



**Governing Board Meeting**  
Friday, March 13, 2026 | 9:30-11:00 a.m.  
Grand Lobby of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Plaza, Toledo

**Meeting Agenda**

1. **Welcome/Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance** George Sarantou, Chair
2. **Approval of Minutes: December 5, 2025, Meeting** Board Members  
**Action Requested**
3. **Chair's Remarks** George Sarantou
  - A. **Ratify Lake Erie West Chair's Board, Council, and Committee Appointments** Board Members  
**Action Requested**
4. **Executive Director's Remarks** Sandy Spang
  - A. Year Ahead Report Sandy Spang
  - B. Regional Policy Agenda Presentation Annsley Mann, Grants Coordinator
  - C. **Appoint a Steering Committee to provide insight and guidance on the development of the Regional Policy Agenda** Board Members  
**Action Requested**
5. **Water Quality Council** Kari Gerwin, Director, Water Quality Planning
  - A. **Resolution No. 2026-08, Updating the FY 2026 Water Quality Council Annual Work Program and Amending the Fiscal Year 2026 Consolidated Annual Work Program and Fiscal Year 2026 Work Program Budget** Board Members  
**Action Requested**
  - B. **Appoint an ad hoc committee to recommend a scope, timeline, and funding for Water Workforce Development activities** George Sarantou  
**Action Requested** Board Members
6. **Economic Development Policy Board** Marissa Bechstein, Program Manager
  - A. **Resolution No. 2026-09, Adopting Operating Procedures for the Economic Development Policy Board** Board Members  
**Action Requested**

---

**Lake Erie West Regional Council**

7. **Finance, Audit, and Administration Committee** Quinton Babcock, Chair
- A. **Resolution No. 2026-10, Removing the Salary Bands Section from the Employee Handbook** Board Members  
**Action Requested**
- B. **Resolution No. 2026-11, Updating and Making Changes to the Staff Salary Bands** Board Members  
**Action Requested**
- C. **Authorize Bank Signatories:** George Sarantou, Lisa Sobecki, Scott Miller, Quinton Babcock, and Sandy Spang Board Members  
**Action Requested**
- D. **Finance Report** Jim Kirtland, Finance Manager
1. Preliminary FY 2027 Budget
2. 2026 Dues: Historical and Present
3. **Appoint an ad hoc committee of the Governing Board to evaluate the dues structure/mechanism** George Sarantou  
**Action Requested** Board Members
8. **Leadership, Policy, and Programming Committee** George Sarantou, Chair
- A. **Resolution No. 2026-12, Approving and Updating Operating Procedures for the Leadership, Policy, and Programming Committee** Board Members  
**Action Requested**
9. **Public Comment Period** Members of the Public
10. **Any and All Other Business** All
11. **Next Meeting/Adjournment – Friday, June 12 at 9:30 a.m.** George Sarantou

### **Upcoming Events**

***For more information, go to the Events or Calendar pages at [www.lakeeriewest.org](http://www.lakeeriewest.org)***

#### **2026 Transportation Summit**

Friday, March 27, 2026 | 8:30 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.  
Premier Banquet Hall, 4480 Heatherdowns Blvd., Toledo, OH 43614

#### **Ohio Sunshine Laws Certification Training**

To view a list of scheduled trainings, visit the **Ohio Attorney General's** website:  
[https://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/legal/sunshine-laws/sunshine-law-training`](https://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/legal/sunshine-laws/sunshine-law-training)

---

### **Lake Erie West Regional Council**

300 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr., Suite 300, Toledo, OH 43604  
Phone: 419.241.9155 | [www.LakeErieWest.org](http://www.LakeErieWest.org)