

SEMCOG 2023-2024 Legislative Policy Platform Task Force**Meeting Summary**

Monday, November 14, 2022

10 a.m.-12-Noon

Chairperson: Frank Viviano, Supervisor, Macomb Township

Vice-Chairperson: Robert McCraight, Mayor, City of Romulus

Note: This task force convened in-person at the SEMCOG offices. SEMCOG's Washington Lobbyists joined the meeting via Zoom.

A. Welcome and Introductions*Frank Viviano, Supervisor, Macomb Township*

Mr. Viviano called the meeting to order and reviewed housekeeping items. Mr. Viviano introduced himself and then asked task force members, SEMCOG staff, and others present to introduce themselves.

B. Recap of Task Force Objectives and Timeline*Frank Viviano, Supervisor, Macomb Township*

Mr. Viviano reviewed the charge of the task force, emphasizing that the policies to be discussed and considered by the task force should be within SEMCOG's issue areas of transportation, environment, community and economic development, and education. Mr. Viviano also reviewed the remaining items in task force's timeline.

C. Final Review of the SEMCOG 2025-2026 Legislative Policy Platform*Frank Viviano, Supervisor, Macomb Township*

Mr. Viviano led final review and discussion of SEMCOG's 2025-2026 Legislative Policy Platform.

Discussion included two revisions:

- Remove parenthetical from the following policy, to avoid misinterpretation:
Minimize activities and support legislation to address the negative impacts on air and water quality for protection of public health and natural assets (e.g., ~~known traditional sources of pollution and unknown sources like from climate engineering programs~~).
- Replace "Advocacy" narrative with the following, to reflect SEMCOG's partnerships and coalition work:
Advancing SEMCOG's bipartisan legislative priorities depends on the active support of SEMCOG members, partners, and coalitions across the region, state, and nation. Strengthening and expanding our relationships with federal and State legislators and regulators is vital to championing the interests of our communities, Southeast Michigan, and the State of Michigan. SEMCOG offers this Legislative Policy Platform to empower community leaders, along with our staff experts, to effectively engage with representatives in Lansing and Washington.

After discussion, **MOTION** by Chris Barnett, Supervisor, Orion Township, to recommend Executive Committee Approval of the 2025-2026 SEMCOG Legislative Policy Platform. The **MOTION** carried.

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D. Outlook for the 2025-2026 Legislative Session

State: Mike Compagnoni and Adam Wright, Government Relations, Midwest Strategy Group

Federal: Andy Buczek and Mary Beth McGowan, Dykema Government Policy Advisors

SEMCOG's partners at Midwest Strategy Group and Dykema reviewed state and federal election results and discussed how SEMCOG's issue areas are likely to resonate in the upcoming legislative session. Task Force members engaged in a discussion with the lobbyists and were given an opportunity to share their priorities for the upcoming session.

E. Questions and Next Steps

Frank Viviano, Supervisor, Macomb Township

Mr. Viviano thanked the task force members, Vice Chairperson McCraight, and SEMCOG staff for their participation and discussion throughout the process of developing the legislative platform.

Attendance

Below is a list of Legislative Task Force members. Members present at this meeting are indicated by bold typeface:

Task Force Chair: Frank Viviano, Supervisor, Macomb Township

Task Force Vice-Chair: Robert McCraight, Mayor, City of Romulus

Aundrea Armstrong, Deputy Administrator/CFO, Monroe County

Monique Baker McCormick, Commissioner, District 6, Wayne County

Chris Barnett, Supervisor, Charter Township of Orion

Emily Bauman, Councilmember, City of Westland

Erica Briggs, Councilmember, Ward 5, City of Ann Arbor

Maureen Miller Brosnan, Mayor, City of Livonia

Charlie Cavell, Commissioner, District 19 Oakland County

Robert Clark, Mayor, City of Monroe

Sharlan Douglas, Commissioner, City of Royal Oak

Robb Drzewicki, Director of Government Affairs, City of Livonia

Michele Economou Ureste, Executive Director, Workforce Intelligence Network

Roslyn Grafstein, Mayor, City of Madison Heights

Lisa Hicks-Clayton, Treasurer, City of Dearborn Heights

Donald Hubler, Secretary, Board of Education Macomb ISD

Eunice Jeffries, Director, Government And Community Affairs Oakland Community College

Valerie Kindle, Mayor, City of Harper Woods

Laura Kropp, Mayor, City of Mount Clemens

Jan Lobur, Councilmember, City of Howell

Brian Marl, Mayor, City of Saline

Nicole McKee, Director, Government & Institutional Relations, Macomb Community College

Gregory Pitoniak, Chief Executive Officer, Southeast Michigan Community Alliance

Al Prieur, Deputy Supervisor, Bedford Township

Craig Puckett, Director of Legislative Affairs, Conference Of Western Wayne

Yousef Rabhi, Commissioner, District 8 Washtenaw County

David Randels, Executive Director, Oakland Schools ISD

Jason Smith, City Manager, City of Belleville

Lori Stone, Mayor, City of Warren

Dani Walsh, Supervisor, Charter Township Of Bloomfield

Lev Wood, Councilmember, City of Grosse Pointe Farms

Guests

Don Boynton, Jr., Trustee, Van Buren Township

Irma Hayes, Economic and Community Development, City of Harper Woods

Mark Monohon, Trustee, Waterford Township

SEMCOG Staff and Lobbyists in attendance

Andy Buczek, Government Policy Advisor, Dykema

Mike Compagnoni, Government Relations, Midwest Strategy Group

Laurie Huber, Workforce Intelligence Network

Naheed Huq, Manager, SEMCOG Community and Economic Development

Trevor Layton, Manager, Communications, SEMCOG

Amy Malmer, Manager, Membership, SEMCOG

Mary Beth McGowan, Government Policy Advisor, Dykema

Amy O'Leary, Executive Director, SEMCOG

Michael Snider, Legislative Specialist, Dykema

Michael Spence, Manager, SEMCOG Government Affairs

Sheryl Theriot, Director, External Affairs, SEMCOG

Kevin Vettraino, Planning Director, SEMCOG