



# WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 16, 2025

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

### I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### II. ROLL CALL

A session of the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners was held at the Administration Building, in the City of Ann Arbor, Michigan, on April 16, 2025.

The meeting was called to order at 07:04 PM by Comm. Scott, Chair of the Board of Commissioners.

Members Present: Comms. Justin Hodge, Andy LaBarre, Crystal Lyte, Jason Maciejewski, Yousef Rabhi, Caroline Sanders, Katie Scott, Annie Somerville

Members Absent: Comms. Shannon Beeman

Others Present Greg Dill, County Administrator; Andrew DeLeeuw, Deputy County Administrator; Michelle Billard, Corporation Counsel; Tina Gavalier & Catherine Jones-Alther, Finance; Guillermo Hernandez, Director of Human Resources; Brady Peck, Director of Operations; Terrence Williams, Administration; Jeff Rose, ITS; Ashley Hall, BOC Communications and Operations Manager; Ashlyn Poole, Clerk's Office; and members of the public.

### III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. Maryann Perrone, Ann Arbor, spoke about protecting human and civil rights. She spoke about the visit from Homeland Security to the county buildings. She thanked the commissioners for their opposition to the request from Homeland Security.

Christine Florentine Rico, Scio Twp., *spoke* about immigration policy and county ID programs and thanked the commissioners for the municipal ID program giving immigrants basic rights.

Diana Gonzalez, Ypsilanti, spoke about her fears for herself, her family, and her clients. She asked the commissioners to stand in any way they could.

Glen Nelson, Ann Arbor, thanked the commissioners for their work helping vulnerable people. He spoke about the contributions of the immigrants to the community.

Laura Sanders, Dexter Twp., spoke about immigration and spoke about her work to help create the County ID program. She spoke about the benefits of the program. She expressed her solidarity with the board.

Amy Krochek, Ann Arbor, thanked the commissioners and urged the board to use all available avenues to keep residents' information safe.

Latitia Lamelle Sharp, Washtenaw County Treasurer's Office, Ypsilanti Twp. expressed support from her and the Treasurer's office.

Jeff Trenton, Pittsfield Twp., spoke on behalf of the Washtenaw Healthy Aging Collective about recommendations for investments to improve the lives of seniors.

James Mccarter, Dexter, spoke about the immigration issue and expressed his support for the commissioner's stand.

Dirk Mayhew, Ann Arbor, spoke more about the deportations and the immigration issue.

Rima Mohammad, Ypsilanti Twp., spoke about the immigration issue and her feelings of a lack of safety. She thanked the Board for their actions and expressed her support.

Kristine Abouzahr, Webster Twp., thanked the commissioners for doing the right thing and exploring their options regarding immigration.

Joseph Care, Ann Arbor, talked about his work at a refugee camp and talked about the importance of local government. He asked the Board to make efforts to protect personal information.

James Iodi, Ann Arbor, spoke about his disappointment with Elisa Slotkin and spoke about the immigration issue and immigrants' contributions to the community.

Jane Doe, Pittsfield Twp., expressed her appreciation for the work that the Board does and asked for transparency for the community.

Emily Royce, spoke about her frustrations with the current Administration and asked the Board to look for ways to address the request from the administration that protects the immigrant community.

Nathaniel Growlick, Ann Arbor, spoke about the immigration issue.

Romeo Martinez, Ann Arbor, shared his experience with immigration agents. He spoke about feeling unsafe and thanked the commissioners for their actions.

Rita Ben, Ann Arbor, spoke on behalf of the immigrant community in Washtenaw. She urged the commissioners to do the right thing regarding immigration.

George Famy, Ann Arbor, spoke about the current administration and the immigration issue and the need for the community to stand together.

Carolyn Stark, Ann Arbor, spoke on behalf of protecting children and the cruelty toward children in the previous Trump administration. She also spoke about immigrant concerns about records that the clerk's office has.

Joe Doe, Ann Arbor, spoke about the federal government and his view that the federal government has become illegitimate. Urged the Board not to cooperate with the

administration.

Tanya Soto, Ann Arbor, spoke about her family's personal experience with the prison camps in El Salvador and spoke about immigration.

Elayna, Ann Arbor, spoke about the immigration issue and the impact on her partner and how the county ID program impacts him and his safety.

Don Hart, Scio Twp., spoke about the immigration issue and the benefits of immigrants to the community. He asked the commissioners to be creative with compliance.

Larry Horts, Ann Arbor, spoke about his experience with different cultures. He spoke about the immigration issue and upholding the constitution. He thanked the commissioners for their service in the past and for the future.

Max Austin, Washtenaw County, expressed his confusion with the current times and asked the commissioners to advocate for democracy. He thanked the commissioners for their work.

Benjamin Frye, Ann Arbor, shared his story of being raised by immigrants. He expressed his pride in the community and shared his concerns about the community being under attack. He asked the commissioners not to capitulate.

Speaker, Ann Arbor, expressed her agreement with her fellow students. She spoke about the risks to immigrants advocating for human rights issues. She spoke about the connections between the immigrant community in Ann Arbor and the student advocates for Palestine.

Mari Fisher, Ypsilanti, urged the Board to protect the rights of immigrants facing criminal charges.

Laura, Ann Arbor spoke about her anger and fear for her friends. She spoke about history being removed and expressed her anger with U of M.

Liam, Ann Arbor, spoke about the immigration issue. He asked the Board to continue to have morals.

GiGi Jones, Ypsilanti Twp., encouraged the Board to stand up to the administration.

Shawn, Ypsilanti, spoke about his service and spoke about finding courage before violence and before things fall apart.

Jeremy Haley, Ypsilanti Twp., spoke about the immigration issue and asked the commissioners to do the right thing.

Anonymous, spoke about the immigration issue and spoke about standing up against tyranny and spoke about the president's wife and Elon Musk being immigrants.

Misha, Ann Arbor, spoke about the immigration issue and the HUD program. She encouraged everyone to use all the resources that they have.

Anonymous, spoke about her fear for her friends regarding the immigration issue. She thanked the Board for their current actions.

Julius Hemmings, spoke about the fear at the U of M law school and asked the board to take a risk for their beliefs.

Erin Rhodes, Ypsilanti Twp., spoke about the difference between the legal and moral and asked the Board to continue to do the right thing regarding immigration.

Ben Pinette, Ann Arbor, commended the public speakers on behalf of himself and the sheriff's office. He expressed that the sheriff's office is not working with or cooperating with immigration.

Debbie Dingell, Ann Arbor, spoke about democracy and the constitution. She spoke about fighting for freedom.

Sheriff Alyshia Dyer, Washtenaw County Sheriff's office, expressed the sheriff's office's solidarity with the community.

Comm. Shannon Beeman, expressed her support for the board.

JM, Scio Twp., expressed her support for the commissioner's standing up to immigration.

James Rivard, Chelsea, thanked the board for not releasing immigrant records and urged the board not to do so.

Beatriz Brockey, Ann Arbor, spoke about her family and her fears about immigration. She spoke about the inspiration that the meeting turnout has given her.

Gary Lowe, Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office, expressed his appreciation for the community support and expressed his solidarity with the police department and the board of commissioners.

Juan, Ypsilanti, spoke about the actions of the federal government and spoke about his concerns as an undocumented immigrant. He thanked all who came to speak.

Cryss Campbell read a poem by Langston Hughes and spoke about the immigration issue and expressed her solidarity with the immigrant community.

KJ spoke about the county ID program and how providing the information could affect non-immigrants as well.

Adriana M., Chelsea, spoke about the immigration issue, and she spoke about the women immigrants who have to provide for their households and take care of children. She encouraged the board to look at monetary resources to assist single immigrant mothers. She encouraged people to support immigrant resource organizations.

#### IV. COMMISSIONER FOLLOW-UP TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Comm. LaBarre expressed appreciation for everyone getting up to speak and express support and spoke about past strong public participation. He spoke about his commitment to resist the current administration.

Comm. Rabhi thanked all the speakers and spoke about the significance of the Washtenaw County ID program. He spoke about his family's challenges and fighting for causes. He spoke about fear and the need to stick together.

Comm. Lyte thanked everyone for coming out. She spoke about her faith and being against fear. She expressed her solidarity with her colleagues. She asked for grace from the community.

Comm. Hodge thanked everyone for coming out. He commended everyone for their courage. He spoke about the cohesion of the messages from the community.

Comm. Somerville expressed her solidarity with the community. She played a song to help express her thoughts.

Comm. Maciejewski thanked everyone for speaking and spoke about the turnout for public comment. He spoke about his family members fleeing from Germany and Poland and fighting in WWII.

Chair. Scott spoke about the public comments and expressed her love for the community and shared a personal story about practicing hospitality. She spoke about the way that the county will move forward according to their values.

County Administrator Dill, spoke about his pride in the community and stated that administration would work and to make the residents of the community proud.

Comm. Rabhi expressed the need for the community in the Board's next steps.

Chair Scott asked people to keep showing up to express their thoughts.

#### V. LIAISON REPORTS

#### VI. REPORT FROM THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

#### VII. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

#### VIII. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

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#### IX. APPOINTMENTS

1. **25-074** Comm. Hodge, seconded by Comm. Somerville, moved that a resolution appointing a member to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 8 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1. Motion carried.
2. **25-075** Comm. Hodge, seconded by Comm. Somerville, moved that a resolution appointing a member to the Building Code/Construction Board of Appeals be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 8 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1. Motion carried.
3. **25-074** Comm. Hodge, seconded by Comm. Somerville, moved that a resolution appointing a member to the Regional Transit Authority to represent Washtenaw County be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 8 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1. Motion carried.

#### X. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Comm. Hodge, seconded by Comm. Somerville, moved that the minutes of the April 2, 2025 meeting of the Board of Commissioners be approved. Voice vote - motion carried. (Complete report is on file in the County Clerk/Register's Office.)
2. **R-0021** RECEIVED: April 4, 2025: Office of Community & Economic Development: Barrier Busters March 2025 BOC Winter Housing Response Fund Report  
**R-0022** RECEIVED: April 4, 2025: MLive: Woodlawn News Article highlighting the work of the Historic District Commission

Comm. Hodge, seconded by Comm. Somerville, moved that the communications be received and dealt with as recommended. Voice vote - motion carried. (Complete report is on file in the County Clerk/Register's Office.)

3. Comm. Hodge, seconded by Comm. Somerville, moved that the following reports be received: Report of Standing Committees. Voice vote - motion carried. (Complete report is on file in the County Clerk/Register's Office.)
4. Comm. Hodge, seconded by Comm. Somerville, moved that the following reports be received: Report of Special Committees. Voice vote - motion carried. (Complete report is on file in the County Clerk/Register's Office.)
5.
  - A. Comm. Hodge, seconded by Comm. Somerville, moved that the following reports be received: A report on contracts in the amount of \$25,000 and under from March 25, 2025 through April 8, 2025. Voice vote - motion carried. (Complete report is on file in the County Clerk/Register's Office.)
  - B. Comm. Hodge, seconded by Comm. Somerville, moved that the following reports be received: A report from the Washtenaw County Road Commission on the summary of service requests for the month of March 2025  
 . Voice vote - motion carried. (Complete report is on file in the County Clerk/Register's Office.)

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#### XI. RESOLUTIONS

1.

- A. Comm. Somerville expressed her support for the resolution.

Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Somerville, moved that a resolution ratifying the proposal for the Financial Empowerment Center Legacy Implementation Grant, from the Office of Community and Economic Development be approved.

2.

- A. **25-077** Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that a resolution to ratify the application of a grant application to the United States Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) for a Hazard Mitigation Plan from the Resiliency Office. be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 8 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1. Motion carried.
- B. **25-078** Comm. Rabhi asked for the status on the changes that he asked to be made. Comm. Scott assured that she would write a letter on behalf of the board with the help of Corporation Counsel. Toni Kayumi, OCED, also shared that each grant recipient wrote a letter about how the county would be acknowledged.

Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that a resolution approving the final recommendation of award recipients for RFP 8749, "New Human Partnership Mini-Grants", from the Office of Community and Economic Development be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 8 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1. Motion carried.

3.

- A. **25-079** Comm. Rabhi commented on the valuation on the county. Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that a resolution approving the 2025 Washtenaw County Equalization Report from Equalization be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 8 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1. Motion carried.
- B. **25-080** Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that a resolution approving and adopting the 2025 calendar for the 2026-2029 Quadrennial Budget from Finance be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 8 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1. Motion carried.
- C. **25-081** Comm. Rabhi expressed his appreciation for the staff but stated that he would vote no on the resolution because of the changes made to the length of public comment.

Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge moved that a resolution adopting amended bylaws for the Local Emergency Planning Committee be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 6 NAYS 2 ABSENT 1. Motion carried.

- D. **25-082** Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that A resolution declaring international compost awareness week be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 8 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1. Motion carried.
- E. **25-083** Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that a resolution honoring the 50th Anniversary of the Washtenaw Area Council for Children be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 8 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1. Motion carried.
- F. **25-084** Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that a resolution recognizing April 28, 2025 as Workers Memorial Day in Washtenaw County be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 8 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1. Motion carried.

- G. **25-085** Comm. Hodge, seconded by Comm. LaBarre, moved that a resolution directing Corporation Counsel to explore options to respond to the subpoena and notice of inspection from the Department of Homeland Security be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 8 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1. Motion carried.

4.

- A. **25-086** Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that a resolution authorizing the payment of claims commencing with the last previously approved claim and continuing through the date of April 7, 2025 be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 8 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1. Motion carried.

XII. ITEMS FOR CURRENT/FUTURE DISCUSSION

Comm. Somerville spoke about Deshawn Leeth's passing.

Comm. Rabhi and Comm. Scott spoke about former commissioner Wes Prater's passing.

1. Comm. Hodge, seconded by Comm. Somerville, moved that Closed Session to receive an opinion from Corporation Counsel be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 8 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1. Motion carried.

XIII. PENDING

XIV. ADJOURN TO NEXT SESSION

Comm. Hodge, seconded by Comm. Somerville, moved to adjourn. Voice vote - motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 12:13 AM.

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Katie Scott, Chair of  
the Board of  
Commissioners

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Lawrence  
Kestenbaum,  
Clerk/Register

By: Ashlyn Poole, Deputy Clerk

Board Approved: May 7, 2025