurer, Wayne County
Nancy Salvia, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Rochester
Michael Sedlak, Clerk, Green Oak Charter Township
Thomas Semaan, Mayor, City of New Baltimore
Hassan Sheikh, Director, Economic Development, Wayne County
Nick Sizeland, City Manager, City of Grosse Pointe Park
Brian Smith, Councilmember, City of Novi
Robert Swain, Trustee, Charter Township Of Lyon
Ronald Taylor, President And CEO, Area Agency On Aging 1-A
Ericka Thomas, Councilmember, City of Novi
Sheila Tomkowiak, Mayor, City of Grosse Pointe
Erik Tungate, City Manager, City Of Oak Park
Assad Turfe, Deputy County Executive, Wayne County
Brian Turnbull, Mayor, City of Northville
Mark Vanderpool, City Manager, City of Sterling Heights
Donald VanSyckel, Commissioner, District 5, Macomb County
Al VanWashenova, Frenchtown Charter Township
Kathy Vosburg, Trustee, Charter Township of Chesterfield
Michael Webb, Mayor, City of Hazel Park
Philip Weipert, Commissioner, District 13, Oakland County
Helene Weir, President And CEO, YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit
Mark Wollenweber, Planning Commissioner, Burtchville Township
Lev Wood, Councilmember, City of Grosse Pointe Farms
Coleman Young, II, Council Member At Large, City Of Detroit

Guests

Sherry Archibald, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Port Huron
Anita Ashford, Councilmember, City of Port Huron
Rob Barrett, Technical & Planning Director, City of Oak Park
Ryan Bellas, City of Dexter
Russell Bless, Treasurer, Monroe County ISD
Geraldyn Bruff
Andrew Bruff
Jazmine Danci, Downriver Community Conference

Angela Davis, Chair, Board of Trustees, Washtenaw Community College
Courtney Flynn, Communications Director, City of Oak Park
Frank Fogarty, Board of Review, City of South Lyon
R. LaMar Frederick, Bedford Township
Joan Gebhardt, Chairperson, Board of Trustees, Schoolcraft College
Rita Gunaga, Councilmember, City of Riverview
Leslie Herrick, Councilmember, City of Dearborn
Kelly Molinari, Detroit Metro Convention And Visitors Bureau
Joao Muniz
Eric Jackson
Pamela Jackson, Secretary, Board of Trustees, Oakland Community College
Mary Kerkes, Councilmember, City Of Milan
Cal Kirchen, Field Representative, Office of Congresswoman Dingell
Kevin Krause, Deputy Fire Chief, City of Romulus
Kimberly Marrone, Community And Economic Development Director, City of Oak Park
Brian Meissen, Village President, Village of New Haven
Stephanie Mittelstedt, Deputy Supervisor, Harrison Township
Denny Robinson, Allstate Environmental Group
Aaron Stark, City Of Sterling Heights
Ivery Toussant, Jr., Councilmember, City of Harper Woods
Crystal VanVleck, Director of Strategic Planning and Special Projects, City of Oak Park
Frederick Zorn, Jr., City Administrator, City of Southfield

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