

MINUTES
COMMITTEE TO INCREASE VOTER PARTICIPATION
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
FEBRUARY 24, 2026 – 5:30 PM
CITY HALL-COMMUNITY ROOM
31555 W. ELEVEN MILE RD, FARMINGTON HILLS, MI 48336

The meeting was called to order by Karen Bartos at 5:41 pm.

Members Present: Karen Bartos
Patricia Coleman-Burns
Aimee Ergas
Dawn Raymond
Lauri Thornhill
Marjorie Whittemore

Members Absent: Catherine Brown
Susan Brown
Rose Christoph
Thomas Engle
Dennis Hubbard
Adam Harrell

Others Present: City Clerk Carly Lindahl
Deputy City Clerk Ashley Hopper
Council Liaison Jackie Boleware

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Whittemore, supported by Thornhill, to approve the agenda as published.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Whittemore, supported by Raymond, to approve the September 23, 2025 minutes, as submitted.

Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

- Election Update – November 2025
 - Clerk Lindahl presented statistics on the November 2025 election

NEW BUSINESS

- Annual Calendar
 - The annual calendar was distributed, and there was a discussion of moving the November date due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Motion by Raymond, supported by Whittemore, to approve the annual calendar with the amendment of moving the November 24th date to November 17th.

Motion carried unanimously.

- Membership and Bylaws
 - Clerk Lindahl reviewed the bylaws as it pertains to absences. Will reach out to members who have not been attending and provide the resignation form.
- Selection of Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary

Motion by Bartos, supported by Ergas, to approve Raymond as Chair, Thornhill as Vice Chair, and to postpone the selection of Secretary until the next meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

REVIEW STRATEGIC PLAN

- Clerk Lindahl provided information on new voter info cards being mailed to every voter due to redistricting and precinct consolidation
- Still in the queue with the communications division for short videos. Councilmember Boleware to push for these videos
- Interfaith council – Dr. Coleman-Burns invited the City Clerk/Committee to a meeting in May or June, closer to the August election.
- Councilmember Boleware to bring copies of Precinct Consolidation information to a No Kings Event she is attending
- City Clerk/Deputy Clerk to attend an upcoming COHA meeting, date tba
- Carly to reach out to City Council to see what sort of election-related questions they are receiving and then put together a FAQ to put on the website/distribute
- High school voter registration drives are phasing out due to automatic registration at the Secretary of State – will focus more on senior facilities. A list of senior facilities will be distributed at the next meeting
- Discussion on committee member/Clerk to attend a Commission on Aging meeting to get input on how to better reach seniors

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- N/A

MEMBER/LIAISON COMMENTS

- Councilmember Boleware discussed getting the committee nametags so that when attending events, the public knows who they are.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Thornhill to adjourn the meeting; supported by Whittemore; meeting adjourned at 6:43 pm.

Next meeting: March 24, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

Carly Lindahl, City Clerk