WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 6, 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 August 6, 2025.

The meeting was called to order at 07:12 PM by Comm. Scott, Chair of the Board of Commissioners.

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

Members Absent: Comms.

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. Latitia Lamelle Sharp, Ypsilanti Twp. Introduced Tyruse Walls as the Chief Deputy Treasurer.

   Tyruse Walls, Ypsilanti Twp., spoke about his eagerness to work with everyone.

   Jessica Kelly, Pittsfield Twp., spoke about her son and his treatment at the county jail.

   Jade Miller, Pittsfiled Twp., spoke about a JAQ proposal that they recently submitted and spoke about her belief that they were mistreated by the HR representatives. She encouraged the Board to review the MHP pay.

   Barbara Fortune, Canton Twp., echoed the sentiments of Miller. She spoke about the lifesaving work that they do.

   Rachel Cosla, York Twp., echoed the sentiments of Miller and Fortune. She spoke about her work.

   Barbara Nees May, Ypsilanti, commented on the presentation in the working session and spoke more about the senior Meals on Wheels program.

Jeremy Haley, Ypsilanti Twp., spoke about shootings in Ypsilanti Twp. He talked about the charges brought by the County Prosecutor.

Abigail Almond, Detroit, spoke about her work in Community Mental Health and echoed the sentiments of colleagues. She spoke about the significant roles of MHPs.

IV. COMMISSIONER FOLLOW-UP TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Comm. Hodge thanked the Treasurer and Walls for coming out. He spoke about filing a complaint with the Sheriff's office. He thanked the CMH staff for sharing their comments and expressed his appreciation for their work. He also stated that he would attempt to speak with the prosecutor on his behalf. He spoke abou Phoenix Mobility and their request to

Comm. Sanders asked for clarification on the JAQ and stated that information given to the public should be clear. She also addressed the comments that the county employees should be able to live in the county. She spoke about her issues with that narrative.

Comm. Rabhi thanked the speakers and spoke to CMH staff that showed up to speak. He commented on his desire to raise the pay for the position. He spoke about a previous pay raise that was given and expressed his frustration with the CMH not receiving a significant raise.

Comm. Somerville spoke about Meals on Wheels and thanked Nees May for attending the meeting. She also commented on the CMH employees that spoke and expressed her frustration with the perceived lack of pay equity in their field. She expressed her support in providing pay equity.

Comm. Maciejewski welcomed the new Chief Deputy Treasurer.

Comm. Lyte thanked the CMH employees who showed up and expressed that she was available to talk to and advocate for employees who are afraid to speak out because of fear of retaliation. She also thanked Nees May for speaking and expressed her support for the program. She thanked Haley for providing information. She spoke about a lack of funding for the community violence intervention team. She stated that the Board would reach out to the County Prosecutor.

Comm. Beeman spoke to Kelly and stated that she would like more information. She thanked the new Deputy Treasurer for coming out. She spoke to Nees May and the CMH staff that spoke and she expressed her disappointment with their feelings that they were not valued. She encouraged people to reach out to state government representatives.

Comm. Somerville expressed her excitement about working with the Deputy Treasurer on preventing homelessness and welcomed him to the county.

Comm. Scott welcomed the Deputy Treasurer. She spoke to Kelly and stated that she would try her best to help with her situation. She thanked Nees May and Haley for speaking. She spoke to the CMH employees and noted that she spoke with the County Administrator and the Director of Human Resources. She stated that she would be more transparent and advocate for them.

V. LIAISON REPORTS

Comm. Hodge reported on the Health Department and highlighted the positions that will be held because of funding challenges, a resolution honoring the 10th anniversary of the Washtenaw County Dental Clinic and Summer Health Day. He also talked about the Advisory Council on Reparations and highlighted two events from OCED.

Comm. LaBarre reported on the Continuum of Care meeting and how the HUD budget cuts will affect them. He also spoke about an executive order signed by the president that deals with homelessness.

VI. REPORT FROM THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

County Administrator Dill spoke about Animal Control. He also spoke about his walkthrough of the county center with Shonagh Taruza and stated that he would provide more information.

1. Brady Peck, Director of Operations, provided an update on Older Adults Millage.

   Comm. Somerville expressed her appreciation for the update and thanked the staff for their hard work.

2. Comm. Rabhi asked for clarification on the Animal Control situation. Administrator Dill provided more information and expressed his plan to meet with local jurisdictions and community partners. He stated that he hoped for an update at the September meeting.

   Comm. Lyte stated that she would provide support in discussions with the local jurisdictions.

VII. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

1. Pam Smith, Human Services Administrator, facilitated a BOC Funding Strategy Conversation.

   Comm. Scott stated that the idea of this report is to start the discussion for future priorities.

   Comm. Rabhi expressed support for the effort and stated that the plan could be beneficial to the Board.

VIII. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

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3. **25-124** Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Shannon Beeman, moved that a resolution to set a Public Hearing on the Broadway Park Brownfield Plan for September 3 be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0. Motion carried.

IX. APPOINTMENTS

1. **25-125** Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Annie Somerville, moved that a resolution appointing members to the Community Action Board be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0. Motion carried.

2. **25-126** Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Annie Somerville, moved that a resolution appointing members to the Substance Use Disorders Oversight Policy Board be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0. Motion carried.

3. **25-152** Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Annie Somerville, moved that a resolution appointing members to the Natural Areas Technical Advisory Committee be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0. Motion carried.

4. **25-153** Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Annie Somerville, moved that a resolution appointing members of the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners to the Public Safety Millage Advisory Committee as ex-officio be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0. Motion carried.

X. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Shannon Beeman, moved that the minutes of the DATE 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-0036** RECEIVED: June 26, 2025: Jewish Family Services of Washtenaw County: Letter to the Chair of the Board of Commissioners
R-0037 RECEIVED: July 1, 2025: Ann Arbor Charter Township Planning Commission: Notice of Distribution of Draft Master Plan
R-0038 RECEIVED: July 18, 2025: Houghton County Board of Commissioners: Resolution #25-08 Resolution Urging Action to Oppose Proposed Cuts to Medicaid by the Federal Government
R-0039 RECEIVED: July 18, 2025: Area Agency on Aging (Ageways): Nonprofit Senior Services FY 2025 Annual Implementation Plan.
R-0040 RECEIVED: July 30, 2025: Office of Community & Economic Development: Barrier Busters 2nd Quarter Report | April 1-June 20

   Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Shannon Beeman, 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. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Shannon Beeman, 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. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Shannon Beeman, 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.)

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A. Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Shannon Beeman, moved that the following reports be received: A report on contracts in the amount of $25,000 and under from June 24, 2025, through July 29, 2025. Voice vote - motion carried. (Complete report is on file in the County Clerk/Register's Office.)

B. Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Shannon Beeman, 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 June, 2025

. Voice vote - motion carried. (Complete report is on file in the County Clerk/Register's Office.)

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XI. RESOLUTIONS

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A. **25-154** Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Justin Hodge, moved that a resolution authorizing the 2025-26 Washtenaw County Indigent Public Defense Budget and Compliance Plan from the Public Defender's Office be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0. Motion carried.

B. **25-155** Comm. Lyte stated her desire for CVIT to be restored and asked about the local funding. Renee Casey provided more information on what local funding referred to. She also asked about the fees collected. Casey provided more information.

Comm. Sanders asked for more information about fees and services. Casey explained more about where the fees came from. Comm. Sanders asked about previous statements regarding electronic monitoring. Comm. Scott spoke about the previous statements. She asked if the amount was sufficient to cover the program. Casey explained that there was still a deficit and explained that cases are increasing. She requested more transparency and conversations from the office.

Comm. Somerville asked Casey to comment on recent changes that may affect the budget and asked about increases in funds to the electronic monitoring program. Casey provided that information. Somerville spoke about her requests from the court for more information regarding the electronic monitoring program.

Comm. Beeman asked about state grant dollars. Casey stated that they were still waiting for the state budget to be passed.

Comm. Lyte asked about the discrepancy between a reported decrease in crime and an increase in caseloads. Casey stated that she did not have that information. Comm. Lyte asked the Sheriff's Office Communications Director, Crystal Campbell, to speak about this issue, which she did.

Comm. Sanders stated her belief that the county should not be waiving fees because circumstances may change.

Comm. Somerville thanked Renee Casey for all of her hard work.

Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge moved that a resolution ratifying the Community Corrections Comprehensive Plan in the amount of $3,003,303 for the period of October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026, from the Sheriff's Office be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 7 NAYS 2 ABSENT 0. Motion carried.

C. **25-156** Comm. Lyte spoke about the woman who spoke about her son's health struggles in the county jail and stated that she wanted assurances that funds would be used appropriately in the jail. William Garcia, Executive Analyst in the Sheriff's Office, spoke on this issue.

Comm. Lyte asked about LAITR and utilizing funds for their services. Garcia provided information about vendor selection.

Comm. Somerville asked Garcia for background on Envisioning Justice Solutions and other community partners which he provided. She also asked about the commitment to the items in the application. Garcia expressed his commitment but stated that he could not answer more broadly.

Comm. Sanders asked about input from residents and how they were selected and commented on the differences between Michigan and California and asked about a program closer to home. Garcia stated that the residents had not been selected yet. He also spoke more about Envisioning Justice Solutions. She asked about a constituent whose son is currently in jail. She spoke about her displeasure with the practices of the Sheriff's Department regarding previous grant funding. She highlighted the responsibility of the department to provide information when asked about the grant.

Comm. Beeman asked about the in-kind match which Garcia spoke about.

Comm. Scott asked about the speed of the services that would be provided. She thanked Garcia for answering the Board's questions.

Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge moved that a resolution ratifying the submission and acceptance of the Michigan Health Endowment Fund Behavioral Health Initiative Grant from the Sheriff's Office be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 7 NAYS 2 ABSENT 0. Motion carried.

D. **25-157** Comm. Sanders asked for more information on what the funding would be utilized for. Kevin Mitchell, Director, Children's Services and Kathryne O'Grady, Director, Juvenile Division, spoke more about this. O'Grady spoke about the changes in the juvenile system and the ways that they are improving and getting preventative measures in place.

Mitchell spoke about the early intervention services that they provide.

Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge moved that a resolution authorizing the 2025-26 State Child Care Fund budget from the Trial Court, Children's Services, and the Washtenaw County Department of Health and Human Services be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0. Motion carried.

E. **25-158** Comm. Rabhi asked about the opioid settlement fund and asked what the Board would be giving them money for. Loveluck and Dr. Juan Marquez, the Medical Director, provided more clarification.

Comm. Rabhi asked for more clarification on what the funds covered by the organization which was provided. Comm. Rabhi stated his desire for a different procurement process for for-profit companies requesting public funds.

Comm. Scott stated her appreciation of how the RFP process happened.

Comm. Hodge thanked everyone for their work on the resolution.

Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge moved that a resolution to approve the award of $2,250,000 of Opioid Settlement funds from the Health Department be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0. Motion carried.

F. **25-159** Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge moved that a resolution authorizing the creation of an Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee from the Health Department be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0. Motion carried.

G. **25-160** Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that a resolution to adopt an ordinance designating the Groves Farm as a Washtenaw County Local Historic District under the jurisdiction of the Washtenaw County Historic District, from the Office of Community and Economic Development be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 0 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0. Motion carried.

H. **25-161** Comm. Rabhi spoke about the Brownfield site and asked about DTE's responsibility, which James Harless, Brownfield, provided an explanation of. Comm. Rabhi asked about remediation and remaining contamination. Harless and a representative spoke about remediation and the development plan. Dan Cassidy spoke about where the grant funds would be allocated.

Comm. Sanders asked about blue soil and asked what the planned use and remediation.

Comm. Rabhi expressed his disagreement with David DiRita, Roxbury Group, who owns the public space. He expressed his disagreement with the board making decisions about the site when the funds came from the public. Comm. Rabhi asked about DTEs remediation and the no further action report. He spoke about his disapproval of DTE and their practice and stated his displeasure with DTE being subsidized by the county.

Comm. Rabhi asked about de-watering and a soil barrier. DiRita explained the de-watering process and the soil barrier.

Comm. Rabhi expressed his disagreement with the model proposed and asked the developer how much money would be made from the project. DiRita spoke more about this.

Comm. Lyte asked about the public and private space plans.

Comm. Sanders asked for the location of the park which was provided.

Comm. Scott stated that it was the City of Ann Arbor's decision to build a park there.

Comm, Rabhi commented further on the issue and spoke about how the grant related to the Brownfield plan.

Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge moved that a resolution authorizing the application to the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy grant to support Brownfield Activities from the Office of Community and Economic Development be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 8 NAYS 1 ABSENT 0. Motion carried.

I. **25-162** Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that a resolution accepting the Weatherization Assistance Program Pre-weatherization grant from the Office of Community and Economic Development be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0. Motion carried.

J. **25-163** Comm. Rabhi asked about closing business and asked about how the funds would be used. Chernissa Williams, Economic Opportunity Division Administrator, spoke more about the grants and explained how the funds would be used.

Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that a resolution to accept $25,000 grant from Huntington Bank to continue the Economic Stabilization program for COVID-impacted micro-enterprises, from the Office of Community and Economic Development be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0. Motion carried.

K. **25-164** Comm. LaBarre thanked the taskforce and the staff and expressed his appreciation for the resolution.

Comm. Sanders expressed her excitement to continuee to support the population. She stated that she would have proposed additional funds for the family sheltering.

Comm. Somerville stated that there was more funding coming.

Comm. Rabhi asked about funding only going through Barrier Busters. Pam Smith spoke more about this and explained the process. She stated that she would get more information about the language in the resolution.

Comm. Sanders stated that she has a similar concern and stated that she has gotten feedback about S.O.S. She stated that there is no way to assess the quality and satisfaction of residents who access support. She stated that a feedback system should be put in place. She spoke about problems with HAWC. Smith stated that there was a complaint process. Comm. Sanders stated that she would like to see those complaints. Smith spoke more about HAWC.

Comm. Somerville spoke about Barrier Busters and HAWC.

Comm. Rabhi stated his belief that it would be better to remove the section about S.O.S. from the resolution.

Comm. LaBarre explained the issue by removing the language in the resolution.

Comm. Sanders asked if the county had a maximum per family per year amount for eviction prevention. Smith explained that the maximum is $3000. Smith stated that Barrier Busters could provide a presentation at the Working Session. She also spoke more about Comm. Rabhi's concerns.

Comm. Sanders spoke about her recent struggles with trying to get housing for a family.

Comm. Somerville spoke more about the limitations on the funds used for eviction prevention. She stated that it is always cheaper to prevent homelessness. She spoke more about HAWC.

Comm. Rabhi asked how county contributions through Barrier Busters are acknowledged. Smith stated that the information is relayed to people who utilize the services.

Comm. Somerville spoke more about the people utilizing the funding and proposed a better solution to advertise the county's contributions to services. She expressed her desire to continue the annual report.

Comm. Lyte echoed the sentiments of Comm. Somerville regarding advertising the county contributions.

Comm. Rabhi asked about assistance payments. He spoke about non-profits who receive funding from the county.

Comm. Lyte commented on funding going directly to the service provider. She spoke about her time as a caseworker.

Comm. Beeman, seconded by Comm. Somerville moved to call the question. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0. Motion carried.

Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge moved that a resolution allocating budgeted Housing and Homelessness dollars to support the Continuum of Care Winter Sheltering Task Force from the Office of Community and Economic Development be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0. Motion carried.

L. **25-165** Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that a resolution adopting amendments to Washtenaw County Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program from the Resiliency Office be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0. Motion carried.

M. **25-166** Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that a resolution setting the 2025 Washtenaw County Millage Rate for Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority from Finance be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0. Motion carried.

N. **25-167** Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that a resolution updating the Washtenaw County Capital Asset Policy from Finance be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0. Motion carried.

O. **25-168** Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that a resolution to adopt the revised Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance Policy, from Corporation Counsel be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0. Motion carried.

P. **25-169** Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that a resolution to adopt the revised Holiday Provisions Policy from Corporation Counsel be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0. Motion carried.

Q. **25-170** Comm. Rabhi stated his belief that interns should be payed and stated that he would be voting no.

Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that a resolution to adopt the revised Payment of Interns Policy, from Corporation Counsel be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 8 NAYS 1 ABSENT 0. Motion carried.

R. **25-171** Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that a resolution celebrating August 26th as Women's Equality Day be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0. Motion carried.

S. **25-172** Comm. Hodge presented a resolution recognizing Hazel Sanders.

Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that a resolution recognizing Hazel Sanders as Michigan Community Action's Volunteer of the Year be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0. Motion carried.

T. **25-173** Comm. Rabhi presented a resolution honoring the Life of Gwen Nystuen. Comm. Rabhi spoke about Gwen and her environmental work. Her family spoke more about her and her work.

Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that a resolution honoring the life and legacy of Gwen Nystuen be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0. Motion carried.

U. **25-174** Comm. Scott presented a resolution honoring Jennifer McCool. McCool spoke about her work with the county.

Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that a resolution honoring Jennifer McCool upon her retirement from Washtenaw County from the Clerk/ Register of Deeds Office be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0. Motion carried.

V. **25-175** Comm. Lyte and Comm. Sanders presented the resolution celebrating the 10-year anniversary of the SummerWorks program. A representative from the program thanked the Board for the honor.

Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that a resolution celebrating the 10-year anniversary of the SummerWorks program be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0. Motion carried.

W. **25-176** Comm. LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Hodge, moved that a resolution authorizing a settlement in the ongoing foreclosure litigation - Fox et al. v. Washtenaw et al. be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0. Motion carried.

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A. **25-177** 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 July 28, 2025 be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0. Motion carried.

XII. ITEMS FOR CURRENT/FUTURE DISCUSSION

1. Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Justin Hodge, moved that Closed Session to discuss Fox v Washtenaw (foreclosure litigation); and negotiation strategy for union negotiations be approved. Roll Call Vote: YEAS 9 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0. Motion carried.

XIII. PENDING

XIV. ADJOURN TO NEXT SESSION

Comm. Andy LaBarre, seconded by Comm. Shannon Beeman, moved to adjourn. Voice vote - motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 12:49 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: September 3, 2025