

# **SEMCOG** Information

**Meeting Minutes  
Executive Committee  
SEMCOG Office, 1001 Woodward Ave., Ste. 1400, Detroit, MI 48226  
January 31, 2025**

## **A. Call to Order**

Gwen Markham, Commissioner, Oakland County, Executive Committee Chairperson, called the Executive Committee meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

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

Ms. Markham opened the meeting by welcoming new county delegates and alternates to the Executive Committee; and by noting SEMCOG's newest member Oceola Township.

### **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 Diana MicKnight-Morton, Trustee, Washtenaw Community College, 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 - September 20, 2024; Receipt of Financial Statements - October 2024; Work Program amendment for WATS/AAATA FY25 Unified Work Program (UWP) to include the City of Saline's project, budget neutral; FY2024-2025 Work Program amendment adding funding for the collection of sponsorships for SEMCOG-hosted events; and FY 2024-2025 Work Program amendment adding work related to proposed ballot initiatives, including the AxMITax initiative.

Yousef Rabhi, Commissioner, Washtenaw County, requested to remove "FY2024-2025 Work Program amendment adding funding for the collection of sponsorships for SEMCOG-hosted events" from the Consent Resolution for discussion. Ms. Markham removed the item from the Consent Resolution and stated that this item would be discussed and considered for approval later in the meeting under "Report from SEMCOG Executive Director, Amy O'Leary."

**Motion** by Anne Marie Graham-Hudak, Supervisor, Canton Township, to approve the remaining 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: an overview of the SEMCOG 101 workshop in February; announcement of the 2025 Member Outreach Meetings and Executive Committee Delegate and Alternate elections to occur in February and March; announcement of the application period for 2025 Taubman Fellowships; SEMCOG's 2025 Regional Showcase Award Call for Projects; 2025 Regional Ambassador Award nominations; and update on SEMCOG's Location Analysis and Visitation Tool; and an update on the activities of SEMCOG's Healthy Climate Task Force.

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

Ms. Markham introduced Philip Weipert, Commissioner, Oakland County, who provided the Nominating Committee report.

**Motion** by Philip Weipert, Commissioner, Oakland County, to elect Joe LaRussa, Mayor, City of Farmington, and Frank Viviano, Supervisor, Macomb Township, as SEMCOG Vice-Chairs. The **motion** carried by electronic vote.

**F. Featured Presentation: Daniel Mahoney, Corporate and Government Affairs Director, DTE Energy**

Ms. Markham introduced Daniel Mahoney, Corporate and Government Affairs Director, DTE Energy, who presented on DTE's work with local governments to: Increase reliability/make system upgrades and reduce response times; Lead an energy transition process, and the timing of the process; Coordinate infrastructure projects and align work such as tree trimming with other utility work; and Talk about how DTE is supporting local and regional economic development activities. After his presentation, Mr. Mahoney answered questions from Executive Committee members.

**G. SEMCOG 2025-2026 Legislative Priorities**

Ms. Markham introduced Mike Compagnoni and Adam Wright, Government Relations, Midwest Strategy Group, who presented SEMCOG's 2025-2026 Legislative Priorities, identifying those priorities that are well-positioned in the current legislative session. Mr. Compagnoni and Mr. Wright then asked for input on these priorities and answered questions from Executive Committee members.

**H. Report from Transportation Coordinating Council: Michael Lesich, Mayor, City of Fraser**

Ms. Markham introduced Michael Lesich, Mayor, City of Fraser, who presented a report that included two action items: Approval of transportation performance management (TPM) targets for pavement condition, bridge condition, and National Highway System reliability; and Approval of federally required transportation performance management (TPM) targets for safety.

**Motion** by Michael Lesich, Mayor, City of Fraser, to approve transportation performance management (TPM) targets for pavement condition, bridge condition, and National Highway System reliability. The **motion** carried by electronic vote.

**Motion** by Michael Lesich, Mayor, City of Fraser, to approve federally required transportation performance management (TPM) targets for safety. The **motion** carried by electronic vote.

**I. Report from SEMCOG Executive Director, Amy O’Leary**

Ms. Markham introduced Amy O’Leary, Executive Director, SEMCOG, who provided additional information on the Consent Resolution item “FY2024-2025 Work Program amendment adding funding for the collection of sponsorships for SEMCOG-hosted events” that was removed from the Consent Resolution earlier in the meeting. Ms. O’Leary answered questions from Committee members about this agenda item.

After discussion, **Motion** by Chris Barnett, Supervisor, Orion Township, to approve a FY2024-2025 Work Program amendment adding funding for the collection of sponsorships for SEMCOG-hosted events. The **motion** carried by electronic vote.

Ms. O’Leary provided an update on the following items:

- State and Federal Legislative updates and upcoming SEMCOG legislative engagement events;
- An overview of recent Federal Directives impacting SEMCOG’s funding programs and work;
- An update on the Federal Recertification of SEMCOG’s Transportation Programs;
- A recap of the Regional Review Committee meeting held earlier in the day;
- A notice of February 2 as Wetlands Day and information about SEMCOG’s Wetland Mapper Tool and Storymap;
- Welcome to new SEMCOG staff members; and
- Upcoming SEMCOG events and training opportunities.

**J. Upcoming Meetings**

Ms. Markham reviewed the following upcoming SEMCOG meetings:

**Executive Committee** – Friday, February 28, 2025, SEMCOG Offices (Detroit)

**General Assembly** - Thursday, March 20, 2025, Michigan Central Station (Detroit)

**K. Adjourn**

There being no further business, the Executive Committee was adjourned at 2:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'MS', is positioned above the name of the signatory.

Michael Spence  
Committee Clerk

**Executive Committee Meeting Attendance  
January 31, 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**

Immediate Past – 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

Mark Hackel, County Executive, Macomb County

**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**

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**

**Frank Viviano, Supervisor, Macomb 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:**

Aundrea Armstrong, Deputy Administrator/CFO, Monroe County

Scott Barb, Planning Director, Livingston County

**Scott Benson, Councilmember, District 3, City of Detroit**

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

**Kathy Hayman, Mayor, City of Marysville**

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

Brendan Johnson, Commissioner, District 4, Oakland County

Andrew Kandreas, 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

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**

Anita Ashford, Mayor, City of Port Huron

Bill Bazzi, Mayor, City of Dearborn Heights

Mike Campagnoni, Government Relations, Midwest Strategy Group

Nachun Eichenhorn

Frank Fogarty, Board of Review, City of South Lyon

Steve Kennedy, Mayor, City of South Lyon  
Erik Rick, Commissioner, City of Mount Clemens  
Phil Rode  
Melissa Roy, Roy Public Affairs Management  
Shiva Shahmir  
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  
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  
Bryan O'Connor, Executive Assistant  
Amy O'Leary, Executive Director  
Rebecca Osborne, Specialist, Membership II  
Bailee Pasienza, Planner I, Environment and Infrastructure  
Brian Pawlik, Planner III, Transportation Modeling and Mobility  
April Scales, Specialist, Web  
Jacque'l Smith, Manager, Information Technology  
Michael Spence, Manager, Government Affairs  
Susan Stefanski, Specialist, Membership III  
David Struck, Planner III, Economic and Community Vitality  
Ann C. VanSlembrouck, Manager, Data Analysis  
Kevin Vettraino, Director, Planning  
Kirsten Wolfe, Manager, Finance