

# GRAND VALLEY METRO COUNCIL

## Board Meeting

December 19, 2019

Noon

GVMC Offices

### MINUTES

#### 1. Call to Order

Mike DeVries called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

#### Members Present:

Rob Beahan	Cascade Township
Nora Balgoyen	At-Large Member
Mandy Bolter	Kent County
Wayman Britt	Kent County
Gary Carey	City of Walker
Mike DeVries	Grand Rapids Township
Brian Donovan	At-Large
Joshua Eggleston	City of Wayland
Diane Jones	Kent County
Tom Hooker	Byron Township
John Hoppough	City of Greenville
Steve Kepley	City of Kentwood
Greg Madura	Alpine Township
Megan Sall	City of Wyoming
Steve Maas	City of Grandville
Karen McCarthy	At-Large
Brenda McNabb-Stange	City of Hastings
John Niemela	City of Belding
Jack Poll	City of Wyoming
Jonathan Seyferth	City of Coopersville
Julius Suchy	Village of Sparta
Mark Washington	City of Grand Rapids
Lynee Wells	City of Grand Rapids

#### Members Absent:

Rick Baker	At-Large
Thad Beard	City of Rockford
Ken Bergwerff	Jamestown Township
Robyn Britton	Nelson Township
Tom Butcher	GVSU
Mike Burns	City of Lowell
Dan Carlton	Georgetown Township
Deb Diepenhorst	Cannon Township

Rob DeWard	Gaines Township
Adam Elenbaas	Allendale Township
Jason Eppler	City of Ionia
Rachel Gokey	Village of Sand Lake
Kevin Green	Algoma Township
Jerry Hale	Lowell Township
George Haga	Ada Township
Jim Holtvluwer	Ottawa County
Bryan Harrison	Caledonia Township
Doug LaFave	East Grand Rapids
Al Vanderberg	Ottawa County
Cameron VanWyngarden	Plainfield Township
Mike Verhulst	City of Grand Rapids
Patrick Waterman	City of Hudsonville
Mike Womack	City of Cedar Springs
Duane Weeks	Village of Middleville

**Others Present:**

John Weiss	Grand Valley Metro Council
Gayle McCrath	Grand Valley Metro Council
Wendy Ogilvie	Grand Valley Metro Council
Abed Itani	Grand Valley metro Council
Jason Moore	Grand Valley Metro Council
GVMC Staff	
Buck Family	
City of Grandville Staff	

**2. General Public Comment**

None

**3. Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION – To Approve the November 2019 Board Minutes. MOVE – Poll. SUPPORT – Donovan. MOTION CARRIED.**

**4. Cancellation of January GVMC Board Meeting**

Chair Mike DeVries cancelled the January GVMC Board Meeting as its proximity to the Christmas and New Year’s Holidays would make it impossible to seat a quorum at the meeting.

**5. Dedication of Jim Buck Conference Room**

Chair Mike DeVries welcomed the Buck Family to the event. DeVries and several others talked about their memories of Jim Buck and his influence on the entire region.

The large conference room was officially dedicated to Jim and renamed the “James R. Buck Conference Room” with a plaque that states:

“In Memory of James R. Buck, highly respected, long standing City of Grandville Mayor who served as the Chair of the Grand Valley Metropolitan Council for 17-years through many of its formative years and challenges.

Jim represented the entire West Michigan Region with statesmanship, diplomacy, and dignity.

Through his service, Jim was a role model of cooperation, collaboration and amicability, helping to set the tone for West Michigan intergovernmental and interregional collaboration.”

**6. Office Open House**

Everyone was invited to an open house social to mingle and view the new office updates.

**7. Adjourn – 12:30 p.m.**