

**GENESEE COUNTY METROPOLITAN ALLIANCE**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, January 21, 2026, 6:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

The Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance Committee met at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 21, 2026, in the Board Room, RM #1014 of the Genesee County Administration Building.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Vice-Chairperson Henry called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Vice-Chairperson Henry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. ROLL CALL**

Members present and absent were noted as follows:

**UNIT REPRESENTED**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Genesee County

Brian Flewelling  
Martin L. Cousineau  
Ellen Ellenburg

City of Burton

Kris Johns  
Duane Mosher  
Margaret (Peggy) Manser

John Westfall

City of Davison

Ben Lindstrom

Eric Daly  
Patricia Lockwood  
Sean Sage  
Donald Bancroft  
Mayor Sheldon Neeley  
Danny Schiller  
Abdul Aziz Khandker  
Joseph Karlichek

City of Fenton

City of Flint

City of Flushing  
City of Grand Blanc

Chris Douglas  
Don Becker

John Creasey  
Pamela Howd  
Tom Hicks  
Denise Miller

City of Linden

City of Montrose  
City of Mt. Morris

Mark Richard

La'Shaya Darisaw  
John Vance

City of Swartz Creek

John Gilbert

Charles Campbell

	Nate Henry	
Argentine Township		Robert (Bob) Cole
	Jason Kosofsky	
Atlas Township		Ed Renckly Toni Yaklin
	Paulette Johnson	
Clayton Township		Ann Marie Moore Shelley Thompson Tom Spillane Matt Karr William Clark Ronny Medawar Robert Kessler Karyn Miller
Davison Township Fenton Township		
Flint Township		
	John Whiteside	
Flushing Township		Tracey Tucker Mike Pifer Bill Bain Fred Thorsby Mary Ann Price Danny Waid Donna Baynai Daniel Jenkins Andrew Sorensen Robin Ackerman Mike Yancho
Forest Township Gaines Township		
Genesee Township		
Grand Blanc Township		
	Joanie Towarnicky	
Montrose Township		Coetta Adams Steven Schlight Michele Loper Robert Johnson Dewayn Allen Jennifer Stainton Paula Spicer Cory Bostwick
Mt. Morris Township		
Mundy Township		
Richfield Township Thetford Township		
Vienna Township	Richard Johnson	
Gaines Village Goodrich Village		Sue Thomas Taunya Marek Shannon McCafferty
	Angie Adamec	
Lennon Village Otisville Village Otter Lake Village		Chris Caverly  David Dorr Terry Gill

Federal Highway Admin  
Gen City Drain Comm  
Gen City Road Comm

Dylan Campbell

Andy Pickard  
Jeff Wright  
Alex Patsy

GCMPC

Derek Bradshaw  
Christine Durgan

Mass Trans Authority

Corwin Matthews

Dennis McDonagh

Mich Dept of Trans

Ben Blazen

Jay Reithel  
Trevor Block  
Trevor Vincke

Paige DeHate

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Patrick Dargel, Tina Conley, Sheila Taylor, Jacob Maurer, McKenna Dutkiewicz, , and Theresa LeFavour

**\*\*\*IV. MINUTES OF THE December 17, 2025 REGULAR MEETING**

**Motion: Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mark Richard, **Supported by** John Whiteside to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2025, Regular Meeting as presented.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**V. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

Patrick Dargel from the City of Burton and Tina Conley from the City of Burton.

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

NONE.

**VII. PUBLIC HEARING**

NONE.

**VIII. FINANCES**

NONE.

**IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

NONE.

**X. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Genesee: Our County, Our Future Master Plan**

Ms. McKenna Dutkiewicz stated the Our County, Our Future Master Plan is currently out for public comment. The public comment period runs from December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 through February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026. An open house took place on January 21<sup>st</sup> at the Clio Area Senior Center. There are three additional tentative public input events scheduled. They are scheduled for January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at the Flint Farmers' Market from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm; a

newly added event on January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at the Swartz Creek Senior Center from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm; and on January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at the Fenton Community and Cultural Center from 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm.

Comments may be made in person or by mail, telephone, facsimile, on our website, digital comment box, or by email. Discussion ensued.

### **B. Flint and Genesee County Strategic Trails Plan**

Mr. Jacob Maurer gave a presentation of the Genesee County Strategic Trails Plan. A draft of this plan has been released. The goal of this plan is to provide healthy, happy and resilient communities by 2030. The Planning Department was approached by the Mott Foundation and asked how trails can be built at a faster pace. A symposium was held in June of 2025 where members of the community were invited. Several neighborhood groups also attended along with conversations with township supervisors, city managers and their respective boards.

The current trails network has about 70 miles of core trail connections missing. In the next five years, an \$80 million investment of over 20 projects around the county will occur with \$15 million in investments being planned in the next year.

## **XI. NEW BUSINESS**

### **\*\*\*A. FY 2026-Michigan Transportation Asset Management Council PASER Training Dates**

Ms. McKenna Dutkiewicz stated the Michigan Transportation Asset Management Council has announced their PASER training dates. Both the first and second sessions must be completed in order to rate roads. Discussion ensued.

## **XII. OTHER BUSINESS**

### **A. Appointment of the Nominating Committee to Prepare a Slate of Officers for Elections**

Ms. Sheila Taylor stated elections are typically held in March. Due to the previous chairperson stepping down, it is recommended that the nominations take place in February. Annual positions are chairperson, vice-chairperson and treasurer. Two trustee positions will also be expiring and need to be filled.

Vice-Chairperson Henry appointed an election committee of John Whiteside, Paulette Johnson, Richard Johnson, Chris Douglas, and Dylan Campbell. The election committee will meet at 5:30 pm prior to the February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026 meeting.

Any member interested in running for the open positions, please contact one of the appointed committee members or Ms. Sheila Taylor. Nominees will also be called for from the floor at the February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026, meeting.

**XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ms. Sheila Taylor stated the 2026 Metropolitan Alliance dues are \$165 and due by February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

Ms. McKenna Dutkiewicz's assignment will be changing from the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to the Trails Program. Mr. Dan Moulton will be moving into the TIP role.

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

Vice-Chairperson Henry adjourned the meeting at 6:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Theresa LeFavour, Secretary  
Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission