

**SEMCOG**

SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

General Assembly

JUNE 12 | DETROIT ZOO**SEMCOG General Assembly
Thursday, June 12, 2025****Detroit Zoo**

8450 W 10 Mile Rd
Royal Oak, MI 48067

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Casual, weather-appropriate attire and footwear is recommended for attendees – especially those registering for a guided tour or planning a self-guided tour.

Parking Information

Please note the ongoing construction/closure of I-696 East near the Zoo. Attendees should consider travel time impacts of this construction and plan their travel accordingly.

Attendees should enter the Zoo parking area through Gate 1 on 10 Mile Road. Follow the roadway to reach the 10 Mile Parking Lot. Park in the west end of the 10 Mile Parking Lot, near the Rackham Fountain Member Entrance/Gate B.

From the parking area, follow the serpentine walkway through the Rackham Fountain Member Entrance/Gate B to the courtyard door of the Ford Education Center. Signage will direct attendees to the appropriate location inside the building.

Wi-Fi

Guest Username: SEMCOG
Guest Password: 829402

12:30 p.m. – Registration Open for Zoo Tours**1:00 p.m. – Zoo Tours****2:00 p.m. – Registration Open for Elections and Business Meeting****2:15 p.m. – Bloc Caucus Elections**

General Assembly delegates and alternates meet to elect:

- Bloc chairs and vice chairs;
- Regional Review Committee delegates; and
- Transportation Coordinating Council delegates.

Meeting agendas for each caucus are included in this agenda packet.

3:00 p.m. – General Assembly Convenes

A. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

B. Approval of Agenda

C. Public Comment

D. Approval of Consent Resolution

1. Financial Statements – April 2025
2. Approval of General Assembly Minutes – March 20, 2025
3. Receipt of Executive Committee Minutes – April 25, 2025

E. Welcome to the Detroit Zoo!

Hayley Murphy, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer, Detroit Zoo

F. Report from Chairperson

Gwen Markham, Commissioner, Oakland County

4. SEMCOG Regional Showcase Award
5. SEMCOG Regional Ambassador Award
6. Leadership Recognition

G. Report from Nominating Committee Chairperson

Philip Weipert, Commissioner, Oakland County

7. Election of 2025-2026 First Vice Chairperson
Action
8. Election of 2025-2026 Vice Chairpersons
Action
9. Election of 2025-2026 Delegates At-Large
Action

H. SEMCOG Year-In-Review

I. Report from Executive Director

Amy O'Leary, Executive Director, SEMCOG

10. Legislative Update

J. Upcoming Meetings

- Executive Committee – Friday, July 25, 2025 – SEMCOG Offices (Detroit)
- Executive Committee – Friday, September 26, 2025 – SEMCOG Offices (Detroit)
- General Assembly – Thursday, October 23, 2025 – MSU Management Education Center (Troy)

4:30-6:00 p.m. – Reception Honoring the Past Chairs of SEMCOG

Mandy Grewal	Pittsfield Township	(2024)
Pauline Repp	Port Huron	(2023-2024)
Chris Barnett	Orion Township	(2021-23)

Brenda Jones	Detroit	(2021)
Donald Hubler	Macomb ISD	(2019-21)
Phil Weipert	Oakland County	(2018-19)
Robert Clark	Monroe	(2017-18)
Rodrick Green	Superior Township	(2016-17)
Jeff Jenks	Huntington Woods	(2015-16)
Kathy Vosburg	Macomb County	(2014-15)
Joan Gebhardt	Schoolcraft College	(2013-14)
Michael Sedlak	Green Oak Township	(2012-13)
John Scott	Oakland County	(2011-12)
Robert Cannon	Clinton Township	(2010-11)
Robert Hison	St. Clair Shores	(2009-10)
Mary Blackmon	Wayne County RESA	(2008-09)
William Roberts	Walled Lake	(2007-08)
John Jones	Ira Township	(2005-07)
Gregory Pitoniak	Taylor	(2005)
Joan Flynn	Macomb County	(2004-05)
Maryann Mahaffey	Detroit	(2003-04)
R. LaMar Frederick	Bedford Township	(2002-03)
Dante J. Lanzetta, Jr.	Birmingham	(2001-02)
Marjorie Thomas	St. Clair County ISD	(2000-01)
Diana Kolakowski	Macomb County	(1999-2000)
Douglas Woolley	Pittsfield Township	(1998-99)
Anita Ashford	Port Huron	(1997-98)
John Funk	Monroe County	(1996-97)
Joan Buser	Oakland Township	(1995-96)
Gail Kaess	Grosse Pointe Farms	(1994-95)
Richard Rudnicki	Livingston County	(1993-94)
E.A. Jackson Morris	Pittsfield Township	(1992-93)
Gerald McCaffrey	Macomb ISD	(1991-92)
Clyde Cleveland	Detroit	(1990-91)
Milton L. Mack, Jr.	Wayne County	(1989-90)
Fred Korzon	Bloomfield Township	(1988-89)
Nancy Davis	Ann Arbor Township	(1987-88)
Robert E. Smith	Livingston ISD	(1985-87)
Donald E. Shelton	Saline	(1983-85)
Daniel T. Murphy	Oakland County	(1981-83)
Robert L. Bovitz	Trenton	(1979-81)
David Shepherd	Oak Park	(1977-79)
Conrad L. Mallett	Wayne County	(1975-77)
Homer Case	Bloomfield Township	(1974-75)
James P. Grannan	Fraser	(1973)
Robert E. Fitzpatrick	Wayne County	(1972-73)
Mel Ravitz	Detroit	(1970-72)
Larry Mainland	Milford Township	(1968-70)

Nominees for SEMCOG Bloc Caucuses and Key Committees**FY 2025-26****(As of May 28, 2025)****Bloc Caucus Chair**Counties

Philip Weipert, Commissioner, District 13, Oakland County

Cities/Villages

Bryan Barnett, Mayor, City of Rochester Hills

Michael Lesich, Mayor, City of Fraser

Thomas Semaan, Mayor of New Baltimore

Townships

Michael Sedlak, Clerk, Green Oak Township

Education

Dillon Breen, Board Secretary, Schoolcraft College

Bloc Caucus Vice ChairCounties

Jonathan C. Kinloch, Commissioner, District 2, Wayne County

Cities/Villages

Rock Abboud, Councilmember, Village of Beverly Hills

Townships

Chris Barnett, Supervisor, Orion Township

Education

Dale DeSloover, Board President, Monroe County ISD

Regional Review CommitteeCounties (4 seats)

Jonathan C. Kinloch, Commissioner, District 2, Wayne County

Linnie Taylor, Commissioner, District 18, Oakland County

Philip Weipert, Commissioner, District 13, Oakland County

Cities/Villages (4 seats)

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Bryan Barnett, Mayor, City of Rochester Hills
Robert Clark, Mayor, City of Monroe
Jan Lobur, Councilmember, City of Howell
Thomas Semaan, Mayor, City of New Baltimore
Lev Wood, Councilmember, City of Grosse Pointe Farms

Townships (4 seats)

Chris Barnett, Supervisor, Orion Township
Donald Boynton Jr., Trustee, Van Buren Township
Anthony Reeder, Supervisor, Lenox Township
Michael Sedlak, Clerk, Green Oak Township

Education (2 seats)

Dale DeSloover, Board President, Monroe County ISD

Transportation Coordinating Council (each Bloc has 2 seats)

Counties

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Education

Pamela S. Jackson, Secretary, Board of Trustees, Oakland Community College



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Election Candidate Bios



ROCK ABBOD, COUNCILMEMBER, VILLAGE OF BEVERLY HILLS

NOMINATED FOR:

Regional Review Committee
Transportation Coordinating Council
City/Village Bloc Chair

Question: Please list your involvement at SEMCOG.

Answer: Current Voting Delegate, Current Executive Committee Member Alternate. Current Transportation Coordinating Council Member and Past member of the RC2

Question: Please list your community experience, including your term(s) as an elected official.

Answer: Community Experience Village of Beverly Hills, Michigan – Council Member Term: Serving my third 4 Year Term as an elected official • Serve as a current elected Council Member, helping guide policy, budgeting, and community development for the Village. • Actively engaged in strategic planning around infrastructure, public safety, and quality of life issues. • Lead discussions on key local matters including public works services and senior programming. Past Chair –Current Member of the Oakland County Senior Advisory Council • Represent the interests of older adults throughout Oakland County. • Advise the Board of Commissioners and the Department of Health and Human Services on policies and programs affecting senior residents. • Advocate for services, resources, and facilities that promote aging with dignity, including efforts to develop a dedicated senior community center. Oakland County Food Policy Council Coalition • The OC Food policy council envisions a fair, sustainable, and culturally friendly food system that encourages healthy eating for all. The Council's mission is to lead and advance food policy and system changes that will increase equitable and healthy access for all Michigan Municipal League (MML) – Level 4 Ambassador Certified Elected Official • Completed extensive training in local governance, ethics, budgeting, and municipal leadership through MML's Elected Officials Academy. Community Advocate – NEXT Seniors Community Center Campaign • Spearheaded efforts to preserve the vision for a dedicated senior community center in Birmingham, advocating for consistency and accountability in government planning.



BRYAN BARNETT, MAYOR, CITY OF ROCHESTER HILLS

NOMINATED FOR:

Regional Review Committee
City/Village Bloc Chair

Question: Please list your involvement at SEMCOG.

Answer: I have been actively involved with SEMCOG for over 15 years serving as a BLOC Chair, a member of the Regional Review Committee, chairing the Green Infrastructure Committee as well as several other regional committees as asked. I have been a frequent speaker and panelist whenever asked and have hosted SEMCOG meetings at Innovation Hills and other locations within the city.

Question: Please list your community experience, including your term(s) as an elected official.

Answer: I have been elected in the City of Rochester Hills since 1999. I served on the City Council for 6 years before running for Mayor in 2006. I have won 5 consecutive elections for Mayor, the last three as a write-in candidate. I have served in leadership positions in SEMGOG, MML, and have been blessed to win both organizations highest awards for leadership. I was elected by the mayors of America to serve as President of the United States Conference of Mayors and had the title of America's Mayor in 2019-2020. I am also currently the Vice President of the Global Parliament of Mayors. I am an active Rotarian and serve on several other boards for charitable organizations I am passionate about.



CHRIS BARNETT, SUPERVISOR, ORION TOWNSHIP

NOMINATED FOR:

Regional Review Committee
Township Bloc Vice Chair

Question: Please list your involvement at SEMCOG.

Answer: Past Chair / Executive Committee / Task Force Chair

Question: Please list your community experience, including your term(s) as an elected official.

Answer: Township supervisor in my fourth term



DONALD BOYNTON, TRUSTEE, VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP

NOMINATED FOR:

Regional Review Committee
Transportation Coordinating Council

Question: Please list your involvement at SEMCOG.

Answer: General Assembly, Delegate, Executive Committee, Alternate Delegate, Regional Review Committee, Delegate, Transportation Coordinating Council, Delegate, Freight Task Force, Co-Chair

Question: Please list your community experience, including your term(s) as an elected official.

Answer: Township Trustee-serving in second term, Michigan Townships Association-Director, District #25, Planning Commission-13 years, Board of Zoning Appeals-4 years



DILLON BREEN, BOARD SECRETARY, SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

NOMINATED FOR:

Education Bloc Chair

Question: Please list your involvement at SEMCOG.

Answer: Current Education Bloc Chair, General Assembly Delegate, Executive Committee Alternate, Past Executive Committee Member, Past Regional Review Committee Member

Question: Please list your community experience, including your term(s) as an elected official.

Answer: Serving in my second 6-year term on the Board of Trustees. Secretary of the Livonia Brownfield Authority, President-Elect of the Rotary Club of Livonia.



ROBERT CLARK, MAYOR, CITY OF MONROE

NOMINATED FOR:
Regional Review Committee

Question: Please list your involvement at SEMCOG.

Answer: Executive Committee delegate, past SEMCOG Chairperson, Chairperson of Finance/Budget Committee including administrative oversight of Executive Director evaluation process, current City delegate on the RRC, and local representative at 2025 SEMCOG Lansing Legislative reception.

Question: Please list your community experience, including your term(s) as an elected official.

Answer: 16th year (8 terms) as Mayor, proir 2 yr term City Council, River Raisin National Battlefield Foundation Board, Immediate Past President of MML.



DALE DESLOOVER, SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT, MONROE COUNTY ISD

NOMINATED FOR:
Regional Review Committee
Education Bloc Vice Chair

Question: Please list your involvement at SEMCOG.

Answer: In the past I have been on TCC. I currently am an alternate on the Executive Committee and on the RRC.

Question: Please list your community experience, including your term(s) as an elected official.

Answer: I was first elected to the Monroe County ISD in 2005. I have served as the Board President for over 10 years. I have served on numerous boards and committees in the community and at church. I am currently on two recreation committees for the County of Monroe.



PAMELA JACKSON, BOARD SECRETARY, OAKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NOMINATED FOR:
Transportation Coordinating Council



JONATHAN KINLOCH, COMMISSIONER, WAYNE COUNTY

NOMINATED FOR:
Regional Review Committee
Transportation Coordinating Council
County Bloc Vice Chair

Question: Please list your involvement at SEMCOG.

Answer: Over the years in my various public roles, I've attended meetings and conferences hosted by SEMCOG. As Chair of the Detroit/ Wayne County Port Authority, I've participated on behalf of and represented the Port Authority at the Transportation Coordinating Council.

Question: Please list your community experience, including your term(s) as an elected official.

Answer: Member, Wayne County Planning and Development Commission • 1988 to 1991 Detroit Board of Zoning Appeals • 1998 to 2007 Elected Board Member, Detroit Board of Education 2006 to 2008 Commissioner, Detroit Library Commission • 2008 – 2013 Board Member, Detroit Board of Education • 2013 to 2014 (appointed to fill unexpired term) Member, Wayne County Board of Canvassers • 2015 to 2021 Wayne County Commissioner, Appointed 2021, re-elected twice 2022 and 2024c where I serve as Chair of the Committee on Ways and Means. Also, my involvement includes serving on the boards of the following bodies: Wayne County Economic Development Corporation, Wayne County Brownfield Redevelopment, District Detroit Neighborhood Advisory Council, Chandler Park Conservancy, Detroit Board of Water Commissioners. Also, I serve as President of the newly formed Wayne County Housing Commission, Board Vice Chair for Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network (DWIHN) and Chairman, Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority.



MICHAEL LESICH, MAYOR, CITY OF FRASER

NOMINATED FOR:
Transportation Coordinating Council
City/Village Bloc Chair

Question: Please list your involvement at SEMCOG.

Answer: Vice Chair TCC, Executive Committee, Fraser delegate, City Bloc delegate for Macomb County

Question: Please list your community experience, including your term(s) as an elected official.

Answer: Councilmember 2015–2021, Mayor 2023–?



JAN LOBUR, COUNCILMEMBER, CITY OF HOWELL

NOMINATED FOR:
Regional Review Committee

Question: Please list your involvement at SEMCOG.

Answer: Current Regional Review Committee Member and Executive Committee

Question: Please list your community experience, including your term(s) as an elected official.

Answer: City of Howell Council Member, two years as Mayor Pro Tem – 2017 to current; and Planning Commission 2017 to current.



ANTHONY REEDER, SUPERVISOR, LENOX TOWNSHIP

NOMINATED FOR:
Transportation Coordinating Council



MICHAEL SEDLAK, CLERK, GREEN OAK TOWNSHIP

NOMINATED FOR:
Regional Review Committee
Township Bloc Chair

Question: Please list your involvement at SEMCOG.

Answer: SEMCOG Officer 2007–2014, SEMCOG Chair 2012–2013, 2020–2025 Finance & Budget Committee, 2025 SEMCOG Officer Nominating Committee, 2002–2025 Livingston County SEMCOG Representative, Regional Resilience Improvement Plan Selection Committee, Healthy Climate Task Force, Chair Greenhouse Gas Emission Inventory Project Selection Committee.

Question: Please list your community experience, including your term(s) as an elected official.

Answer: Township Clerk, 2000–present, 7th term, Huron Valley Federal Aid Committee.



THOMAS SEMAAN, MAYOR, CITY OF NEW BALTIMORE

NOMINATED FOR:

Regional Review Committee
City/Village Bloc Chair

Question: Please list your involvement at SEMCOG.

Answer: Executive, Bloc Chair, and RRC

Question: Please list your community experience, including your term(s) as an elected official.

Answer: Mayor 2nd term 4th year



LINNIE TAYLOR, COMMISSIONER, OAKLAND COUNTY

NOMINATED FOR:

Regional Review Committee
Transportation Coordinating Council

Question: Please list your involvement at SEMCOG.

Answer: Member of Finance Committee

Question: Please list your community experience, including your term(s) as an elected official.

Answer: Southfield City Council



PHILIP WEIPERT, COMMISSIONER, OAKLAND COUNTY

NOMINATED FOR:

Regional Review Committee
County Bloc Chair

Question: Please list your involvement at SEMCOG.

Answer: Delegate, Executive Committee, budget & finance committee, regional review committee, nominating committee and Past Chair

Question: Please list your community experience, including your term(s) as an elected official.

Answer: County Commissioner since 2011. Serving 8th term, served on numerous committees at County, including finance, Economic Development and Transportation. Chair ZBA south Lyon, Also active in numerous civic organizations. Secretary and Past president Kiwanis. Past grand knight and secretary of K of C. Also, Parish Finance Council St. Joseph Catholic Church.



LEV WOOD, COUNCILMEMBER, GROSSE POINTE FARMS

NOMINATED FOR:
Regional Review Committee

Question: Please list your involvement at SEMCOG.

Answer: Ex. Committee, former Chair of TCC, currently member of Regional Review Committee, I'm a planning enthusiast!

Question: Please list your community experience, including your term(s) as an elected official.

Answer: 14 years as City Council member; former Mayor Pro-Tem; currently Chair of our Budget and Audit Committee.

County Bloc Caucus
June 12, 2025

Chair: Philip Weipert, Commissioner, District 13, Oakland County
Vice Chair: Linnie Taylor, Commissioner, District 18, Oakland County

2:15 p.m.

Agenda

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3. Election of Delegates to the Regional Review Committee

Current Delegates: Charlie Cavell, Commissioner, District 19, Oakland County
Eric Sabree, Treasurer, Wayne County
Donald VanSyckel, Commissioner, District 5, Macomb County
Philip Weipert, Commissioner, District 13, Oakland County

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Michelle Nard, Commissioner, District 12, Macomb County

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makers, and private and non-profit agencies with an interest in transportation issues. Local elected officials are eligible for these elections.

5. Adjournment

**City and Village Bloc Caucus
June 12, 2025**

**Chair: Thomas Semaan, Mayor, City of New Baltimore
Vice Chair: Kelly Garrett, Mayor, City of Lathrup Village**

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**Chair: Michael Sedlak, Clerk, Green Oak Township
Vice Chair: Chris Barnett, Supervisor, Orion Township**

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Donald Boynton Jr., Trustee, Van Buren Township
Diane O'Connell, Supervisor, Ann Arbor Township
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Anthony Reeder, Supervisor, Lenox Township

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Vice Chair: Donald Hubler, Secretary, Board of Education, Macomb ISD

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Current Delegates: Dale DeSloover, Board President, Monroe County ISD
Vacancy

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Pamela S. Jackson, Secretary, Board of Trustees, Oakland
Community College

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Southeast Michigan Council of Governments

Income Statement

For Fiscal: JUL 2024-JUN 2025

Period Ending: 04/30/2025

Class	Original Total Budget	Current Total Budget	MTD Activity	YTD Activity	Budget Remaining
Revenue					
401 - FEDERAL	3,776,272.00	3,776,272.00	70,262.49	876,902.45	2,899,369.55
402 - STATE ADMIN FEDERAL REVENUE	14,010,431.00	14,010,431.00	1,103,017.33	8,936,342.78	5,074,088.22
403 - STATE REVENUE	355,872.00	355,872.00	8,308.07	352,164.31	3,707.69
404 - OTHER REVENUE	952,116.00	952,116.00	26,387.20	190,578.11	761,537.89
405 - LOCAL REVENUE	2,831,524.00	2,831,524.00	446,676.24	2,509,228.26	322,295.74
406 - PASS-THRU MATCH	385,624.00	385,624.00	76,474.17	201,017.20	184,606.80
Revenue Total:	22,311,839.00	22,311,839.00	1,731,125.50	13,066,233.11	9,245,605.89
Expense					
501 - SALARIES	5,772,889.00	5,772,889.00	450,261.00	4,406,463.12	1,366,425.88
502 - CONTRACTS	6,055,925.00	6,055,925.00	56,314.32	1,228,780.81	4,827,144.19
503 - TRAVEL	230,325.00	230,325.00	6,109.51	172,288.93	58,036.07
505 - SUPPLIES	964,250.00	964,250.00	69,910.79	850,143.04	114,106.96
506 - OTHER	1,999,129.00	1,999,129.00	97,029.12	1,138,968.31	860,160.69
507 - FRINGE BENEFITS	4,329,666.00	4,329,666.00	371,557.18	3,324,360.97	1,005,305.03
509 - OTHER	0.00	0.00	0.00	-60,278.70	60,278.70
705 - CLEARING	0.00	0.00	0.00	-3,133.61	3,133.61
900 - PT-FEDERAL	300,000.00	300,000.00	478.42	291,670.54	8,329.46
910 - PT-STATE	85,000.00	85,000.00	0.00	25,403.95	59,596.05
920 - PT-ST ADMIN FEDERAL	2,107,355.00	2,107,355.00	344,871.12	906,515.44	1,200,839.56
970 - PTM-ST ADMIN FEDERAL	467,300.00	467,300.00	76,474.17	201,017.20	266,282.80
Expense Total:	22,311,839.00	22,311,839.00	1,473,005.63	12,482,200.00	9,829,639.00
Total Surplus (Deficit):	0.00	0.00	258,119.87	584,033.11	

SEMCOG Information

General Assembly Meeting Minutes March 20, 2025

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

SEMCOG Chairperson Gwen Markham, Commissioner, Oakland County, called the meeting to order at 2:33 p.m. and led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Markham welcomed new SEMCOG members Kimball Township and Oceola Township.

Ms. Markham thanked the event sponsors for their support.

Ms. Markham asked if there were any additions to the agenda. There were no changes.

Motion by Rock Abboud, Councilmember, Village of Beverly Hills to approve the agenda. The **motion** carried.

B. Welcome

Ms. Markham introduced Carolina Pluszczynski, COO and Head of Innovation Services, Michigan Central, who welcomed General Assembly delegates, alternates, and guests to the newly-renovated Michigan Central Station.

C. Public Comment

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

D. Approval of Consent Resolution

Motion by Brian Turnbull, Mayor, City of Northville, to approve the Consent Resolution: Financial Statements – January 2025; Approval of General Assembly Minutes – October 24, 2024; Receipt of Executive Committee Minutes – December 6, 2024; January 31, 2025; and February 28, 2025. The **motion** carried.

E. Report from Chairperson: Gwen Markham, Commissioner, Oakland County

Ms. Markham provided updates on the following items:

- SEMCOG staff and officer attendance at the National Association of Regional Councils 2025 Conference of Regions;
- SEMCOG's February 2025 Congressional Office Visits, premiering a SEMCOG "video diary" covering these meetings and engagement from SEMCOG's offices with the region's Congressional delegation;
- SEMCOG's engagement of state elected officials at the Governor's February 2025 State of the State Address;
- Encouraging members to attend the upcoming SEMCOG 101 SEMCOG University Workshop, to be hosted April 14, 2025; and

- Soliciting nominations for SEMCOG's 2025 Regional Showcase Award and Regional Ambassador Awards.

Ms. Markham then announced SEMCOG's 2025 Taubman Fellows, who will attend the prestigious program at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. The 2025 Taubman Fellow are: Michael Schostak, Treasurer, Bloomfield Township; and Sheila Tomkowiak, Mayor, City of Grosse Pointe.

F. Keynote Presentation: Economic and Transportation Impacts of the Gordie Howe International Bridge

Ms. Markham shared information on the trade relationship between the United States and Canada, emphasizing the importance to the Southeast Michigan region. Ms. Markham then introduced Colin Bird, Consul General of Canada in Detroit, United States, and Heather Grondin, Chief Relations Officer, Windsor Detroit Bridge Authority, who co-presented on the shared economic interests of the United States and Canada, and provided updates on construction progress of the Gordie Howe International Bridge. Mr. Bird and Ms. Grondin answered questions from General Assembly attendees.

G. Panel Discussion: Innovative Redevelopment and Repurposing of Land and Buildings

Ms. Markham introduced Kevin Vettraino, Planning Director, SEMCOG. Mr. Vettraino introduced a panel of regional experts on major redevelopment projects and innovative repurposing of buildings and land. Panelists included:

- Ethan Baker, Mayor, City of Troy
- Mark Vanderpool, Manager, City of Sterling Heights
- Brian Turnbull, Mayor, City of Northville

After initial presentations from the panelists, Mr. Vettraino moderated a question and answer session with the panelists.

H. Report from Finance and Budget Committee Chairperson: Robert Clark, Mayor, City of Monroe

Ms. Markham introduced Robert Clark, Mayor, City of Monroe, who presented a summary of SEMCOG's 2025-2025 Annual Operating Budget and Work Program. After presentation, **motion** by Robert Clark, Mayor, City of Monroe, to adopt SEMCOG's FY2025-2026 Annual Operating Budget and Work Program Summary. The **motion** carried.

I. Report from Executive Director, Amy O'Leary

Ms. Markham then Introduced Amy O'Leary, Executive Director, SEMCOG. Ms. O'Leary reported on the following topics:

- A recap of SEMCOG's recent Member Outreach Meetings and Executive Committee Election results;
- A federal and state legislative update, focusing on:
 - o FY2025 Continuing Resolution;
 - o FY2025 and FY2026 Community Project Request updates and information on SEMCOG's portal and letter of support form;

- o Threats to the tax-exempt status of municipal bonds, including an opportunity to share projects to emphasize the importance of these funding mechanisms for local governments;
- o The State's recent passage of Earned Sick Time Act legislation;
- o Passage of the Michigan House's Road Funding package;
- o Noting SEMCOG's communication of FY2026 state budget priorities;
- o SEMCOG's upcoming Legislative Reception, to be hosted at the Midwest Strategy Group offices in Lansing;
- o Promoting SEMCOG's upcoming Legislative Roundtable on April 15th;
- o SEMCOG's spring public education campaigns, including One Water and Safe Streets Southeast Michigan;
- o SEMCOG's recently-published "Economic Development: What's Our Edge?" magazine; and
- o Upcoming SEMCOG events.

J. Upcoming Meetings

Ms. Markham then highlighted SEMCOG's upcoming meetings:

Executive Committee
Friday, April 25, 2025
SEMCOG offices (Detroit)

General Assembly
Thursday, June 12, 2025
Detroit Zoo (Royal Oak)

There being no further business, Ms. Markham adjourned the General Assembly at 4:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Spence
Committee Clerk

**Meeting Minutes
Executive Committee**

SEMCOG Office, 1001 Woodward Ave., Ste. 1400, Detroit, MI 48226

April 25, 2025

A. Call to Order

Gwen Markham, Commissioner, Oakland County, Executive Committee Chairperson, called the Executive Committee meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Markham led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Markham opened the meeting by welcoming first-time attendees to the Executive Committee.

Approval of Agenda

Ms. Markham presented the agenda for consideration and approval by the Executive Committee before noting that the agenda is now available electronically.

Motion by Thomas Semaan, Mayor, City of New Baltimore, to approve the agenda. The **motion** carried by voice vote.

B. Public Comment

Ms. Markham offered members of the public three minutes to comment on any agenda item. No comments were received.

C. Approval of Consent Resolution

Ms. Markham presented the Consent Resolution for approval: Executive Committee minutes – February 28, 2025; Receipt of Financial Statements – March 2025; and Work Program amendment for SMART's FY26 Unified Work Program (UWP) to include the Western Oakland Transportation Authority's (WOTA) 5304 grant application

Motion by Rock Abboud, Councilmember, Village of Beverly Hills, to approve the Consent Resolution items, as presented. The **motion** carried by voice vote.

D. Report from Chairperson: Gwen Markham, Commissioner, Oakland County

Ms. Markham offered updates on several informational items, including: A recap of the April 14th "SEMCOG 101" workshop; a summary of the April 15th Legislative Reception that SEMCOG held in Lansing; an update on SEMCOG's Safe Streets Southeast Michigan and One Water public education campaigns; Promotion of the June 12th General Assembly event, to be held at the Detroit Zoo and featuring Bloc Caucus and Officer elections; and information on SEMCOG's Commuter Challenge event happening in May.

E. Featured Presentation: Regional and Local Impacts of Planning Assistance Grants

Ms. Markham introduced SEMCOG Planning Director Kevin Vettraino, who

presented successes from SEMCOG Planning Assistance Grant Program. Mr. Vettraino then led a discussion with members of the Executive Committee, to share the ways that these grants have benefitted their communities.

F. Report from Transportation Coordinating Council: Amy O’Leary, Executive Director, SEMCOG

Ms. Markham introduced Amy O’Leary, Executive Director, SEMCOG, who presented two actions for committee approval: FY 2023-2026 TIP Amendment 25-2 (Cost/GPA); and FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Ms. O’Leary first presented on the FY 2023-2026 TIP Amendment 25-2 (Cost/GPA). **Motion** by Jonathan Kinloch, Commissioner, Wayne County, to approve FY 2023-2026 TIP Amendment 25-2 (Cost/GPA). The **motion** carried by electronic vote.

WHEREAS, the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) supports this vision:

All the 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, SEMCOG is responsible for developing a long-range regional transportation plan and a Transportation Improvement Program that funds projects to implement the plan;

WHEREAS, the 2050 RTP was developed pursuant to the transportation planning provisions of Title 23 of United States Code (USC) Section 134 and Title 49 USC Section 5303;

WHEREAS, the 2050 RTP requires periodic updates to include projects not fully developed at the time the 2050 RTP was originally adopted, to take advantage of new funding and reflect changing priorities;

WHEREAS, SEMCOG is required to develop amendments to the FY 2023-2026 TIP pursuant to Title 23 of the United States Code (USC) Section 134;

WHEREAS, the 2050 RTP and FY 2023-2026 TIP were analyzed in accordance with 40 CFR 51 for air quality conformity and found not to exceed present and future emission budgets in all analysis years;

WHEREAS, the amendments to the FY 2023-2026 TIP are consistent with the 2050 RTP policies, were financially constrained to identified funding resources, and the amendment process actively encouraged public and agency review and comment;

WHEREAS, SEMCOG certifies that all projects funded in total or in part with State Transportation Economic Development Fund (TEDF) Category C funds are eligible for funding under PA 231 of 1987, as amended, and meet the goals and objectives of the program;

WHEREAS, General Program Accounts (GPA) are used to group smaller, routine transportation projects together in the TIP;

WHEREAS, when the total cost of projects programmed in a GPA equals or exceeds 115% of the GPA’s currently authorized amount, that GPA needs to be amended;

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WHEREAS, SEMCOG has determined that the amendment to the 2050 RTP and the FY 2023-2026 TIP conform to the State Implementation Plan for Air Quality as required by provisions of Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 51 and Title 23 CFR 450;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, this 25th day of April, 2025 THAT the Executive Committee of SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, approves the amendment of projects to the 2050 RTP and FY 2023-2026 TIP;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Executive Committee of SEMCOG approves the amendment of the GPAs in the FY2023-2026 TIP;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Executive Committee of SEMCOG submits this amendment to the 2050 RTP and the FY 2023-2026 TIP to the Michigan Department of Transportation, as designee for the Governor's Office of the State of Michigan, for review and transmittal to the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy; Michigan Department of Natural Resources; Federal Highway Administration; Federal Transit Administration; and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Ms. O'Leary then introduced Ally Racisz, Planner II, SEMCOG, who presented the FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). **Motion** by Donald Boynton, Jr., Trustee, Van Buren Township, to adopt the FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The **motion** carried by electronic vote.

WHEREAS, the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Regional Transportation Plans (RTP) support this vision:

All the 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, SEMCOG is responsible for developing a long-range regional transportation plan and a Transportation Improvement Program that funds projects to implement the plan;

WHEREAS, the 2050 RTP was developed pursuant to the transportation planning provisions of Title 23 of United States Code (USC) Section 134 and Title 49 USC Section 5303;

WHEREAS, the 2050 RTP requires periodic updates to include projects not fully developed at the time of original adoption, to take advantage of new funding and reflect changing priorities;

WHEREAS, SEMCOG is required to develop the 2026-2029 TIP pursuant to Title 23 of the United States Code (USC) Section 134;

WHEREAS, to ensure continuous funding, FY 2026 projects adopted in the 2026-2029 TIP are also amended in the 2023-2026 TIP to remain consistent across TIP versions.

WHEREAS, the 2050 RTP and 2026-2029 TIP were analyzed in accordance with 40 CFR 51 for air quality conformity and found not to exceed present and future emission budgets in all analysis years;

WHEREAS, the 2026-2029 TIP is consistent with the 2050 RTP policies and the amendment process actively encouraged public and agency review and comment;

WHEREAS, the 2026-2029 TIP schedules projects for the first four years of the 2050 RTP.

WHEREAS, SEMCOG certifies that all projects funded in total or in part with State Transportation Economic Development Fund (TEDF) Category C funds are eligible for funding under PA 231 of 1987, as amended, and meet the goals and objectives of the program.

WHEREAS, SEMCOG has determined that the 2050 RTP and the 2026-2029 TIP conform to the State Implementation Plan for Air Quality as required by provisions of Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 51 and Title 23 CFR 450;

WHEREAS, the 2050 RTP and the 2026-2029 TIP are constrained to identified funding resources;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, this 25th day of April 2025, THAT the Executive Committee of SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, adopts the 2026-2029 TIP and amends the 2050 RTP accordingly;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Executive Committee of SEMCOG submits, the 2050 RTP and the 2026-2029 TIP to the Michigan Department of Transportation, as designee for the Governor's Office of the State of Michigan, for review and transmittal to the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy; Michigan Department of Natural Resources; Federal Highway Administration; Federal Transit Administration; and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

G. Report from SEMCOG Executive Director, Amy O'Leary

Ms. Markham introduced Amy O'Leary, Executive Director, SEMCOG, who provided an update on the following items:

- SEMCOG's engagement of Federal and State legislative issues;
- SEMCOG's support and development of video resources for a national "Regions Lead" information campaign;
- New SEMCOG data on population growth rates for Southeast Michigan;
- SEMCOG's new "Economic Development – What's Our Edge?" magazine;
- A recent peer-exchange between SEMCOG and the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Council (MORPC);
- Upcoming 2025 Member Meetups; and
- Highlighting SEMCOG's upcoming events.

H. Upcoming Meetings

Ms. Markham reviewed the following upcoming SEMCOG meetings:

General Assembly - Thursday, June 12, 2025 – Detroit Zoo (Royal Oak)

Executive Committee – Friday, July 25, 2025 – SEMCOG Offices (Detroit)

I. Adjourn

There being no further business, the Executive Committee was adjourned at 2:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Spence
Committee Clerk

**Executive Committee Meeting Attendance
February 28, 2025**

Below is a list of Executive Committee Members. Members present at this meeting are indicated by bold typeface:

Chair Gwen Markham, Commissioner, District 15, Oakland County

First Vice Chair - Vacant

Vice Chair Laura Kropp, Mayor, City of Mount Clemens

Vice Chair Anne Marie Graham-Hudak, Supervisor, Charter Township of Canton

Vice Chair Diana McKnight-Morton, Trustee, Washtenaw Community College

Vice Chair Frank Viviano, Supervisor, Macomb Township

Immediate Past Chair – Vacant

Rock Abboud, Councilmember, Village of Beverly Hills

Chris Barnett, Supervisor, Charter Township of Orion

Lisa Beedon, Commissioner, District 3, St. Clair County

Mary Blackmon, Vice President, Wayne County RESA

Robert Clark, Mayor, City of Monroe

Cara Clemente, Commissioner, District 4, Wayne County

David Coulter, County Executive, Oakland County

David Domas, Commissioner, District 2, Livingston County

Donald Dudas, Trustee, Port Huron Charter Township

Michael Duggan, Mayor, City of Detroit

Warren Evans, County Executive, Wayne County

Cathy Garrett, Clerk, Wayne County

Jay Gross, Commissioner, District 9, Livingston County

Sylvia Grot, Commissioner, District 3, Macomb County

Mark Hackel, County Executive, Macomb County

Kathy Hayman, Mayor, City of Marysville

Jonathan Kinloch, Commissioner, District 2, Wayne County

Joe LaRussa, Mayor, City of Farmington

Jan Lobur, Councilmember, City of Howell

Jason Maciejewski, Commissioner, District 1, Washtenaw County

Brian Marl, Mayor, City of Saline

David Massaron, Chair, Regional Transit Authority of Southeast Michigan

William Miller, III, Commissioner, District 16, Oakland County

Yousef Rabhi, Commissioner, District 8, Washtenaw County

Trish Reilly, Supervisor, Pittsfield Township

Eric Sabree, Treasurer, Wayne County

Michael Sedlak, Clerk, Green Oak Charter Township

Thomas Semaan, Mayor, City of New Baltimore

Mary Sheffield, Council President, Dist. 5, City of Detroit

Linnie Taylor, Commissioner, District 18, Oakland County

David Thompson, Drain Commissioner, Monroe County

Joi Torello, Commissioner, District 4, St. Clair County

Brian Turnbull, Mayor, City of Northville

Donald VanSyckel, Commissioner, District 5, Macomb County

Alan VanWashenova, Supervisor, Frenchtown Charter Township

Philip Weipert, Commissioner, District 13, Oakland County

Anthony Wickersham, Sheriff, Macomb County

Brad Wieferich, Director, MDOT

Lev Wood, Councilmember, City of Grosse Pointe Farms

Dave Woodward, Chairperson, Board of Commissioners, District 1, Oakland County

Coleman Young II, Council Member At Large, City of Detroit

Bernard Youngblood, Register of Deeds, Wayne County

Below is a list of Executive Committee Member Alternates. Alternate members present at this meeting are indicated by bold typeface:

Scott Barb, Planning Director, Livingston County

Scott Benson, Councilmember, District 3, City of Detroit

Jason Berry, Community Planning & Engagement, Monroe County

Quentin Bishop, Superintendent, City of St. Clair

Jackie Boleware, Councilmember, City of Farmington Hills

Michael Bosanac, County Administrator/Chief Financial Officer, Monroe County

Donald Boynton Jr., Trustee, Charter Township Of Van Buren

Dillon Breen, Trustee, Schoolcraft College

Sean Carlson, Deputy County Executive, Oakland County

Charlie Cavell, Commissioner, District 19, Oakland County

Melissa Daub, Commissioner, District 10, Wayne County

Dennis Delor, Parks & Recreation Director, St. Clair County

Dale DeSloover, Board President, Monroe County ISD

Sharlan Douglas, Commissioner, City of Royal Oak

Kathy Elliott, Treasurer, Charter Township of Chesterfield

Jim Gardner, Mayor, City of Luna Pier

Marcia Gershenson, Commissioner, District 11, Oakland County

Larry Gray Jr., Supervisor, Charter Township of Commerce

Justin Hodge, Chairperson, Board of Commissioners, District 5, Washtenaw County

Brendan Johnson, Commissioner, District 4, Oakland County

Andrew Kandrevas, Assistant County Executive, Wayne County

Josh Kofflin, Councilmember, City of Milan

Marilyn Lane, Executive Office - Strategic Policy and Gov't Relations, Macomb County

Michael Lesich, Mayor, City of Fraser

Edward Neiman, Trustee, Charter Township of China

Craig Newell, Administrator, Statewide Trans. Planning Division, MDOT

Angela Powell, Commissioner, District 9, Oakland County

Al Prieur, Supervisor, Bedford Township

John Paul Rea, Deputy County Executive, Macomb County

Katie Scott, Commissioner, District 9, Washtenaw County

Hassan Sheikh, Director, Economic Development, Wayne County

Garrett Shumate, Mayor, City of Gibraltar

Robert Smiley, Commissioner, District 14, Oakland County

Candice Smith-Parker, Scheduler for Warren Evans, Wayne County

Robert Stanford, Principal Planner, Livingston County

Trisha Stein, Chief Strategy Officer, Mayor's Office, City of Detroit

Benjamin Stupka, Executive Director, RTA

James Tate, Council President Pro Tem, District 1, City of Detroit

Kristoffer Tobbe, Mayor, City of Brighton

Sheila Tomkowiak, Mayor, City of Grosse Pointe

Assad Turfe, Deputy County Executive, Wayne County

Mark Vanderpool, City Manager, City of Sterling Heights

Todd Walker, Trustee, Genoa Charter Township

Lindsay Wallace, Planning Director, St. Clair County

Below is a list of Executive Committee Non-Voting members. Non-voting members present at this meeting are indicated by bold typeface:

At-Large

Colin Bird, Consul General, Consulate General of Canada

Maureen Donohue Krauss, President And CEO, Detroit Regional Partnership

Michele Economou Ureste, Executive Director, Workforce Intelligence Network

Michael Karson, CEO and President, Area Agency on Aging 1-B

Daniel Mahoney, Director, Corp. & Gov't Affairs, DTE Energy

Claude Molinari, President and CEO, Detroit Metro Convention and Visitors Bureau

Hayley Murphy, Executive Director and CEO, Detroit Zoological Society

Gregory Pitoniak, CEO, Southeast Michigan Community Alliance

Robert Taubman, Chairman and CEO, Taubman Centers, Inc.

Ronald Taylor, President And CEO, Area Agency on Aging 1-A

Non-Voting

Ryan Buck, Director, Washtenaw Area Transportation Study

Matt Carpenter, CEO, Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority

Steve Currie, Executive Director, Michigan Association of Counties

Deborah Dingell, Congresswoman, Dist. 6, U.S. House of Representatives

Roslyn Grafstein, Mayor, City of Madison Heights

Rodrick Green, Commissioner, Washtenaw County Road Commission

Tiffany Gunter, Deputy GM & COO, SMART

Russell Jorgenson, Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration

Carissa Markel, Transp. Planning Manager, Road Commission for Oakland County

Amy McMillan, Executive Director, Huron-Clinton Metroparks

Anthony Minghine, Deputy Executive Director/COO, Michigan Municipal League

Andy Pickard, Transportation Planning Group Leader, Federal Highway Administration

Bryan Santo, Director, Macomb County Department of Roads Macomb County

Neil Sheridan, Executive Director, Michigan Townships Association

Sandy Spang, President, Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments

William Wolfson, Chief Administrative and Compliance Officer, GLWA - Great Lakes Water Authority

Guests

Mike Compagnoni, Government Relations, Midwest Strategy Group

Drew Dilkens, Mayor, City of Windsor, Ontario

Frank Fogarty, Board of Review, City of South Lyon

Matt Galbraith, Transportation Planner, MDOT – Metro Region

Stanley Grot, Clerk, Shelby Township

Robert McCraight, Mayor, City of Romulus

Laurie-Anne Sabatini, Director of Innovation and Change, City of Detroit

Adam Wright, Government Relations, Midwest Strategy Group

SEMCOG Staff in attendance

Alex Bourgeau, Manager, Modeling and Mobility

Steve Brudzinski, Planner III, Transportation Planning and Programming

Jon Clark, Multimedia Specialist II, Communications

Karolynn Faulkner, Planner II, Economic and Community Vitality

Michele Fedorowicz, Manager, Transportation

Nikki Hartley, Specialist, Government Affairs

Ed Hug, Planner III, Transportation Planning and Programming

Naheed Huq, Manager, Economic and Community Vitality

Sydney Jackson, Specialist II, Communications

Misty Jordan, Director, Administration

Hannah King, Visual Media Lead

Trevor Layton, Manager, Communications

Xuan Liu, Director, Research

Amy Malmer, Manager, Membership

Janet Mocadlo, Planner III, Data Analysis

Amy O'Leary, Executive Director

Rebecca Osborne, Specialist, Membership II

Brian Pawlik, Planner III, Transportation Modeling and Mobility

Ally Racisz, Planner II, Transportation Planning and Programming

April Scales, Web Specialist, Communications

Jacque'l Smith, Manager, Information Technology

Michael Spence, Manager, Government Affairs

Susan Stefanski, Specialist, Membership III

David Struck, Planner III, Economic and Community Vitality

Dr. Sheryl Theriot, Director, External Affairs

Ann C. VanSlembrouck, Manager, Data Analysis

Kevin Vettraino, Director, Planning

Kirsten Wolfe, Manager, Finance

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Nominating Committee

Philip Weipert, Chairperson
Oakland County Commissioner

June 12, 2025

TO: General Assembly

FROM: Nominating Committee:

City and Village Bloc — Thomas Semaan, New Baltimore Mayor
County Bloc — Philip Weipert, Oakland County Board of Commissioners
Education Bloc — Dillon Breen, Schoolcraft College Trustee
Township Bloc — Michael Sedlak, Green Oak Township Clerk

SUBJECT: Nominating Committee Report — Election of 2025-2026 SEMCOG
Officers and Delegates At-Large

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Summary of actions requested

Election of SEMCOG First Vice Chair, four Vice Chairs, and up to 10 Delegates At-Large will be conducted at the General Assembly. The Nominating Committee is pleased to nominate the following slate of officers for consideration at the June 12, 2025 General Assembly:

First Vice Chairperson Laura Kropp, Mount Clemens Mayor

Vice Chairpersons Anne Marie Graham-Hudak, Canton Township Supervisor
Joe LaRussa, Farmington Mayor
Diana McKnight-Morton, Washtenaw Community College Trustee
Frank Viviano, Macomb Township Supervisor

Your action to elect the nominees above would result in the following full list of SEMCOG Officers for 2025-2026:

Chairperson Gwen Markham, Oakland County Commissioner
First Vice Chairperson Laura Kropp, Mount Clemens Mayor

Vice Chairpersons Anne Marie Graham-Hudak, Canton Township Supervisor
Joe LaRussa, Farmington Mayor
Diana McKnight-Morton, Washtenaw Community College Trustee
Frank Viviano, Macomb Township Supervisor

Immediate Past Chair Vacant

The committee also nominated a slate of candidates to be Delegates At-Large. These individuals are ex-officio, non-voting members with regional interest and influence who contribute to the quality of life in Southeast Michigan. The slate of candidates follows:

Delegates At-Large

Colin Bird, Consul General
Consulate General of Canada, Detroit

Gina Cavaliere, Chief Community Impact Officer, BIZ Director
Downtown Detroit Partnership

Michele Economou Ureste, Executive Director
Workforce Intelligence Network

Maureen Krauss, President and CEO
Detroit Regional Partnership

Daniel Mahoney, Director Corp. & Gov't Affairs
DTE Energy

Claude Molinari, President/CEO
Metro Detroit Convention & Visitors Bureau

Hayley Murphy, Executive Director/CEO
Detroit Zoological Society

Gregory Pitoniak, Chief Executive Officer
Southeast Michigan Community Alliance (SEMCA)

Robert Taubman, Chairman, President & CEO
Taubman Centers, Inc.

Ronald Taylor, President and CEO
Detroit Area Agency on Aging

Background

Pursuant to SEMCOG Bylaws, the Chairperson serves one year and is automatically succeeded by the First Vice Chairperson as long as he/she remains eligible. The four

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additional Vice Chairpersons are elected annually to one-year terms. Vice Chairs can serve more than one term. Only elected officials who are delegates or alternates on the 2025-2026 Executive Committee are eligible to be nominated as a SEMCOG officer. The Bylaws also specify that each Bloc shall have at least one officer, and no more than two officers representing the same Bloc, i.e., County Bloc, City and Village Bloc, Township Bloc, and Education Bloc. In developing this slate of officers, the Nominating Committee also considered level of involvement, geographic distribution, race, gender, community size, and party affiliation diversity. The goal in developing the slate is to have officers representing the broad range of interests in the region.

SEMCOG Bylaws also allow nominations to be made from the floor during the General Assembly.

Action requested

Nominating Committee Chairperson Philip Weipert will request your support.

ATTEST: _____ DATE: _____
Committee Clerk



President Releases Full FY26 Budget Request. On May 30, the Trump Administration released a full Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 budget appendix further expanding details released in the ‘skinny budget’ request released at the beginning of the month. Like the original request, the document outlines the Administration’s proposed funding cuts to programs across government agencies, including many that are beneficial to southeast Michigan communities. Most dramatically, the budget request zeroes out the Economic Development Administration, the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), Superfund, Community Services and Development Block Grant programs (CSBG & CBDG), HOME Investment Partnerships program, Choice Neighborhoods Initiative, Mass Transit Formula Grants, Grants-in-Aid for Airports, and the Great Lakes Authority . The budget also proposed significant cuts to the Clean and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds (SRFs), Brownfields program, State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance programs, Pell Grants, and Title I-A program funding. Unlike the first Trump Administration, the budget does request to maintain funding for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative. As a reminder, the President’s budget is just a request and outline of priorities from the Executive Branch. Congress ultimately sets federal discretionary spending levels via the annual appropriations process. While spending cuts are expected from the Republican-led Congress in FY 2026, they are more likely to be spread across programs without eliminating programs outright.

House Appropriations Committee Starts Bill Markups. With a full FY 2026 budget request from the White House, Congress will now continue with the FY 2026 appropriations process which it began earlier this year when individual members solicited project requests from constituents for possible inclusion as Congressionally Directed Spending in the Senate and Community Projects Funding in the House. The House Appropriations Committee will take the next step in the process as its subcommittees begin marking up individual spending bills June 5. The markup schedule, which is subject to change, would conclude all twelve subcommittee markups on July 21 and full committee markups of nine bills by July 24. House Appropriations Committee Chairman Tom Cole (R-OK) has not yet scheduled full committee markups for the Financial Services, Legislative Branch, and Energy and Water Appropriations bills. The Senate will spend the summer months working to pass budget reconciliation legislation to send back to the House for approval before it could be signed into law by President Trump. The goal is to have budget reconciliation completed in July. It is not likely the Senate will make much progress on FY 2026 appropriations bills before the end of the current fiscal year on September 30. It is likely that Congress will need to pass a short-term funding patch, or Continuing Resolution, to avoid a federal government shutdown on October 1. The remainder of the fall legislative period will could then be dedicated to completing FY 2026 funding.

The House is also scheduled to vote in the coming days on a recissions package crafted by the White House to codify cuts made by the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE). The

\$9.4 billion package would cut spending for PBS, NPR and foreign aid programs. The rescissions would come from \$1.6 trillion in spending appropriated for government programs in FY 2025. The package only requires a majority-vote in Congress, bypassing the Senate 60-vote filibuster and offering an attractive option for Republicans to codify funding freezes bypassing Senate Democrats and legal battles.

Reconciliation Bill Moves to the Senate. On May 22, the U.S. House of Representatives passed their budget reconciliation bill, the Big, Beautiful Bill Act (BBBA), by a 215-214 vote, ahead of the House Republican leadership's Memorial Day deadline. The bill now moves to the Senate, where Republican leadership is setting a July 4 deadline. The bill is the embodiment of President Trump and the Republican Congress' agenda, using the budget reconciliation process to overcome the Senate 60-vote filibuster typically imposed on legislation. It extends the expiring personal and business tax provisions of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 (TCJA), contains additional funding for border, defense, and energy infrastructure, and adjusts social safety net programs, notably Medicaid and Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP). Lawmakers initially proposed removing the tax-exempt status of municipal bonds as an offset, but that provision is not in the final package. Offsets that are in the House-passed bill include sunseting and tightening eligibility for some Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) clean energy tax credits, imposing an annual \$250 and \$100 registration fees for electric and hybrid vehicles respectively, and shifting more financial responsibility for Medicaid and SNAP to the states. If the Senate changes the bill, it must return to the House for another vote. The Senate is expected to release the bill details by the second week of June, with Committee leadership choosing whether or not to hold markup votes. The Senate Finance Committee, which oversees both tax and Medicaid issues, is the most closely watched for changes to the House version. Senate Majority Leader John Thune (R-SC) has a narrow path to change the bill in accordance with Senate priorities while still maintaining the delicate House balance. Congressional Republicans have chosen to address the expiring debt limit via their reconciliation bill. That means that if the July 4 deadline slips, Congress has just a few more weeks to pass the bill before the end of July and the annual August recess because the debt limit is set to expire by August.

Department of Justice Rescinds Sanctuary Jurisdiction List. On May 30, the Department of Justice released and then quickly rescinded a list of 'sanctuary jurisdictions,' following an April 28 executive order to publish this list for the purpose of withholding federal funding. The list included two Michigan cities, East Lansing and Ann Arbor, and six Michigan counties: Kalamazoo, Kent, Oakland, Washtenaw, Wayne and Wexford. The list was rescinded after backlash from law enforcement officials, notably the National Sheriffs' Association, explaining that the list was not produced with local input and, therefore, includes jurisdictions that do not have sanctuary policies. There is no formal definition for a 'sanctuary' policy, but it is understood to mean any policy limiting cooperation with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). The President originally signed an inaugural executive order proposing that federal funding be withheld from sanctuary jurisdictions, but it was blocked in district court through preliminary injunction, which was made permanent on May 28. The ruling differentiated, stating that the release of a sanctuary jurisdiction list is not blocked. Although the list was rescinded, a pair of Massachusetts cities also sued to prevent any efforts to withhold federal funding based on sanctuary policies. Like

other executive actions, it is expected that the Administration will appeal these cases to the Supreme Court.

President and Illinois Governor Move Invasive Carp Project. On May 9, President Trump signed a memorandum for the cabinet leaders of the Departments of Interior, Commerce, and the Army with the Administrator of the EPA to fully support preventing the spread of invasive carp. The memo follows a delay in the \$1.3 billion Army Corps of Engineers' Brandon Road Interbasin Project. In February, Illinois Governor Pritzker delayed property acquisition alleging that federal funding for the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) was frozen. Also on May 9, Pritzker praised the memorandum for expressing support for the project, and allowing for work to continue as previously planned. With that assurance, the IDNR announced on May 23 it successfully acquired the property needed for the project. The project invests in fish-propelling technologies, such as bubble curtains, electric fields, disorienting sounds, and other techniques in the carp-infested Illinois River to prevent invasive carp from accessing the Great Lakes. Alongside calling for an expedient completion to the project, the memo also directs EPA, Commerce, and Interior to prioritize infrastructure, research, and management in the Illinois River through the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force and Information System. The temporary freeze was likely caused by the incoming Administration's policy review, therefore, their finding that this funding is a priority indicates that the project will continue towards its 2032 completion deadline.

White House DOGE Initiative Continues Funding Freezes and Workforce Cuts. The Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) Initiative continues halting funds for review and reducing the federal workforce. In tandem, these actions are challenged and often blocked in federal courts. On the funding freeze, the Department of Labor announced a phased pause in operations and consequent review at Job Corps centers, including in Detroit, Flint, and Grand Rapids, starting June 30. The announcement pointed to a Job Corps transparency report that found the program is operating with a \$140 million yearly deficit, low success rate, and a reports of inappropriate behavior and violence. As funding freeze reviews are completed, some funds have been released, most notably those announced in a slew of EPA Brownfield program awards in May, including \$6.7 million for Michigan. In an inaugural executive order, the President explicitly targeted one program, the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) program, for a freeze and review. Like many other programs, A coalition of states led by Democratic Attorneys General and nonprofits sued the President in May over the NEVI freeze. In response, White House officials argue that Congress gave the Secretary the authority to pause obligations while it issues new program guidance. This will certainly be the Administration's defense in a lawsuit launched by the National Job Corps Association over the Job Corps program pause. On the workforce front, the Administration continues to pursue deferred-resignation deals, labor agreement removals, hiring practice changes, federal building closures, probationary employee firings, and cabinet-level Reduction in Force (RIF) and reorganization plans. On June 3, the Administration requested that the Supreme Court decide whether they can continue conducting RIFs and reorganizations. The U.S. Ninth Circuit federal court ruled that these contemplated plans cannot happen without Congress, while the Administration argues many of the plans are not finalized and are within the Office of Personnel and Management's legal powers. As a whole, the stated goal of reducing the workforce has been successful, but the most significant changes, probationary firings and RIF plans, will ultimately be decided by cases in front of the Supreme Court.



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Session Schedule

The House and Senate will both continue in regularly scheduled session through at least the end of June. The traditional several month summer break may not be in the works as the budget remains incomplete compared to past years. With divided government and new political dynamics, it is much more likely the budget is completed after summer break, likely sometime in September (more on this below). We would note that failure to complete a balanced state budget by Oct. 1 will lead to a government shutdown in Lansing.

CREC Estimates Slower Growth for Future Years

On May 16, the State held its annual May Consensus Revenue Estimating Conference (CREC) and economists presented to the state treasurer, budget director, lawmakers, and fiscal agencies on their best guess for state revenues moving forward. The result is roughly \$320.3M in less for FY 25-26 which will add more strain to the process of passing a state budget this year through a divided government. The CREC also lowered estimates for FY 26-27 by \$355M. This all points to a relatively sustained loss of revenue by small percentages over the next several years, but would note that it doesn’t show that Michigan’s revenues will be net negative - the lower expectations are essentially estimates of slower growth.

The Senate’s recently passed budget bills will now need to be evaluated to determine if they are fully balanced. The House, which was supposed to start introducing budget bills soon, will likely have to make further cuts to their first budgets to ensure they are balanced. And of course, we are still expecting House Republicans to significantly cut the budget (year over year) to pay for their roads plan and an income tax cut (approximately \$1.5B combined).

Economists and experts in part cited cratering consumer confidence as part of the ongoing issues with forecasting higher revenues. The ever-looming threat of tariffs and Trump administration moves that impact the broader economy are also hurting estimates. UofM economists cited a possible 1.8% reduction in domestic auto production and a loss of 13,000 jobs related to the auto industry as a result of tariffs. There seem to be general concerns that the labor market is tightening, which in turn means lower income tax revenues and ultimately fewer General Fund dollars. The School Aid Fund, which primarily funds education, has a much more stable picture over the next several years.

House, Senate Spar on Budget Post-CREC

Michigan’s state budget conversations have intensified following the May Consensus Revenue Estimating Conference (CREC), which revealed a projected General Fund shortfall for the 2025–26 fiscal year. This unexpected revenue decline has exacerbated tensions between the Republican-led House and



the Democratic-led Senate. House Speaker Matt Hall (R-Richland Township) has criticized the Senate's proposed budget, arguing it would result in a nearly \$1B deficit and underfund Medicaid by \$500 million, potentially jeopardizing healthcare coverage for 60,000 residents. In response, the House passed a resolution urging the Senate to retract its budget plan, citing concerns over fiscal responsibility.

Senate Democrats, led by Appropriations Chair Sarah Anthony (D-Lansing), defended their budget, emphasizing that it was based on the January CREC figures, a standard practice in the budgeting process. They argue that the House has yet to present a comprehensive budget proposal, hindering productive negotiations. Anthony and other Democrats accuse House Republicans of political posturing, noting that the House's earlier stopgap measure lacked funding for critical services, including the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), which oversees Medicaid. Amid these disputes, House Republicans are advocating for significant budget cuts to prioritize infrastructure spending.

Speaker Hall has proposed reducing allocations to economic development programs, arts and culture grants, and eliminating funding for vacant state employee positions, totaling over \$300 million in cuts. He argues that these reductions would allow for a \$3 billion increase in road funding without expanding the overall budget. Hall contends that such measures are necessary to align spending with the state's revenue projections and to avoid potential deficits.

The Mackinac Center for Public Policy has entered the fray by filing a lawsuit against the Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO), challenging the constitutionality of certain enhancement grants included in last fiscal year's budget. The lawsuit targets \$1.5M allocated to Jimmy John's Field in Utica and \$1M to Jackson Field in Lansing, arguing that these appropriations serve local or private purposes without the required two-thirds legislative approval. The outcome of this legal challenge could have major implications for future budget allocations and the legislative process.

The House hasn't publicly presented any of its budgets yet, which will likely occur the first several weeks of June. This points to a much longer budget negotiation process that will likely conclude closer to Fall than Spring.

Whitmer Seeks Semiconductor Chip Plant by 2026

Governor Whitmer has urged legislators to keep the pressure up to bring a major chip manufacturing project back to Michigan. The Governor gave remarks at Kettering University, formerly the General Motors Institute, an engineering-focused college in Flint. She highlighted two recent investments in the region, including SK Siltron's plant in Bay City and the Hemlock Semiconductor project in Saginaw Township. There was also a goal set to bring a major chip manufacturer to Michigan by 2026, something for which the Governor is working with legislators and the Trump administration on. Several news articles have highlighted that it will be difficult to convince a divided Legislature to create and pass new economic development mechanisms, particularly after recent bipartisan disapproval for the Strategic Outreach and Attraction Reserve (SOAR) Fund.



Bipartisan Senators Propose Major Expansion of Michigan's Homestead Property Tax Credit

Sen. Sarah Anthony (D-Lansing) and Sen. Michele Hoytenga (R-Manton) have introduced a bipartisan proposal to significantly expand the Homestead Property Tax Credit in Michigan, aiming to provide targeted relief to homeowners and renters enduring high housing costs. Under current law, the credit is capped for households earning up to \$60,700 and provides a maximum of \$1,700. The proposed reforms would increase eligibility to \$70,700 for single filers and \$141,400 for joint filers, raise the credit to \$2,000, and index it to inflation. For renters, the portion of rent counted toward the credit would rise from 23% to 25%.

The Senators estimate the reforms could add 250,000 new claimants, expanding access to a program that has supported Michigan residents for over fifty years. Anthony emphasized the proposal's potential to promote economic stability and housing affordability, particularly for working families and seniors. Sen. Hoytenga, one of the Senate's most conservative members, framed the bill as a practical response to rising living costs that are straining household budgets. The proposal has earned support from the Michigan Association of Realtors, which sees it as a tool for strengthening communities amid increasing property values. The effort represents a rare cross-party collaboration on tax relief, bridging urban and rural interests.

Legislature Extends Personal Finance Filing Deadlines

With ongoing struggles for the new Michigan Transparency Network (MiTN) system at Secretary of State, the House moved to extend deadlines and allow submissions by email for legislators. The bills are the first pieces of legislation to move through both chambers since the term started in January other than the changes to the Earned Sick Time Act and minimum wage.

[SB 99](#) and [100](#) were amended to create updated forms with some new requirements for legislators and candidates to submit their financial information. Elected officials and candidates will be required to include more transparency around assets than the past statute, and the deadline will be set to June 13 to allow people more time to prepare their filings. Both bills passed the House by a large margin: 104-2 for SB 99, and 105-1 for SB 100. There were negotiations behind the scenes between SML Brinks and Speaker Hall, indicating there may be a little daylight on moving bills that are less controversial. Governor Whitmer quickly signed the bills within days of passage, citing bipartisanship and transparency reasons.

Senate GOP Introduces 2023 Energy Repeal Bills

A five-bill package was introduced by Senate Republicans to repeal the state's renewable energy and utility-scale siting law passed by the legislature in 2023. The bills were referred to the Senate Government Operations Committee, where they join the House-passed siting repeal bills (HB 4027 - 4028). Senate Democratic leadership has indicated they are unlikely to consider this legislation.

AG; SOS Benson Violated Law with Gov Launch Event

A ruling from the state's Attorney General has determined Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson violated the Michigan Campaign Finance Act (MCFA) regarding her announcement for Governor, where she announced inside the Richard Austin Building. Initially, SOS Benson said that the building was open to any candidate and thus allowable, but it was later determined by the AG that the building is operated by



the state's Department of Technology, Management, and Budget (DTMB), which bans partisan events. Ultimately, the AG doesn't have a statutory remedy to penalize the Benson campaign; that responsibility falls to the Secretary of State, and it remains to be seen if any penalties will occur.

Election Docs Dispute Sees Contempt Ruling

The ongoing tussle between the House Republican leadership and Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson over the SOS's refusal to turn over certain election training documents has turned into the House holding Secretary Benson in contempt. The House Oversight Committee had already subpoenaed these documents, but the failure to provide the documents has prompted the move. The next step for House Republicans would be to pursue litigation in court seeking an order from a judge for the SOS to comply with the subpoena.

Oversight, GenGov Tackle MiTN System

Recently, the House Oversight Committee and the House General Government Budget Subcommittee met in a joint meeting to scrutinize the foundering Michigan Transparency Network (MiTN) system at the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State's Chief of Staff, Tina Anderson, and several executives from Tyler Technologies (the state's vendor for the project) spoke about the project. The legislature noted significant failings of the system, including a limited ability to file legally required reports, clunky operations, and a lack of data access for reporters and the public. The hearing is available [online here](#) and saw both Republican and Democratic members asking tough questions regarding the state's \$9M contract with Tyler Technologies. SOS staff have stated there will be no additional payments to Tyler Technologies until the system sees fixes and improvements.

Former Staffer Indicted on Embezzlement Charges

David Coker, a former aide to then-Speaker of the House Jason Wentworth (R-Clare), was indicted in May after a multi-year investigation into a \$25M grant for a non-profit he was running. The grant, which was a no-bid award, had been under investigation for years. Initially reviewed by the Department of Health and Human Services then by the Department of Attorney General who has filed charges. Former Speaker Wentworth, who's since been term-limited, and incumbent State Rep. Tom Kunse (R-Clare) were cleared of wrongdoing and reportedly cooperated with investigators. The non-profit was supposed to deliver a health campus in Clare, but it's since come to light none of the funds were appropriately expended. Speaker Hall has cited the case as an example of why the House has moved to a more transparent system for legislatively directed spending.

House Passes Foreign Influence Limits Legislation

The House passed a broad package of bills to limit potential foreign influence from "entities of concern" in Michigan. This includes restrictions on [ownership of land](#), access to economic development [incentives](#), storage of [medical records](#), prohibit apps like TikTok from [state devices](#), and [educational partnerships](#). Many of the bills saw bipartisan support, but face an uncertain future in the Senate. The seven countries making up foreign entities of concern include: Russia, China, Iran, North Korea, Cuba, Syria, and Venezuela.



House Passes Bills on RICE Generation

In May, the House passed two bills ([HB 4007](#) and [HB 4283](#)) that would amend the Clean and Renewable Energy and Energy Waste Reduction Act. The bills would allow Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engine (RICE) Generation to count as clean energy and allow them to by-pass the majority of the clean and renewable energy standards until 2050. These standards were recently adopted in the last major rewrite of energy laws last legislative session.

The bills that passed the House have pitted environmental groups against union groups; environmental groups were opposed to calling RICE generation clean energy and rolling back standards, while unions were concerned about losing mining jobs in the UP as a result of increased utility costs. This dichotomy had the effect of evenly splitting the democratic caucus. As a result, the bills passed with wide margins- 82-27 (HB 4007) and 83-26 (HB 4283). The bills have been sent to the Senate, but have not yet been assigned a committee there. They face a somewhat uncertain future as the bills may receive less support from the Governor and the Senate.

Whitmer Report Shows 700k Michiganders Impacted If Medicaid Cuts Pass

[A report](#) commissioned by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer warns that over 700,000 residents could lose Medicaid coverage if proposed federal budget cuts are enacted. The report, produced by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), evaluates the potential effects of various Republican-led congressional proposals, including reduced federal matching rates, reforms to provider taxes, reintroduction of work requirements, and the implementation of per-capita caps or block grants. These changes could result in billions in lost federal funding, destabilize rural hospitals, and jeopardize access to care for vulnerable populations such as seniors, veterans, and people with disabilities. Whitmer condemned the proposed cuts as harmful and urged Congress to preserve Medicaid funding to protect 2.6M Michiganders who rely on it.

NRC Tables Year-Round Coyote Hunting

After putting off the issue last month, the state's Natural Resources Commission voted to indefinitely postpone the reinstatement of year-round coyote hunting in a May meeting. This is a hot topic in hunting and conservation circles which came up when the NRC moved to a nine-month July to April season for hunting. This prevents hunters from orphaning newborn pups during coyotes' denning season. Hunting groups opposed the change, arguing that coyotes are a nuisance animal and that state regs don't go far enough to manage the animals.

MI Population Numbers Up

Detroit saw nearly 7,000 new residents in the last year, showing its second year of positive population growth in a row - with over 11,000 new residents to the city in the last two years. This brings Detroit close to an estimated 650,000 residents. Several other areas saw strong growth, including a number of townships in Macomb, Oakland, and Washtenaw counties. Bridge Michigan published an article with some of the high growth communities [listed here](#).



Political Updates

Byrum Files for Secretary of State

Former State Representative and current Ingham County Clerk Barb Byron (D-East Lansing) has filed for Secretary of State as a Democrat for 2026. SOS Benson is term-limited and seeking the governorship. Clerk Byrum faces current Deputy Secretary of State Aghogho Edevbie and potentially others at the Democratic Convention. We would note that the AG, SOS, and State University Board positions are selected by their respective parties at a nominating convention rather than the traditional primary system.

Moss Files in MI-11

State Senator Jeremy Moss (D-Southfield) filed for US Congress with the pending vacancy caused by Congresswoman Haley Stevens seeking the US Senate. The seat is considered safe for Democrats and remains to be seen if Sen. Moss will face primary opposition: Oakland County Commission Chair Dave Woodward and former U.S. Rep. Andy Levin are rumored to be considering runs as well.

Sen. Moss' seat coming open is a big opportunity for a Democrat to win this safe seat in the State Senate. Several rumored names to replace him include Rep. Noah Arbit (D-Bloomfield), Rep. Jason Hoskins (D-Southfield), and potentially several more.

Similarly, in the neighboring State Senate district currently held by Sen. Mallory McMorrow (D-Royal Oak) a potential primary is also brewing with State House members looking to backfill the soon to be open seat with McMorrow running for US Senate. Rep. Regina Weiss (D-Oak Park) and Rep. Nathalie Price (D-Berkley) are both rumored as candidates. This is considered a safe seat for Democrats.