

OLDER PERSONS' COMMISSION MARCH 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, March 5, 2026, Governing Board Meeting was called to order by Chairman Bikson at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 5) Stuart Bikson, Robin Buxar, James Gill, Carol Morlan, Micheline Sommers
Absent: 3) Al Fisk, Diana Mannino, Theresa Munglioli

QUORUM PRESENT

Others Present: Renee Cortright, Older Persons' Commission Executive Director
Mandy Mullins, Older Persons' Commission Deputy Director
Gregory Soule, CPA, Partner, Andrews Hooper Pavlic, PLC

Entered Commissioner Mannino at 5:01 p.m.

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Chairman Bikson requested to move "New Business 8a., FY2025 Audit Review," to agenda item 7a.

MOTION by Morlan, seconded by Sommers, **Resolved**, to approve the Agenda, as amended.

Aye: 6) Bikson, Buxar, Gill, Mannino, Morlan, Sommers
Nay: 0)
Absent: 2) Fisk, Munglioli

MOTION CARRIED

Entered Commissioner Fisk at 5:02 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Bikson opened the floor for public comment on items not on the agenda. Two members spoke: one addressed the Café closure related to defaced signage, and another commented on the FY2026–2028 Budget as it pertains to the Café.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 5, 2026, REGULAR MEETING

MOTION by Sommers, seconded by Morlan, **Resolved**, to approve the Minutes of the February 5, 2026, meeting, as presented.

Aye: 7) Bikson, Buxar, Gill, Fisk, Mannino, Morlan, Sommers
Nay: 0)
Absent: 1) Munglioli

MOTION CARRIED

Entered Commissioner Munglioli at 5:08 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

FY2025 Audit Review – Andrews Hooper Pavlic PLC

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Greg Sole, representing Andrews Hooper Pavlik PLC, presented the FY2025 Audit Review and issued an unmodified opinion, citing a strong financial position.

MOTION by Morlan, seconded by Mannino, **Resolved**, to accept the FY2025 Audit Review, as presented.

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

Nay: 0)

Absent: 0)

MOTION CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Resident / Nonresident Policy Discussion

Chairman Bikson opened the floor for public comment on the agenda item. Five public comments were received. One member addressed census data for the three communities. Other comments raised concerns about overcrowding, residents versus nonresident participation, individuals age 50+ filling classes, the origin of the nonresident policy and the age requirement for participation.

As requested, E.D. Cortright provided a report on additional class and event data and the efforts and accommodations already made regarding class capacity. She recommends monitoring the statistics over the next year and address accordingly.

MOTION by Buxar, seconded by Morlan, **Resolved**, to continue to allow the current Resident/Non-Resident Policy and to obtain a legal review of the Interlocal Agreement, specifically regarding compliance of the Resident/Non-Resident Policy and to review the motion, resolution, and minutes related to establishing the facility membership age at 50.

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

Nay: 0)

Absent: 0)

MOTION CARRIED

SECOND MOTION by Buxar, seconded by Morlan, **Resolved**, for administration to review computer options for non-resident registration and to amend the current Resident/Non-Resident Policy that individuals shall be 50 years of age, regardless of marital status, to become a member.

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

Nay: 0)

Absent: 0)

MOTION CARRIED

Public Transportation Amendment to the 2026 Agreement between OPC & Oakland County

E.D. Cortright explained the proposed amendment for two additional buses and requested approval of the agreement.

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MOTION by Mungiolli, seconded by Morlan, **Resolved**, to approve the Amendment of Interlocal Contract Amendment 2026-2, dated March 2, 2026, between OPC & Oakland County, as presented.

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

Nay: 0)

Absent: 0)

MOTION CARRIED

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

E.D. Cortright reported the following:

- Meetings are being set for the Strategic Plan between staff liaisons and board members.
- Transportation Update:
 - The Navigating Public Transit in the Great Rochester Area presentation in February was well attended and provided insights on OPC and SMART Fixed Route systems.
 - Record enrollment with 650-700 new riders registered over the past year with a steady growth of 12-15 new users per week. Ridership grew by over 5% since January 1 with an increase of over 12% over the same time last year.
 - Veteran-specific ridership increased by 14% from the beginning of the year.
- The Annual Nutrition Assessment with Ageways, for the home delivered and congregate meal programs, was in mid-February. OPC received high marks for both programs. Congratulations to Becky Wuornos, Nutrition Department Manager and the nutrition team for going above and beyond every day.
- OPC's Wellness Week is March 16 – 20, with complimentary activities. Over 25,000 50+ households of Rochester, Rochester Hills and Oakland Township received the newsletter.
- Special thanks to our community partners: Assistance League of SE Michigan who donated \$536 to buy shelf stable meals for Meals on Wheels clients, and to the Dinosaur Hill daffodil fundraiser, for the bunches of daffodils that will brighten the day of the Meals on Wheels clients on March 18.
- Detroit PBS was in the atrium today interviewing six individuals who provide caregiving for a family member or friend. The interviews will be used on the station's website and may appear on TV. The project is part of the station's ongoing initiative around caregiving.
- April/May Events:
 - Top Chef – April 16
 - 5K Run/Walk for Meals on Wheels & Pancake Breakfast – June 6
 - Summer Solstice Soiree "Feelin' Groovy" – June 19

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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Finance Committee

Treasurer Buxar report the committee met to preview the audit.

Facility Committee – none

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner's comments were given.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Bikson adjourned the meeting at 6:39 p.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2026, AT 5:00 P.M.

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