

WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ADVISORY BOARD

May 7, 2026

C. – Minutes from the February 19, 2026 meeting

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Thursday, February 18, 2026 – 3:00 p.m.

Hearing Room 704, 500 Griswold, Detroit, MI 48226 and on Zoom.us

A.	Roll Call	3:08 p.m.
	Alex Garza - Wayne County Commissioner	- Excused
	Dr. Keisha Allen	- Present
	Chief Judge Pro-Tem David Braxton-Wayne County Probate Court	- Excused
	Paul Bruno	- Present
	Sam Churikian - Defense Attorney	- Excused
	Eli Day	- Excused
	Chief Robert Dunlap - Wayne County Sheriff's Office	- Present
	Armond R. Harris	- Absent
	Presiding Judge Donald L. Knapp - Third Circuit Court	- Present
	Janella Robinson	- Present
	Andrea L. Smith	- Absent
	Deputy Chief Tiffany Stewart - Detroit Police Department	- Excused
	Pastor Eddie Williams Jr.	- Absent
	Chief Judge Pro-Tem Larry Williams 36th District Court	- Absent
	1 vacancy	

A quorum was not present

At this point in the proceeding, one of the Boards newest members, Dr. Keisha Allen introduced herself. Sharing that she is the CEO of BFDI International Training Institute.

B. Remarks from the Chair

C. No action taken due to lack of a quorum The January 22, 2026 and February 19, 2026 meeting minutes. Motion Carried.

D. Unfinished Business.

E. New Business

1. Ap Update on the Board's Realignments

Lester Thomas, Community Corrections Administrator, provided the board with an update regarding the ongoing realignment of community corrections. It was reported that, since the prior meeting, meetings had been held with Commissioner Garza, court services, pretrial services, indigent defense services, jail staff, and prosecutors to discuss community corrections programming, collaboration, and opportunities for improvement. It was further reported that feedback from these discussions reflected a need to make community corrections programming more widely known and better understood among stakeholders.

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There was discussion among members surrounding the development of a simplified handout describing program eligibility, referral processes and the purpose of each program. It was stated that the handout would be reviewed by the board prior to distribution to ensure consistent information is shared with judges, prosecutors, defense counsel, MDOC and jail staff.

It was also reported that site visits, direct engagement with providers and stronger relationships with stakeholders may help improve understanding of available programming and increase referrals. In addition, the board discussed the importance of tracking utilization data regularly to compare referrals against program capacity and to support future planning and grant applications.

- F. Such other matters as may be properly submitted before the Board - None
- G. Public Comments - None
- H. Adjournment

Dunlap/Bruno
Chair Garza declared the meeting adjourned.

The Board adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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