

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

February 24, 2026

C – Minutes from the February 10, 2026 meeting

**MINUTES
COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Tuesday, February 10, 2026 – 10:00 a.m.

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

- A. Roll Call 10:05 a.m.

Glenn S. Anderson (C)	– Excused
Allen R. Wilson (VC)	– Present
Sam Baydoun	– Excused
Jonathan C. Kinloch	– Present
Angelique Peterson-Mayberry	– Present
Monique Baker McCormick	– EDS (10:06 a.m.)
Joseph Palamara	– Present

Committee Vice-Chair Wilson Chaired the meeting.

- B. Chair's Remarks

Committee Vice-Chair Wilson said he hopes that Committee Chair Anderson feels better and thanked Commission central staff for its efforts.

- C. Kinloch/Palamara **Approved.** The January 13, 2026 meeting minutes. Motion Carried.

Yeas -- Commissioners Wilson, Kinloch,
Peterson-Mayberry, Baker McCormick,
Palamara -- 5

- D. Unfinished Business

- E. New Business

The Committee moved items E.1-3 together.

1. Baker McCormick/
Peterson-Mayberry

Forwarded to Full Board to receive and file.
Communication from Joseph Brezvai, Michigan Department of Agricultural and Rural Development Deputy Director, forwarding notification that the North Branch Big Swan Creek Intercounty Drain Drainage Board scheduled a public meeting on January 20, 2026, pursuant to Public Act 528 of 2012. (2026-69-005) Motion Carried.

2. Baker McCormick/
Peterson-Mayberry

Forwarded to Full Board to receive and file.
Communication from the City of Wayne forwarding notification that the City Downtown Development Authority scheduled informational meetings on December 10, and December 16, 2025, in accordance with Public Act 57 of 2018, as amended. (2026-69-008) Motion Carried.

3. Baker McCormick/
Peterson-Mayberry

Forwarded to Full Board to receive and file.
Communication from the City of Dearborn forwarding notification that the City Brownfield Redevelopment Authority scheduled a meeting on January 20, 2026 for the proposed Brownfield Plan for 15625 Lundy Parkway, in accordance with Public Act 381 of 1996. (2026-69-009) Motion Carried.

Yeas -- Commissioners Wilson, Kinloch,
Peterson-Mayberry, Baker McCormick,
Palamara -- 5

The Committee moved items E.4-5 together.

4. Kinloch/Peterson-Mayberry

Forwarded to Full Board to receive and file.
Communication from 400 Monroe Associates, forwarding the October 2025 Operating Report for the Guardian Building and First Street Parking Deck. (2026-69-010) Motion Carried.

5. Kinloch/Peterson-Mayberry

Forwarded to Full Board to receive and file.
Communication from 400 Monroe Associates, forwarding the November 2025 Operating Report for the Guardian Building and First Street Parking Deck. (2026-69-011) Motion Carried.

Yeas -- Commissioners Wilson, Kinloch,
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Palamara -- 5

There was discussion among Commissioners about canceled plans for a cigar lounge in the Guardian Building.

The Committee moved items E.6-17 together.

6. Kinloch/Peterson-Mayberry

Passed for the day. Amendment No. 1 to a two-year professional services contract with two, one-year options to renew between the Charter County of Wayne and Elevate Energy (of Chicago, IL) not to exceed \$146,715, exercising the first option to renew and amending the scope to continue to provide planning and project management support to the Wayne County Resilience Hub Network; Amendment No. 1 increases the total amount from \$360,000 to \$506,715; Elevate Energy will subcontract 8.5%/\$12,460 to Public Sector Consultants, Inc. (of Lansing) for strategic planning, communications, engagement and emergency planning support; the term of Amendment No. 1 is from December 7, 2025 through December 6, 2026; the term of the original contract was from December 7, 2023 through December 6, 2025; the cost will be charged to Account Nos. 10110 174001 8170010 (\$70,970 Sustainability and Innovation), 10110 174090 8170010 (\$32,745 Regional Catastrophic (FEMA)) and 21102 728130 8170010 (\$43,000 CSLRF Prog-EDD). (2024-96-004M1) Motion Carried.

There was discussion among Commissioners with Erin Kelly, Cara Dietz, Antonisha Smith, Terrance Adams and Felicia Johnson.

Ms. Kelly provided an explanation of what a resilience hub is. Ms. Kelly indicated that Wayne County is ranked the second highest nationally in losses from flooding events and for power outages, and residents are spending approximately 5% of their income on energy. Ms. Kelly further indicated that they have been working with the departments of Economic, Homeland Security and Emergency Management and the Health, Human and Veteran Services, as well as local governments that are home to hubs.

There was discussion regarding whether this program exists in any other communities and if there are benchmarks.

Ms. Kelly advised that other Counties have begun to build out networks of resilience hubs, Wayne County is at the tip of the spear.

Baltimore City launched the first resilience hub as a strategy through its Homeland Security department in 2014. Other hubs are located in Washington D.C. and Minneapolis, and New Orleans is working through faith-based organizations. Also, research was completed in partnership with the University of Michigan Dow Sustainability Fellows Program, which helped evaluate other approaches for resilience hubs.

There was discussion regarding how the vendors were chosen, the need for hubs determined and the sustainability of the program.

Elevate was selected through a competitive-bid process and the Department is working with its Michigan-based team, which has been heavily engaged in establishing Detroit's resilience hubs.

Ms. Kelly indicated that funding was not to create resilience hubs but to improve KPIs around supply chain response time and resilience hubs seemed to be the way to do it. With the weather changing, we know that some people will be affected first and worst through these events. The strategy with the location of the resilience hubs is to prioritize geographies where those people are concentrated. We work regularly and collaborate with Director Jaafer and his team to get everyone aligned.

The model for the program right now is that the hubs are given a stipend to offset the time invested for the training itself. There are some ARPA and SLRF funds for supporting facility improvements to increase the resilience of the physical locations, such as solar panels, backup batteries, a roof, etc. After completing the training, the organization will enter into an agreement formally as a part of the County's network. We are working on the second recruitment that will be targeting Highland Park, Ecorse, Dearborn Heights and Inkster. With the FEMA funds, we are establishing a geographic network the first cohort will be for our governance module. And expect to have additional cohorts through those funds.

There was discussion regarding the vetting process of the hubs and what the operation timeline was.

Felecia Johnson expressed concern indicated that there is a requirement that the entity stay in the facility after a year and remain for an additional two year, for a total of three years, and there is no guarantee that the vendor will agree to be a hub.

There was further discussion regarding the need for the vendors to agree to be resilience hubs prior to money being provided to upgrade facilities.

The Committee expressed the desire to pass these items for the day to get a clear understanding before actually investing in these facilities.

7. Kinloch/Peterson-Mayberry

Passed for the day. A two-year subrecipient agreement with two, one-year options to renew between the Charter County of Wayne and the Warren/Conner Development Coalition dba Eastside Community Network (of Detroit) not to exceed \$99,272 to contribute to a yearlong training and development program to prepare and equip Wayne County community-based organizations to enter the Resilience Hub Network; the Executive's Office advises that the Resilience Hub Network will enable the County to engage in a capacity and planning effort for each hub to serve as a one-stop shop to distribute County resources and serve as a space of refuge and information for community members during times of crisis; the term of the agreement will commence upon Commission approval for two years; the cost of the agreement will be charged to Account Nos. 299 89901 817000 (\$64,272 CSLRF Prog-EDD) and 101 17409 817000 (\$35,000 Regional Catastrophic (FEMA)). (2025-96-019) Motion Carried.

8. Kinloch/Peterson-Mayberry

Passed for the day. A two-year subrecipient agreement with two, one-year options to renew between the Charter County of Wayne and

Arab-American and Chaldean Council dba America's Community Council (of Troy) not to exceed \$99,272 to contribute to a yearlong training and development program to prepare and equip Wayne County community-based organizations to enter the Resilience Hub Network; the Executive's Office advises that the Resilience Hub Network will enable the County to engage in a capacity and planning effort for each hub to serve as a one-stop shop to distribute County resources and serve as a space of refuge and information for community members during times of crisis; the term will commence upon Commission approval for two years; the cost will be charged to Account Nos. 299 89901 817000 (\$64,272 CSLRF Prog-EDD) and 101 17409 817000 (\$35,000 Regional Catastrophic (FEMA)). (2025-96-020) Motion Carried.

9. Kinloch/Peterson-Mayberry

Passed for the day. A two-year subrecipient agreement with two, one-year options to renew between the Charter County of Wayne and Detroit Blight Busters (of Detroit) not to exceed \$99,272 to contribute to a yearlong training and development program to prepare and equip Wayne County community-based organizations to enter the Resilience Hub Network; the Executive's Office advises that the Resilience Hub Network will enable the County to engage in a capacity and planning effort for each hub to serve as a one-stop shop to distribute County resources and serve as a space of refuge and information for community members during times of crisis; the term will commence upon Commission approval for two years; the cost will be charged to Account Nos. 299 89901 817000 (\$64,272 CSLRF Prog-EDD) and 101 17409 817000 (\$35,000 Regional Catastrophic (FEMA)). (2025-96-021) Motion Carried.

10. Kinloch/Peterson-Mayberry

Passed for the day. A two-year subrecipient agreement with two, one-year options to renew between the Charter County of Wayne and the Detroit Hispanic Development Corporation (of Detroit) not to exceed \$99,272 to contribute to a yearlong training and development program to prepare and equip Wayne County community-based organizations to enter the

Resilience Hub Network; the Executive's Office advises that the Resilience Hub Network will enable the County to engage in a capacity and planning effort for each hub to serve as a one-stop shop to distribute County resources and serve as a space of refuge and information for community members during times of crisis; the term will commence upon Commission approval for two years; the cost will be charged to Account Nos. 299 89901 817000 (\$64,272 CSLRF Prog-EDD) and 101 17409 817000 (\$35,000 Regional Catastrophic (FEMA)). (2025-96-022) Motion Carried.

11. Kinloch/Peterson-Mayberry

Passed for the day. A two-year subrecipient agreement with two, one-year options to renew between the Charter County of Wayne and Live6 Alliance (of Detroit) not to exceed \$99,272 to contribute to a yearlong training and development program to prepare and equip Wayne County community-based organizations to enter the Resilience Hub Network; the Executive's Office advises that the Resilience Hub Network will enable the County to engage in a capacity and planning effort for each hub to serve as a one-stop shop to distribute County resources and serve as a space of refuge and information for community members during times of crisis; the term will commence upon Commission approval for two years; the cost will be charged to Account Nos. 299 89901 817000 (\$64,272 CSLRF Prog-EDD) and 101 17409 817000 (\$35,000 Regional Catastrophic (FEMA)). (2025-96-023) Motion Carried.

12. Kinloch/Peterson-Mayberry

Passed for the day. A two-year subrecipient agreement with two, one-year options to renew between the Charter County of Wayne and the Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency (of Detroit) not to exceed \$99,272 to contribute to a yearlong training and development program to prepare and equip Wayne County community-based organizations to enter the Resilience Hub Network; the Executive's Office advises that the Resilience Hub Network will enable the County to engage in a capacity and planning effort for each hub to serve as a one-stop shop to distribute County resources and serve as a space of

refuge and information for community members during times of crisis; the term will commence upon Commission approval for two years; the cost will be charged to Account Nos. 299 89901 817000 (\$64,272 CSLRF Prog-EDD) and 101 17409 817000 (\$35,000 Regional Catastrophic (FEMA)). (2025-96-024) Motion Carried.

13. Kinloch/Peterson-Mayberry

Passed for the day. A two-year subrecipient agreement with two, one-year options to renew between the Charter County of Wayne and Sound Mind Sound Body (of Detroit) not to exceed \$99,272 to contribute to a yearlong training and development program to prepare and equip Wayne County community-based organizations to enter the Resilience Hub Network; the Executive's Office advises that the Resilience Hub Network will enable the County to engage in a capacity and planning effort for each hub to serve as a one-stop shop to distribute County resources and serve as a space of refuge and information for community members during times of crisis; the term will commence upon Commission approval for two years; the cost will be charged to Account Nos. 299 89901 817000 (\$64,272 CSLRF Prog-EDD) and 101 17409 817000 (\$35,000 Regional Catastrophic (FEMA)). (2025-96-025) Motion Carried.

14. Kinloch/Peterson-Mayberry

Passed for the day. A two-year subrecipient agreement with two, one-year options to renew between the Charter County of Wayne and Walking in One Accord (of Trenton) not to exceed \$99,272 to contribute to a yearlong training and development program to prepare and equip Wayne County community-based organizations to enter the Resilience Hub Network; the Executive's Office advises that the Resilience Hub Network will enable the County to engage in a capacity and planning effort for each hub to serve as a one-stop shop to distribute County resources and serve as a space of refuge and information for community members during times of crisis; the term will commence upon Commission approval for two years; the cost will be charged to Account Nos. 299 89901 817000 (\$64,272 CSLRF Prog-EDD) and 101 17409 817000 (\$35,000

Regional Catastrophic (FEMA)). (2025-96-026)
Motion Carried.

15. Kinloch/Peterson-Mayberry

Passed for the day. A two-year subrecipient agreement with two, one-year options to renew between the Charter County of Wayne and the City of Dearborn Fire Department not to exceed \$99,272 to contribute to a yearlong training and development program to prepare and equip Wayne County community-based organizations to enter the Resilience Hub Network; the Executive's Office advises that the Resilience Hub Network will enable the County to engage in a capacity and planning effort for each hub to serve as a one-stop shop to distribute County resources and serve as a space of refuge and information for community members during times of crisis; the term will commence upon Commission approval for two years; the cost will be charged to Account Nos. 299 89901 817000 (\$64,272 CSLRF Prog-EDD) and 101 17409 817000 (\$35,000 Regional Catastrophic (FEMA)). (2025-96-027)
Motion Carried.

16. Kinloch/Peterson-Mayberry

Passed for the day. A two-year subrecipient agreement with two, one-year options to renew between the Charter County of Wayne and Jefferson East, Inc. (of Detroit) not to exceed \$99,272 to contribute to a yearlong training and development program to prepare and equip Wayne County community-based organizations to enter the Resilience Hub Network; the Executive's Office advises that the Resilience Hub Network will enable the County to engage in a capacity and planning effort for each hub to serve as a one-stop shop to distribute County resources and serve as a space of refuge and information for community members during times of crisis; the term will commence upon Commission approval for two years; the cost will be charged to Account Nos. 299 89901 817000 (\$64,272 CSLRF Prog-EDD) and 101 17409 817000 (\$35,000 Regional Catastrophic (FEMA)). (2025-96-028)
Motion Carried.

17. Kinloch/Peterson-Mayberry

Passed for the day. A two-year subrecipient agreement with two, one-year options to renew between the Charter County of Wayne and

Soulardarity (of Highland Park) not to exceed \$99,272 to contribute to a yearlong training and development program to prepare and equip Wayne County community-based organizations to enter the Resilience Hub Network; the Executive's Office advises that the Resilience Hub Network will enable the County to engage in a capacity and planning effort for each hub to serve as a one-stop shop to distribute County resources and serve as a space of refuge and information for community members during times of crisis; the term will commence upon Commission approval for two years; the cost will be charged to Account Nos. 299 89901 817000 (\$64,272 CSLRF Prog-EDD) and 101 17409 817000 (\$35,000 Regional Catastrophic (FEMA)). (2025-96-029) Motion Carried.

Yeas -- Commissioners Wilson, Kinloch, Peterson-Mayberry, Baker McCormick, Palamara -- 5

- F. Such other matters as may be submitted before the Committee.
- G. Public Comments
- H. Adjournment

Kinloch/Palamara
Adjournment at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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