

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Board of Commissioners
OF SAGINAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN



JANUARY SESSION 2025



First Day of the January Session of the Board of Commissioners of Saginaw County, Michigan, held Tuesday, January 7, 2025. The Board met pursuant to call of the County Clerk at 5:00 p.m.

County Clerk Vanessa Guerra served as Acting Chair pending the election of a Temporary Chair. She announced that pursuant to Article I of the Rules of the Saginaw County Board of Commissioners, at the first meeting in each year, the election of permanent Chair and Vice-Chair shall be the first order of business. Clerk Guerra took roll, and a quorum was present as follows:

PRESENT: Christopher S. Boyd, Lisa R. Coney, Denny M. Harris, John Kaczynski, Gerald D. Little, Sheldon Matthews, Mark S. Piotrowski, Tracey L. Slodowski, Richard A. Spitzer, Jack B. Tany, Michael A. Webster - **11**

ABSENT: - **0**

TOTAL: - **11**

OTHERS: Mary Catherine Hannah, Vanessa Guerra, Dave Gilbert, Bill Smith, Koren Thurston, Brian Keenan-Lechel, Undersheriff Gomez, Jennifer Broadfoot, Kelly Suppes, Jaime Ceja, Darcie Graham, Sam Tany, Mike Slodowski, Katharine Tessin, Kalie Veihl, Joe Tany, Justin Engel, Kyle Bostwick, Blair Stevenson, Suzy Koeplinger, Renee Sharkey, Catherine Hicks and others

✚ Commissioner Coney opened the meeting with a prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

CLERK'S CALL OF SESSION

Public Notice of Board Sessions

111 S. Michigan Ave., Room 200
Saginaw, MI 48602

Public Notice of Board Sessions

The Saginaw County Board of Commissioners will convene for its Organizational Session on
Tuesday, January 7, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.



Pursuant to Article I of the 2024 Board Rules, the Saginaw County Board of Commissioners will convene for its organizational meeting to elect the Chair to a 2-year term and Vice Chair for the ensuing year.

Requests for Public Comment (Audiences) must be made to the Board of Commissioners Office at (989) 790-5267 or by email to boc@saginawcounty.com prior to 12:00 p.m. the day of the meeting. Please include your phone number and topic.

This meeting is being held consistent with P.A. 267 of 1976 (MCL 15.263) to consider the January 7, 2024 Board Agendas.

If you are disabled and need accommodation to provide you with an opportunity to participate, please call the Board of Commissioners at 989.790.5267.

There is NO Committee Assignment Session on Thursday, January 9, 2025. Committee assignments will be emailed to commissioners prior to Monday, January 13, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,
Vanessa Guerra, County Clerk

Dec. 28, 2024
Posted 12-28-24 by SEK

By the Chair: That the Notice of Meeting from the County Clerk be received and filed if there are no objections. The Chair hears none; it is so ordered.

ELECTION OF TEMPORARY CHAIR

Acting Chair Vanessa Guerra announced that nominations were now open for Temporary Chair. Commissioner Boyd placed in nomination the name of Commissioner Webster. The Acting Chair called for further nominations; there were none. ***Commissioner Matthews moved, seconded by Commissioner Piotrowski, to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Commissioner Webster as Temporary Chair and the motion carried.*** The Acting Chair announced that Commissioner Webster was elected Temporary Chair.

ELECTION OF CHAIR

Temporary Chair Webster thanked the Board for its support and outlined the procedures for selection of the Chair and Vice-Chair.

According to Section 3 of Public Acts of 1851, No. 156, as amended by Public Acts of 1973, No. 102, the first order of business is as follows: *"The Board of Commissioners at their first meeting in each year, choose one of their number as Chair and one of their number as Vice-Chair."*

Temporary Chair Webster opened nominations for permanent Chair of the Board. Commissioner Boyd placed in nomination the name of Commissioner Tany. Temporary Chair Webster called for further nominations and there were none. ***By Commissioner Matthews, seconded by Commissioner Piotrowski: That nominations are closed, and a unanimous ballot is cast for Commissioner Tany as Chair of the Board for a 2-year term and the motion carried.***

The Temporary Chair announced Jack B. Tany as Chair of the Board for the ensuing year. Chairman Tany took his designated seat.



ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

Chairman Tany thanked his fellow commissioners for their support and confidence in him. Chairman Tany opened nominations for Vice-Chair. Commissioner Coney placed in nomination the name of Commissioner Little. The Chair called for further nominations and there were none. ***By Commissioner Spitzer, seconded by Commissioner Piotrowski: That nominations are closed, and a unanimous ballot is cast for Commissioner Little as Vice Chair of the Board for the ensuing year and the motion carried.*** Chairman Tany announced Gerald Little, with unanimous votes cast, as Vice-Chair of the Board for the ensuing year.

APPROVAL OF 2024 BOARD RULES

Chairman Tany asked for a motion to adopt the current 2024 Rules of the Board of Commissioners, with the meeting schedule for 2025, pending review by the Primary Standing Committees. ***Slodowski moved, seconded by Boyd, to approve the 2024 Rules of the Board. Motion carried.***

APPROVAL OF 2025 COMMITTEE AND BOARD SCHEDULE

Chairman Tany asked for a motion to adopt the 2025 Committee and Board Session Schedule of the Board of Commissioners, pending review by the Primary Standing Committees. ***Harris moved, seconded by Matthews, to approve the 2025 Committee and Board Session Schedule of the Board of Commissioners, pending review by the Primary Standing Committees. Motion carried.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIR

- Chairman Tany gave the correct pronunciation of his last name.
- Discussion was held. It was previously decided that a Committee Assignment Board Session was not required. As done the previous year, assignments will be made via email. Commissioners opted not to meet in person, declining pay to reduce cost.
- Chairman Tany announced the Second Day's Board Session would be held Tuesday, January 21, 2025.

COMMISSIONER'S AUDIENCES

- Commissioner Spitzer advised that he reached out to 18 people since the Special Board Session on December 10, 2024 and had positive conversations regarding the incident concerning Saginaw Township Trustee Amayah Bradley. He had scheduled a meeting with Terry Pruitt, President, NAACP Saginaw.



By Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Matthews: That the Board adjourn. Motion carried. Thereupon the Board adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

JACK B. TANY
CHAIRMAN

VANESSA GUERRA
COUNTY CLERK

Prepared by: Suzy Koeplinger, Deputy County Clerk



COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS & COMMISSIONER APPOINTMENTS

- **Parliamentarian:** Michael Webster
- **Deputy Parliamentarian:** Sheldon Matthews
- **Human Services Committee:** Tracey Slodowski - Chair, Gerald Little - Vice-Chair, Lisa Coney, Michael Webster, Jack Tany
- **Courts & Public Safety Committee:** Christopher Boyd - Chair, Sheldon Matthews - Vice-Chair, Mark Piotrowski, Richard Spitzer, Jack Tany
- **County Services Committee:** Michael Webster - Chair, Dennis Harris - Vice-Chair, John Kaczynski, Gerald Little, Jack Tany
- **Budget / Audit Committee:** Christopher Boyd - Chair, Tracey Slodowski - Vice-Chair, John Kaczynski, Michael Webster, Jack Tany
- **Labor Relations Committee:** Gerald Little - Chair, Sheldon Matthews - Vice-Chair, Denny Harris, Mark Piotrowski, Jack Tany
- **Legislative Committee:** Gerald Little - Chair, Michael Webster – Vice-Chair, Lisa Coney, Tracey Slodowski, Jack Tany
- **Intergovernmental Cooperation Committee:** Lisa Coney - Chair, Sheldon Matthews - Vice-Chair, Mark Piotrowski, Richard Spitzer, Jack Tany
- **Executive Committee:** Jack Tany - Chair, Gerald Little – Vice-Chair, Tracey Slodowski, Christopher Boyd, Michael Webster
- **Rules Committee:** Jack Tany - Chair, Sheldon Matthews - Vice-Chair, Christopher Boyd, Denny Harris, Michael Webster
- **Michigan Works! Operations Board:** Sheldon Matthews, Gerald Little, Mark Piotrowski, Jack Tany, Michael Webster



APPOINTMENTS

ONE-YEAR/TWO-YEAR COMMISSIONER TERMS

Airport Committee	-	Kaczynski, Little, Matthews
Americans with Disabilities Act Committee	-	Webster, Slodowski
Animal Control Advisory Council	-	Slodowski
Board of Health	-	Matthews (<i>Election</i>)
Brownfield Redevelopment Authority	-	Webster (<i>CSC Chair</i>)
Castle Museum Board of Directors	-	Tany
City/County/School Liaison	-	Coney, Matthews, Piotrowski
Commission on Aging Liaison	-	Little
Communications Center – 911 Authority	-	Matthews, Boyd (<i>Chair</i>)
Community Action Committee	-	Webster
Community Corrections Advisory Board	-	Boyd/Piotrowski
Consortium of Homeless Assistance Prov.	-	Coney
Convention & Visitors Bureau (F'muth)	-	Tany
Convention & Visitors Bureau (Regional)	-	Kaczynski
Convention & Visitors Bureau (Saginaw)	-	Kaczynski
Crime Prevention Council	-	Tany (<i>Chair</i>)
Economic Development Corp.	-	Webster
Emergency Food & Shelter Program-FEMA	-	Piotrowski
Environmental Health Code Bd of Appeals	-	Slodowski
HealthSource Saginaw Bds/Committees	-	Tany, Slodowski, Little (<i>Election</i>)
HealthSource Advisory Board	-	Slodowski
Land Bank Authority	-	Coney/Boyd
Local Emergency Planning Committee	-	Tany
Materials Mgmt. Planning Committee	-	Piotrowski
Medical Dispatch Advisory Committee	-	Matthews
Mental Health Authority Bd/Committees	-	Coney (<i>Election</i>)
Mosquito Abatement Commission	-	Little
Northern Michigan Counties Association	-	Slodowski
Parks & Recreation Commission	-	Matthews (<i>Election</i>)
Region VII AAA Advisory Council	-	Tany
Remonumentation	-	Harris (<i>Designee</i>)
Revolving Loan Fund Board	-	Webster (<i>Chair Designee</i>)
Saginaw Area Storm Water Authority	-	Webster (<i>CSC Chair</i>)
Saginaw Future, Inc. Board/Committees	-	Webster (<i>Chair Designee</i>)
Saginaw Valley Zoological Society Board	-	Little, Slodowski
Tri-City Area Joint Zoning Board	-	Piotrowski
Union/Management Health Insurance	-	Harris, Matthews



MAC COMMITTEES:

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| Environment, Natural Resources,
Agriculture & Tourism [Combined] | - | Harris, Slodowski |
| Finance & General Government | - | Kaczynski |
| Health & Human Services | - | Webster |
| Judiciary & Public Safety | - | Boyd |
| Transportation | - | Piotrowski |