

OLDER PERSONS' COMMISSION FEBRUARY 5, 2026

MEETING of the **OLDER PERSONS' COMMISSION** held at the OPC Social & Activity Center, 650 Letica Drive, Rochester, Oakland County, Michigan 48307.

CALL TO ORDER

The Thursday, February 5, 2026, Governing Board Meeting was called to order by Chairman Bikson at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 8) Stuart Bikson, Robin Buxar, Al Fisk, James Gill, Diana Mannino, Carol Morlan, Theresa Mungoli, Micheline Sommers

Absent: 0)

QUORUM PRESENT

Others Present: Renee Cortright, Older Persons' Commission Executive Director
Mandy Mullins, Older Persons' Commission Deputy Director

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

MOTION by Buxar, seconded by Sommers, **Resolved**, to approve the Agenda, as presented.

Aye: 8) Bikson, Buxar, Fisk, Gill, Mannino, Morlan, Mungoli, Sommers

Nay: 0)

Absent: 0)

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Bikson called for public comment on items not on the agenda. Two members commented: one on free fitness classes through insurance/senior programs and a no food/drink sign in the Café. Another commented on overcrowding by nonresidents and 50-year-old members.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 8, 2026, REGULAR MEETING

MOTION by Morlan, seconded by Sommers, **Resolved**, to approve the Minutes of the January 8, 2026, meeting, as presented.

Aye: 8) Bikson, Buxar, Fisk, Gill, Mannino, Morlan, Mungoli, Sommers

Nay: 0)

Absent: 0)

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Review 2026 Meeting Schedule Approved November 6, 2025

Treasurer Buxar proposed additional meetings to provide a more regular, predictable schedule, accountability and transparency for members and the Board.

MOTION by Mungoli, seconded by Morlan, **Resolved**, to amend the 2026 meeting schedule to hold meetings on March 5, April 2, May 7, June 4, June 25, September 3 and November 5, and to reevaluate the schedule at the September 3 meeting to determine whether meetings in October and December are needed.

Aye: 8) Bikson, Buxar, Fisk, Gill, Mannino, Morlan, Mungoli, Sommers

Nay: 0)

Absent: 0)

MOTION CARRIED

Resident / Nonresident Policy Discussion

E.D. Cortright gave the history of the Resident / Nonresident policy approved on February 11, 2004, stating that the policy has been reviewed every year with some updates. She presented statistics of the current membership.

Chairman Bikson opened the floor for public comment on the agenda item. Five comments were received, addressing topics including delayed registration for nonresidents, overcrowding, challenges with online registration, 50+ members and difficulty getting into Aqua Zumba classes.

Following Board discussion, Chairman Bikson requested that E.D. Cortright present policy recommendations or solutions at the next meeting, so a decision can be made.

Appointment of Board Liaison to the Rolling Strategic Plan

E.D. Cortright requested Board participation to serve as liaisons, working with a staff member on each of the six action items. The Commissioners expressed interest as follows:

- Action Item #1: Process Improvement – Gill, Morlan
- Action Item #2: Communication – Fisk, Gill
- Action Item #3: Programs & Services – Bikson, Sommers
- Action Item #4: Facilities – Buxar, Mannino
- Action Item #5: Staff Development – Morlan, Mungioli
- Action Item #6: Financials – Buxar, Mannino

The staff representative for each action item will contact the assigned Commissioner to schedule a meeting prior to the March 5, 2026, meeting.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

E.D. Cortright reported the following:

- Transportation update:
 - The Dispatch Department is now using the QRyde dispatch software tool to send text reminders to riders the day before their scheduled rides.
 - Cameras were installed on the buses to enhance safety, provide legal evidence and prevent fraud.
 - Rose Young, OPC's Transportation Operation Manager, will give a presentation at the Savvy Senior program on February 18, titled "Navigating Public Transit in the Greater Rochester Area," providing insights on OPC and the SMART transportation systems.
- OPC's Wellness Week, March 16 – 20, will feature complimentary activities for residents 50+ of Rochester, Rochester Hills and Oakland Township. The March newsletter will reach 24,000 households. Highlights from the week include presentations, demos, live music, and complimentary activities that benefit member's emotional, physical, intellectual, creative, vocational and nutritional well-being.

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- Special thanks to community partner, Assistance League of SE Michigan, who donated \$1,000 worth of art supplies, a puzzle table, puzzles and other items to support art therapy and mental stimulation activities provided by the Adult Day Service Staff.
- 2026 Special Events to mention at council meetings:
 - Top Chef – April 16
 - 5K Run/Walk for Meals on Wheels & Pancake Breakfast – June 6
 - Summer Solstice Soiree – June 19

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee

Chairman Bikson requested a change to the Finance Committee assignments, replacing Commissioner Mungioli with Commissioner Mannino. The Committee will consist of: Buxar, Mannino and Morlan.

MOTION by Buxar, seconded by Morlan, **Resolved**, to approve the Finance Committee assignments, as amended.

Aye: 8) Bikson, Buxar, Fisk, Gill, Mannino, Morlan, Mungioli, Sommers

Nay: 0)

Absent: 0)

MOTION CARRIED

Facility Committee – none

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner's comments were given. Treasurer Buxar stated she would like to restart the "Meet the Supervisor" monthly program.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Bikson requested a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

MOTION by Buxar, seconded by Morlan, **Resolved**, to adjourn the meeting.

Aye: 8) Bikson, Buxar, Fisk, Gill, Mannino, Morlan, Mungioli, Sommers

Nay: 0)

Absent: 0)

MOTION CARRIED

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2026, AT 5:00 P.M.

AL FISK, SECRETARY
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