



## 2025 Winter General Assembly Business Meeting Minutes

Friday, January 24, 2025

*Submitted for approval on January 30, 2026*

**Welcome/Call to Order** – Chair Tom Mackin opened the business meeting at 11:12 a.m. and welcomed everyone. He mentioned that there were links to the agenda and other support documents for this meeting are accessible by scanning the QR code found on the program and on the small sign at the tables. He then went into details about the action items on the agenda.

**Approval of Minutes** – Chair Mackin asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes of the January 19, 2024 General Assembly Business Meeting. **Mayor Tim Pedro moved to approve as presented, with Commissioner Lisa Sobecki seconding the motion. Voice Vote. All in favor. Motion passed.**

**Chair's Remarks** – Chair Mackin recognized newly elected officials at any level of government and federal legislator or state representative in attendance, or a staff member attending on their behalf. He then thanked supporters of the event.

- Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc.
- Colliers Engineering & Design
- Destination Toledo
- DGL Consulting Engineers
- FirstEnergy
- Fishbeck
- Huntington Bank
- OHM Advisors
- Path Master
- Rudolph Libbe Group
- Shores & Islands
- The Mannik & Smith Group, Inc.
- Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority
- Verdantas

Chair Mackin also acknowledged students present from BGSU, UT, and Owens Community College. He then turned the floor over to Sandy Spang, TMACOG's executive director.

**Executive Directors Report** – Mrs. Spang began her remarks saying it was a good year and TMACOG's financial health is strong. She mentioned that details can be found on the TMACOG website. She mentioned that new bylaws take effect today. Both have been distributed to member representatives and can also be found on the TMACOG website. She then went into detail about the two new policy agendas, the Transportation Legislative Agenda and the Agenda for Lake Erie. Individuals can download these documents on TMACOG's website.

Mrs. Spang then went into a year in review covering the following topics:

- Strategic plan
- GLEAN
- NARC Award for Water Workforce
- 850k Chessie Circle regional bike network
- Climate Resilience Plan (presented by Marissa Bechstein)
- \$100,000 from EDA for CEDS
- Thank members who renewed their membership.
- Welcome new members: Fulton County and Perrysburg Schools
- Showed a video about the Ohio Conference on Freight

Mrs. Spang then thanked the staff, chair, and vice chair for their work. She then turned the floor back to Chair Mackin. Chair Mackin asked for any public comments and there were none. He then transitioned into the caucus report.

**Leadership Development Committee Report** – Chair Mackin turned to the election of the 2025 TMACOG Chairs. On November 8, 2024, the TMACOG Board of Trustees (now the Governing Board) accepted the Leadership Development Committee’s nomination for 2025 TMACOG chair seats. Northwood City Mayor Ed Schimmel, Toledo City Council Member George Sarantou, and Lucas County Commissioner Lisa Sobecki were nominated as Chair, Vice Chair, and Second Vice Chair respectively.

Before a motion was made, Chair Mackin asked if there were other nominations for Chair, Vice Chair, and Second Vice Chair from the floor? Hearing none, **Mayor Pedro made a motion to close nominations with Mr. Jon Stainbrook seconding the motion. Voice Vote. All in favor. Motion passed.**

Chair Mackin called for a motion and a second to elect Ed Schimmel, George Sarantou, and Lisa Sobecki. **Mr. Jon Stainbrook made a motion to elect the slate with Mr. John Musteric seconding the motion. Voice Vote. All in favor. Motion passed.**

**Installation of 2025 Officers** – Judge Joel Kuhlman, Wood County Common Pleas Court, administered the oath of office to the incoming chairs.

**Incoming Chair’s Remarks** – Chair Ed Schimmel shared brief remarks thanking members for their support and about looking forward to the year ahead. He then recognized members elected to serve on the Governing Board in 2025.

Minutes from November 8 and notes from July 24 were skipped at the beginning of the meeting. Chair Schimmel asked for a motion to approve the November 8 Special Business Meeting of the General Assembly. **Commission Lisa Sobecki made a motion to elect the slate with Mr. John Musteric seconding the motion. Voice Vote. All in favor. Motion passed.**

A motion was taken for the July 24 notes but as there was no quorum at the July General Assembly meeting, there was no need to approve the notes as no business transpired without a quorum.

**Adjournment** – **Commission Lisa Sobecki moved to adjourn the meeting and Tom Mackin seconded the motion. Voice Vote. All in favor. Motion passed.**

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