



2025 Summer General Assembly Business Meeting Notes Wednesday, August 8, 2025

Welcome/Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance – The annual Summer General Assembly business meeting was held on Wednesday, August 8, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. in the Veterans Hall Auditorium at the Owens Community College Toledo area campus in Perrysburg, Ohio. TMACOG Chair Ed Schimmel called the meeting to order. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. A quorum was not present to conduct business.

Chair's Remarks – TMACOG Chair Schimmel welcomed everyone in attendance. Owens Community College was thanked for offering their facilities for the event. Owens prepared giveaway bags for all attendees. Penta is where the program is typically held. However, this summer the school has an ongoing expansion project. Penta was congratulated on their project.

Executive Director's Report – TMACOG Executive Director Sandy Spang recognized and thanked the event supporters and partners and asked to stand to be recognized. Several of them placed giveaway items on the meeting tables or had posters on display at the event. State and federal officials in attendance were recognized for their attendance.

Mrs. Spang reported on the Moving Forward 2055 Long-Range Plan that was recently approved by the MPO Policy Board. She also gave an update on the outcome of the Ohio Conference on Freight that was hosted by TMACOG July 29-31 at the Glass City Center. TMACOG is also hosting Pathways to Public Service on October 9 from 4:30-7:30 p.m. in Heritage Hall Room 123 at Owens Community College.

Marissa Bechstein, the program manager for TMACOG new Economic Development Department was introduced and recognized, as well as Annsley Mann and Sean Sammon, who are new on staff at TMACOG. Miss Mann is a grants and policy specialist in the Economic Development Department, and Mr. Sammon is a program manager in the Transportation department. Finally, Mrs. Spang announced that TMACOG now has a new phone system. The main line remains the same; however, staff extensions have been replaced with direct dial phone numbers. Updated contact sheets were included in the event program and are also listed on the TMACOG website at www.TMACOG.org.

Caucus Reports – The moderator from each caucus gave a report on what was discussed during their respective sessions. Notes from the caucuses will be shared with members once they have been compiled.

Any and All Other Business – Scott Sands, the Northwest Regional Liaison from the Office of Ohio State Auditor Keith Faber, announced that TMACOG is a recipient of the Auditor of State Award. The award was presented to TMACOG Executive Director Sandy Spang.

Public Comment Period – A couple of upcoming events were announced. The 2025 American Planning Association (APA) Ohio State Planning Conference is scheduled September 24-26 at Renaissance Toledo Downtown Hotel. The Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy: Law Enforcement Training Symposium is scheduled September 28-30 at Kalahari Resorts & Convention in Sandusky, Ohio.

Adjournment – Chair Schimmel adjourned the meeting and asks attendees to remain seated for the keynote presentation.