

SEMCOG 2025-2026 Legislative Policy Platform Task Force**Meeting Summary**

Thursday, September 26, 2024

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 related to the room microphones and ensuring that the Zoom attendees were able to participate in the discussion.

Mr. Viviano and Mr. McCraight introduced themselves and then asked task force members, SEMCOG staff, and others present to introduce themselves.

B. Recap of Task Force Objectives and Timeline*Robert McCraight, Mayor, City of Romulus*

Mr. McCraight 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. McCraight then reviewed the remaining items in task force's timeline.

C. Discussion of Proposed Policies*Frank Viviano, Supervisor, Macomb Township*

Mr. Viviano led the task force in a discussion of policies proposed for inclusion in SEMCOG's 2025-2026 Legislative Policy Platform. Discussion included revisions to several policies to emphasize the actions being requested of legislators and regulators, with specific recommendations to improve and clarify policy language. Michael Spence, SEMCOG Government Affairs Manager, revised some of the proposed policies in real-time per task force discussion, while making notes for follow-up on policies that needed additional revisions prior to the task force's final meeting on November 14, 2024. Mr. Viviano stated that the revised policies will be shared as part of the draft policy platform, in advance of the task force's November 14, 2024 meeting. The task force will have an opportunity to provide final recommendations at that meeting and will also engage in a priority-setting discussion with SEMCOG's federal and state lobbyists.

D. Questions and Next Steps*Frank Viviano, Supervisor, Macomb Township*

Mr. Viviano thanked the task force members for their participation and discussion. Mr. Viviano stated that a follow-up mailing would be sent to all task force members and reminded them to register for the November meeting.

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

SEMCOG Chairperson: Mandy Grewal, Supervisor, Pittsfield Charter Township

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

Pauline Repp, Mayor, City of Port Huron

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

SEMCOG Staff in attendance

Jenya Abramovich, Planner III, SEMCOG

Jaylyn King, Staff Assistant, Planning, SEMCOG

Trevor Layton, Manager, Communications, SEMCOG

Amy Malmer, Manager, Membership, SEMCOG

Amy O'Leary, Executive Director, SEMCOG

Michael Spence, Manager, Government Affairs, SEMCOG

David Struck, Planner III, SEMCOG

Vince Synowicz, Accountant II, SEMCOG

Sheryl Theriot, Director, External Affairs, SEMCOG

Kevin Vettraino, Planning Director, SEMCOG

SEMCOG Lobbyists in attendance

Mary Beth McGowan, Government Policy Advisor, Dykema

Mike Compagnoni, Government Relations, Midwest Strategy Group

Adam Wright, Government Relations, Midwest Strategy Group