

**WAYNE COUNTY
WOMEN'S COMMISSION**

April 9, 2026

B – Minutes from the March 12, 2026 meeting

Minutes

Wayne County Women's Commission Meeting

Thursday, March 12, 2026 – 12:00 p.m.
Meeting on Zoom.us

The meeting was called to order by Wayne County Commission Chair Alisha R. Bell.

A. Roll Call – 12:08 p.m.

Cynthia M. Douglas (Chair)	– Present
Sherry Berez (Vice-Chair)	– Present
Regina Banks-Hall	– Present
Brittany Beaudry	– Present
Yvonne Cash	– Present
Jaime Churches	– Absent
Jenise E. Collins	– Present
Soummer Crawford	– Present
Melissa Daub	– Present
Latanya Gater	– Excused
Tashawna Gill	– EDS 12:13 p.m.
Melandie Hines	– Present
Kathryn Joyner	– Present
Elizabeth Kmetz-Armitage	– Absent
Maali Luqman	– Absent
Jen McConnell	– Present
Alease Moore	– Absent
Leigh Moroz	– Absent
Melissa A. Schultz	– Present

A quorum was present

Shaunte Wilcher-McKinney, Wayne County Assistant Commission Counsel, was also present.

B. Approval of the December 11, 2025 and February 12, 2026 meeting minutes

Daub/Crawford

Approved. The Minutes of December 11, 2025 and February 12, 2026 meetings. Motion carried.

C. Remarks from the Chair

Chair Douglas acknowledged “The Bell of the Ball,” a prom dress giveaway hosted by Wayne County Commissioner Alisha Bell on March 19. She also acknowledged the passing of Kenny Lowery and Betteye Misuraca.

D. Wayne County Commission Update: Melissa Daub, Wayne County Commissioner

Commissioner Daub announced the promotion of Jenni Hooper of First Step, a former guest speaker for the Wayne County Women’s Commission (WCWC), to Executive Director of the organization.

E. Unfinished Business – None

1. Creation of Housing Committee – Member Soummer Crawford, Chair

Daub/Hines

Approved. The creation of a Wayne County Women’s Commission Housing Committee. Motion carried.

Member Crawford shared the vision for the Wayne County Women’s Commissions Hosing Committee

F. Committee Reports

1. Resource Fair – Members Latanya Gater and Regina Banks-Hall, Co-Chairs

Co-Chair Gater reported that planning for the Resource Fair is progressing well and that the event will be held on Thursday, April 30, 2026, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. She also expressed the Commission’s excitement to partner with Wayne County Community College – Northwest Campus.

Co-Chair Gater acknowledged members who were instrumental in securing partnerships with companies to provide services at the Resource Fair.

Crawford/Cash

Approved. To host the 2026 WCWC Resource Fair with a budget not-to-exceed \$5,000 at Wayne County Community College – Northwest Campus.

2. Health Committee – Member Melissa Daub, Chair

Member Daub reported that the development of the menopause initiative is ongoing and that a committee meeting will be scheduled in the near future.

G. New Business

1. A resolution by Chair Cynthia M. Douglas, Vice-Chair Sherry Berecz and Member Melissa Daub recognizing the celebration of National Women’s History Month as

a time to promote fair and equal pay for all women; supporting Michigan Bill 145, which will remove systemic barriers to pay equity; and urging the Michigan Senate Labor Committee to take prompt action to move this bill for a vote.

Daub/Cash

Approved. To approve the foregoing item. Motion carried.

Member Daub provided an overview of the resolution.

2. Wayne County Women's Commission Annual report

Chair Douglas asked the members to review the draft of the Annual Report and noted that action on the item will take place at the next meeting.

3. Introduction of Erin Strand, Librarian, Canton Public Library, by Member Melissa Daub

Member Daub read a brief biography of Ms. Strand, who then delivered a presentation titled Women in Libraries, highlighting the historical and ongoing contributions of women in library systems. The presentation emphasized their role in expanding access to information, advocating against censorship, supporting early literacy and education and providing essential community services. It also addressed current challenges facing libraries, including funding limitations, evolving technology and the increasing demand for libraries to serve as community support hubs.

H. Such other matters as may be properly submitted before the Commission.

I. Public Comments - None

J. Adjournment

Chair Douglas adjourned the meeting.
Adjournment at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ameena Spivey, Legislative Policy Research Analyst