

<u>Present:</u>	Allen Park	Mayor Gail McLeod
	Brownstown Twp.	Sherry Berez, Supervisor
	Dearborn	
	Dearborn Heights	
	Ecorse	
	Flat Rock	Alternate Albert Frond, Councilman
	Gibraltar	Alternate Rachel Witherspoon, Administrator
	Grosse Ile Twp.	Joseph Porcarelli, Supervisor
	Huron Twp.	Chief Everette Robbins, PD
	Lincoln Park	Mayor Maureen Tobin
	Melvindale	
	River Rouge	
	Riverview	Mayor Andy Swift
	Rockwood	Alternate Victoria Trush, Administrator
	Romulus	Kevin Krause, Dir. Community Safety & Development
	Southgate	Alternate Dan Marsh, Administrator
	Taylor	Mayor Tim Woolley
	Trenton	Mayor Steven Rzeppa
	Woodhaven	Jan Sikes, Councilwoman
	Wyandotte	Mayor Rob DeSana

The meeting was opened by the Board Vice-Chairman, Mayor Andy Swift, at 6:16 pm, followed by roll call and introductions.

**Agenda:** Motion by Councilwoman Sikes, supported by Mayor Rzeppa, to accept the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**Minutes of 02.05.2026:** Motion by Mayor DeSana, supported by Councilwoman Sikes, to accept the minutes of the regular board meeting of 02.05.2026 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**Presentation:** Rand O’Leary, Henry Ford Hospital President – 100<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration

Rand O’Leary spoke on the year-long celebration of the hospital’s 100 years. The hospital was built by JB Ford’s grandson with an approximate cost of \$ 500,000. It has gone through numerous expansions over its 100 years. There are a few events and community initiatives to honor this milestone such as: Harvest Moon Ball on Friday, September 25, “Centennial Babies” Program, 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Wyandotte Golf Classic, and a Cancer Survivorship BBQ on June 12. The hospital is also looking for pictures, experiences, and stories to help document its 100-year evolution. He also stated when other public hospitals are failing, they could not have survived without the support of the Downriver communities.

**New Business:** Sherry Berez, Brownstown Supervisor on behalf of Warren Evans is seeking volunteers for the Meals on Wheels program. They are in desperate need in the northern downriver area. There are no required minimum hours, any time you are available to help would be beneficial and greatly appreciated. She will have flyers available soon.

**Informational Items:** Nikki Hartley, SEMCOG advised of a nine-bill bipartisan package that has been introduced in the Michigan House by Representatives Kristian Grant (D-Grand Rapids) and Joe Aragona (R-Clinton Township). House Bills 5529-5532 and 5581-5585 would mandate 1,500 sq foot lot size minimums, 500 sq foot dwelling unit minimums, minimal setbacks, duplexes and mobile homes by-right, and much more. SEMCOG is also asking for local support for the pro-local government plan, the bipartisan MI Home Program, put together by the Michigan Municipal League focusing on partnership over preemption. This program includes funding to build and redevelop more housing; technical assistance for communities to pursue zoning reform; a state match for employer contributions to workforce housing; and more.

Discussion ensued between mayors and administrators regarding the need to keep these bills in the fore front and communicate with your representatives to keep local control.

**Remarks:**

Bob Matthews invited everyone to check out the new 911 call center.

Commissioner Cara Clemente spoke regarding the local control issue the house bills may affect and feel free to send letters to her office. She also stated the need for Meals on Wheels support.

Dawn Johnson from the Wayne County Sheriff's Office stated they are here for the communities if they need assistance, i.e., mounted police.

Bryan McMurrin reminded everyone that Senator Peters FY27 Congressionally Directed Spending Request portal, an opportunity to submit requests to receive federal funding for high impact projects in your community is open with a due date of March 27,2026. He also encouraged communities to reach out if they have any questions and to set up a time to discuss their projects.

**The Next board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 7 @ 6:00 pm.**

Motion by Mayor McLeod, supported by Mayor Rzeppa, to adjourn at 6:55 pm. The motion passed unanimously.