

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

August 26, 2026

C – Minutes from the August 12, 2026 meeting

MINUTES COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Wednesday, August 12, 2026 – 12:00 p.m.
Hearing Room 704, Guardian Building, 500 Griswold, Detroit, MI 48226 and on
Zoom.us

A. Roll Call 12:01 p.m.

Cara A. Clemente (C)	- Excused
Tim Killeen (VC)	- Present
Hassan M. Ahmad	- Excused
Angelique Peterson-Mayberry	- Present
Allen R. Wilson	- Present

Vice-Chair Killeen chaired the meeting.

B. Chairwoman's Remarks

C. Peterson-Mayberry/Wilson **Approved.** July 22, 2026 meeting minutes. Motion Carried.

Yeas -- Commissioners Killeen, Peterson-Mayberry, Wilson -- 3

D. Unfinished business

E. New business

1. Wilson/Peterson-Mayberry **Forwarded to Full Board to receive and file.** Communication from Gerard J. Grysko, Deputy Director, Wayne County Employees' Retirement System, forwarding a quarterly report on stipend contributions and disbursements for the period ending June 30, 2026, pursuant to Ordinance No. 2015-610. (2026-69-059) Motion Carried.

Yeas -- Commissioners Killeen, Peterson-Mayberry, Wilson -- 3

2. Peterson-Mayberry/Wilson **Approved.** The appointment of Tiffany Kelsey (of Detroit) to the position of Director of the Benefits Administration Division of the Personnel/Human Resources Department; Ms. Kelsey will be paid an annual salary of \$160,000 and all benefits will be provided in accordance with the Executive Benefit Plan for executive branch employees; the term will commence on August 10, 2026; the cost of the salary will be charged to Account No. 10110

226119 7020010 (Human ResourcesBenefits).
(2026-43-010) Motion Carried.

Mike Makki and Tiffany Kelsey provided an overview.

There was a discussion regarding the Commission's former Benefits/Staffing Task Force, which last met in 2023, differences in County benefit levels, annual benefit reviews, and using improved benefits to attract employees and fill vacancies.

Yeas -- Commissioners Killeen, Peterson-Mayberry, Wilson -- 3

3. Peterson-Mayberry/Wilson

Approved. A collective bargaining agreement between the Charter County of Wayne and the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 324; the term is from October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2028, or for successive yearly periods after that unless notice is given in writing by either party at least 60 days prior to September 30, 2028, or any anniversary date thereafter, of its desire to modify, amend or terminate the agreement. (2026-43-003) Motion Carried.

Gwendolyn de Jongh and Ron Heurtebise provided an overview.

There was a discussion regarding 10 of the 17 positions being vacant, the success and structure of the apprentice program, and civil and road engineers being represented by a different union.

Yeas -- Commissioners Killeen, Peterson-Mayberry, Wilson -- 3

The Committee moved to item E.7.

7. Wilson/Peterson-Mayberry

Approved. Amendment No. 3 to a two-year comparable-source professional services contract with a two-year option to renew between the Charter County of Wayne and Bluewater Technologies Group, Inc. (of Wixom) not to exceed \$83,337.52, amending the scope to upgrade equipment in two training rooms and continuing to provide maintenance and support for audio/visual equipment for various conference rooms in the Guardian Building; the term remains

from October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2027; the total amount is increased from \$390,016.49 to \$473,354.01; the cost will be charged to Account No. 63501 258050 9810040 (IT Information Tech Service). (2020-53-006M3) Motion Carried.

Hector Roman provided an overview. There was a discussion about what is being replaced and the delay in replacing items due to budgetary restrictions.

Yeas -- Commissioners Killeen, Peterson-Mayberry, Wilson -- 3

The Committee returned to items E.4-6.

Peterson-Mayberry/Wilson

Approved. To enter into Closed Session to discuss Items E.4-6. Motion Carried.

Yeas -- Commissioners Killeen, Peterson-Mayberry, Wilson -- 3

The Committee entered Closed Session at 12:32 p.m.

Wilson/Peterson-Mayberry

Approved. To end Closed Session. Motion Carried.

Yeas -- Commissioners Killeen, Peterson-Mayberry, Wilson -- 3

The Committee exited Closed Session at 12:48 p.m.

The Committee considered Items E.4-6 together.

4. Peterson-Mayberry/Wilson

Approved. A settlement in the matter of Tony Lorenzo Walker v Wayne County and Laquawn Lewis Edward-Milhouse (Third Judicial Circuit of Michigan Case No.: 23-005825-NI) not to exceed \$250,000; Corporation Counsel has reviewed the litigation and is of the opinion that a discussion of trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation in an open meeting will have a detrimental financial effect on the County's litigation or settlement position, therefore, a Closed Client-Counsel Session is requested; the cost will be charged to Account No. 10110 925010

9111119 (NoDpt Expenditures). (2026-40-044)
Motion Carried.

5. Peterson-Mayberry/Wilson

Approved. A settlement in the matter of Janeiro West v Wayne County (U.S. District Court Case No.: 2:25-cv-14119) not to exceed \$50,000; Corporation Counsel has reviewed the litigation and is of the opinion that a discussion of trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation in an open meeting will have a detrimental financial effect on the County's litigation or settlement position, therefore, a Closed Client-Counsel Session is requested; the cost will be charged to Account No. 10110 925010 9111119 (NoDpt Expenditures). (2026-40-045)
Motion Carried.

6. Peterson-Mayberry/Wilson

Approved. A settlement in the matter of Erica Greear v Wayne County, et al. (Third Judicial Circuit of Michigan Case No.: 24-015303-NI) not to exceed \$175,000; Corporation Counsel has reviewed the litigation and is of the opinion that a discussion of trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation in an open meeting will have a detrimental financial effect on the County's litigation or settlement position, therefore, a Closed Client-Counsel Session is requested; the proposed settlement will be charged to Account No. 20101 449070 9111119 (DPS Road Administration). (2026-40-046)
Motion Carried.

Yeas -- Commissioners Killeen, Peterson-Mayberry, Wilson -- 3

F. Such other matters as may be properly submitted before the Committee

G. Public comments

H. Adjournment

Wilson/Peterson-Mayberry
Adjournment at 12:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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Legislative Research Assistant