



## GRAND VALLEY METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

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# GVMC BOARD MEETING AGENDA

November 9th, 2022

Following GVMC / ITC Local Officials Dinner

6:00 p.m.

Whitecaps Baseball Park

4500 West River Dr.

Comstock Park, MI

1. Welcome
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comment
4. Approval of Minutes
5. Approval of GVMC Board Meeting Schedule
6. Adjourn

# Grand Valley Metro Council

## Board Meeting Minutes

September 1, 2022  
8:30 a.m.

Kent County Commission Chambers  
300 Monroe  
Grand Rapids, MI

### 1. Call to Order

Chair Jack Poll called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

#### Members Present:

|                   |                       |
|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Betsy Artz        | City of Kentwood      |
| Rick Baker        | At-Large Member       |
| Nora Balgoyen     | At-Large Member       |
| Thad Beard        | City of Rockford      |
| Mike Burns        | City of Lowell        |
| Mark Bennett      | Tallmadge Township    |
| Gary Carey        | City of Walker        |
| Shea Charles      | East Grand Rapids     |
| Deb Diepenhorst   | Cannon Township       |
| Mike DeVries      | Grand Rapids Township |
| Brian Donovan     | At-Large Member       |
| Joshua Eggleston  | City of Wayland       |
| Adam Elenbaas     | Allendale Township    |
| Shay Gallagher    | Village of Sparta     |
| Lisa Haynes       | GVSU                  |
| Curtis Holt       | City of Wyoming       |
| Jim Holtvluwer    | Ottawa County         |
| Steve Kepley      | City of Kentwood      |
| Grace Lesperance  | Cascade Twp.          |
| Dennis Luce       | City of Coopersville  |
| Jack Poll         | City of Wyoming       |
| Megan Rydecki     | At-Large              |
| Jonathan Seyferth | Gaines Township       |
| John Shay         | Ottawa County         |
| Jeff Thornton     | Village of Caledonia  |
| Al Vanderberg     | Kent County           |
| Patrick Waterman  | City of Hudsonville   |
| Mark Washington   | City of Grand Rapids  |
| Rod Weersing      | Georgetown Township   |
| Lynee Wells       | City of Grand Rapids  |

**Members Absent:**

|                      |                        |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| Mandy Bolter         | Kent County            |
| Robyn Britton        | Nelson Township        |
| Precia Garland       | City of Ionia          |
| Kevin Green          | Algoma Township        |
| Jerry Hale           | Lowell Township        |
| Bryan Harrison       | Caledonia Township     |
| Diane Jones          | Kent County            |
| Ryan Kidd            | Georgetown Twp.        |
| Ross Leisman         | Ada Township           |
| Greg Madura          | Alpine Township        |
| Steve Maas           | City of Grandville     |
| Matt McConnon        | Courtland Township     |
| Brenda McNabb-Stange | City of Hastings       |
| Amos Tillema         | Byron Township         |
| Laurie Van Haitzma   | Jamestown Township     |
| Cameron VanWyngarden | Plainfield Township    |
| Mike Verhulst        | City of Grand Rapids   |
| Mike Womack          | City of Cedar Springs  |
| Open                 | City of Greenville     |
| Open                 | Village of Sand Lake   |
| Open                 | Village of Middleville |
| Open                 | City of Belding        |

**2. Quorum Call**

- a. Chair stated a quorum was present.

**3. Public Comment**

None

**4. Approval of Minutes**

- a. **MOTION – To Approve the June Minutes. MOVE – DeVries. SUPPORT – Waterman. MOTION CARRIED.**

**5. Oath of Office – Betsy Artz, City of Kentwood & Rod Weersing, Georgetown Twp.**

- a. The Oath of Office was administered to Betsy Artz, City of Kentwood and Rod Weersing, Georgetown Twp. Both new members stated they were looking forward to being on the Council and working with everyone.

## 6. REGIS Rebate

For the past 6 years REGIS has rebated its members a total of \$750,000. This year \$100,000 is requested to be rebated with each community receiving a share equal to their percentage of the total dues. The REGIS Executive Committee and Board have already approved the rebate.

**MOTION – To Approve the Resolution to Rebate REGIS Members \$100,000. MOVE – Vanderberg. SUPPORT – DeVries. MOTION CARRIED.**

## 7. Public Hearing and Approval of FY 2022/23 GVMC Budget

### a. Public Hearing Opened 8:40 a.m.

Chair Jack Poll asked if there were any comments from the public regarding the approval of the FY 2022/23 GVMC Budget.

There were no comments.

### b. Public Hearing closed 8:41 a.m.

The proposed budget has been out for review by Board members for over a month. The entire process spans several months and includes input by nearly 90 stakeholders. Dues reflect the per capita increase due to the 2020 census. The Transportation budget has already been approved by the GVMC Board. REGIS and Environmental Programs budgets have been approved by their respective committees. Everything is going extremely well.

**MOTION – To Approve the Resolution to Approve the FY 2022/23 GVMC Budget. MOVE – Washington. SUPPORT – Cary. MOTION CARRIED.**

## 8. Election of GVMC Officers and Executive Committee Members

Megan Rydecki reported on the Officer and Executive Committee Nominations. Several months ago, GVMC Board members were notified that applications were being accepted for GVMC Officer and Executive Committee members. Applications were to be forwarded to the Nominating Committee (Brian Donovan, Al Vanderberg, Megan Rydecki). No applications were received other than those currently serving on the Ex. Com.

There has been considerable discussion regarding the selection criteria (breakdown between city, township, county, engagement, participation, etc.).

The Nominating Committee puts forth the following recommended slate:

Chair – Patrick Waterman, City of Hudsonville  
Vice Chair - Mike DeVries, Grand Rapids Twp.  
Treasurer – Al Vanderberg, Kent County  
Secretary – Brian Donovan, At Large  
Greg Madura, Alpine Twp.  
Steve Kepley, City of Kentwood  
John Shaw, Ottawa County  
Mark Washington, City of Grand Rapids  
Ross Leisman, Ada Twp.  
Gary Carey, City of Walker  
John Weiss, Executive Director (required)

**MOTION – To Approve the Above Slate of Officers and Executive Committee Members. MOVE – Rydecki. SUPPORT – Wells. MOTION CARRIED.**

## **9. REGIS Update**

Jason Moore updated the group on the progress of the software upgrades, internet provider switchover, cyber security, and presentations.

## **10. Transportation Update**

Jack Poll announced that Laurel Joseph will be featured in the Grand Rapids Business Journal's 40 Under 40 awards.

Laurel Joseph updated the group on the Transportation Demand Management Plan and the kickoff of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2030. She also reported the Federal Highway Administration has approved the GVMC Work Program.

Laurel Joseph reported that John Weiss has been selected for the Carmen Palumbo Leadership Award for his work with statewide asset management. The award will be presented at the TAMSE conference September 28.

## **11. Networking Updates**

Gayle McCrath reported over 100 people attended the GVMC / ITC social and networking event at the Whitecaps ballgame this summer. GVMC is very grateful to ITC for their ongoing support and sponsorship.

An evening event will be held November 9<sup>th</sup> at the Stadium Club at the Whitecaps ballpark, also sponsored by ITC. Invitations will be going out soon.

## **12. Adjourn- 9:10 a.m.**

**Date: October 20, 2022**  
**To: Executive Committee**  
**From: John Weiss**  
**Re: 2023 GVMC Board Meetings**

Below is a list of the anticipated 2023 GVMC Board Meetings which is in compliance with the change in by-laws made February 2020.

The meetings will be held in accordance to State, Local and National public meeting mandates.

February 2, 2023

- Review of REGIS Committee Appointments
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June 1, 2023

- Approval of FY 2023 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
- Annual Report Presentation and Acceptance of the Audit

September 7, 2023

- Approval of 2022-2023 Budget
- Election of Executive Committee and Officers

November 2023 - TBD

- Possible Fall Dinner

December 2023 – Date TBD

- Optional Holiday Reception

In addition to the Board of Directors listed above. Each of our departments are comprised of multiple committees and sub-committees. They will continue to meet on a regular basis:

Transportation

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|---|---------------------------------|
| Transportation Technical Committee  | Transportation Policy Committee |
| Transportation Programming Study Group  | GVMC Freight Committee          |
| Non-motorized Committee   | GVMC Traffic Count Committee    |
| West Michigan Clean Air Coalition   | WM Traffic Safety Committee     |
| Other meetings as required or requested by members, MDOT or other transportation agencies |                                 |

Environmental Department

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| LGROW Board of Directors   | LGROW Executive Committee       |
| Public Engagement Committee  | Technical Committee             |
| Sustainability Committee   | Subwatershed Committee          |
| Stormwater Ordinance Committee   | Fund Development and Membership |
| Other meetings as required or requested by members, environmental groups and governmental agencies |                                 |

REGIS

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|--|---------------------------------|
| REGIS Board of Directors   | REGIS Executive Committee       |
| REGIS Members Advisory Committee   | REGIS Technical Committee REGIS |
| Specialty Users Groups for Assessors, Clerks, Planners, Assessors, DPW/Engineers |                                 |
| Multiple visits as requested by members, REGIS Training, WM GIS Users Group      |                                 |