



## GRAND VALLEY METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

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## GVMC BOARD MEETING

December 19, 2019

Noon

GVMC Offices  
678 Front Ave. Ste 200  
Grand Rapids, MI 49504

1. Welcome
2. Quorum Call
3. Approval of Minutes – Attached
4. January Board Meeting
5. Dedication of James R. Buck Conference Room
6. Adjourn

# GRAND VALLEY METRO COUNCIL

## Board Meeting

November 7, 2019

8:30 a.m.

City of Wyoming Offices

## MINUTES

### 1. Call to Order

Mike DeVries called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m.

#### Members Present:

|                      |                       |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Ken Bergwerff        | Jamestown Township    |
| Mike Burns           | City of Lowell        |
| Tom Butcher          | GVSU                  |
| Gary Carey           | City of Walker        |
| Deb Diepenhorst      | Cannon Township       |
| Rob DeWard           | Gaines Township       |
| Mike DeVries         | Grand Rapids Township |
| Brian Donovan        | At-Large              |
| Joshua Eggleston     | City of Wayland       |
| Adam Elenbaas        | Allendale Township    |
| George Haga          | Ada Township          |
| Jim Holtvluwer       | Ottawa County         |
| Tom Hooker           | Byron Township        |
| John Hoppough        | City of Greenville    |
| Steve Kepley         | City of Kentwood      |
| Doug LaFave          | East Grand Rapids     |
| Karen McCarthy       | At-Large              |
| Brenda McNabb-Stange | City of Hastings      |
| John Niemela         | City of Belding       |
| Jack Poll            | City of Wyoming       |
| Jonathan Seyferth    | City of Coopersville  |
| Julius Suchy         | Village of Sparta     |
| Al Vanderberg        | Ottawa County         |
| Cameron VanWyngarden | Plainfield Township   |
| Mike Verhulst        | City of Grand Rapids  |
| Mark Washington      | City of Grand Rapids  |

**Members Absent:**

|                  |                        |
|------------------|------------------------|
| Rick Baker       | At-Large               |
| Thad Beard       | City of Rockford       |
| Rob Beahan       | Cascade Township       |
| Nora Balgoyen    | At-Large Member        |
| Mandy Bolter     | Kent County            |
| Wayman Britt     | Kent County            |
| Robyn Britton    | Nelson Township        |
| Dan Carlton      | Georgetown Township    |
| Jason Eppler     | City of Ionia          |
| Rachel Gokey     | Village of Sand Lake   |
| Kevin Green      | Algoma Township        |
| Jerry Hale       | Lowell Township        |
| Bryan Harrison   | Caledonia Township     |
| Diane Jones      | Kent County            |
| Steve Maas       | City of Grandville     |
| Greg Madura      | Alpine Township        |
| Megan Sall       | City of Wyoming        |
| Patrick Waterman | City of Hudsonville    |
| Lynne Wells      | City of Grand Rapids   |
| Mike Womack      | City of Cedar Springs  |
| Duane Weeks      | Village of Middleville |

**Others Present:**

|               |                            |
|---------------|----------------------------|
| John Weiss    | Grand Valley Metro Council |
| Gayle McCrath | Grand Valley Metro Council |
| Wendy Ogilvie | Grand Valley Metro Council |
| Abed Itani    | Grand Valley metro Council |
| Jason Moore   | Grand Valley Metro Council |
| Mark Rambo    | City of Kentwood           |

**2. General Public Comment**

**None**

**3. Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION – To Approve the August and October 2019 Board Minutes. MOVE – Poll. SUPPORT – McNabb-Stange. MOTION CARRIED.**

**4. Presentation – Statewide Energy Assessment**

Ryan Laruwe of the Michigan Public Service Commission presented on the Statewide Energy Assessment and its impetus. Last winter the Polar Vortex hit Michigan dropping temperatures to as low as -25. During that time, a fire at Consumer’s Energy’s largest natural gas storage facility lead to challenges with our natural gas supply. Michigan utilities requested conservation measures and the State Emergency Operations Center made a broad public appeal to conserve natural gas. For the first time the Michigan State Police used the statewide alert system to notify residents and asked them to voluntarily conserve. After the event, the Governor called upon the Michigan Public Service Commission to evaluate the design of our utility systems and determine their adequacy for changing conditions and extreme weather events.

**5. Extension of Truscott Rossman Communications Contract**

John Weiss reported on the extension of the Truscott Rossman Communications contract. It was felt the work Truscott Rossman has done over the past year has been very effective and the Executive Committee has recommended extending the contract. Tim Dye presented on the work done at the October GVMC Board Meeting.

Steve Kepley stated while the work for done GVMC has been very good, he has concerns with conflict of interest regarding other clients of Truscott Rossman. The firm did work for Proposition 1 previously which Kepley opposes.

**MOTION – To Approve Extension of the Truscott Rossman Communications Contract. MOVE – Vanderberg. SUPPORT – Suchy. NO – Kepley, Hooker. YES – All Others. MOTION CARRIED.**

**6. Other**

- a. Congressional Dinner – December 2**
- b. December 19 – Openhouse / Board Meeting Dedication of James R. Buck Conference Room**

**7. Adjourn – 9:45 a.m.**