



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES
REP. JOHN ROTH
CHAIR

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

Noon.

Room 521, House Office
Building

The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Human Services was called to order by Chair Roth.

The Chair requested attendance to be called:

Present: Reps. Roth, Kelly, Mueller, Beson, DeSana, Edwards, and Longjohn.

Absent: None.

Excused: None.

Representative Beson moved to adopt the meeting minutes from May 20, 2025. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Maggie Pallone, Vice President, Public Sector Consultants and Sara Rubino, Attorney, MI Section of American Water Works Association (MI-AWA) gave a presentation to the Subcommittee about the history and current program spending for water affordability across the State. Ms. Rubino also provided written testimony to the Subcommittee.

Ms. Pallone and Ms. Rubino received and answered questions from the Subcommittee and agreed to provide the following:

1. The percentage individuals receiving water affordability services that are renters as well as the percentage that are homeowners.

Jasmine Carson, Executive Director of Empowerment and Integration, Wayne Metro Community Action Agency presented to the Subcommittee on the water affordability services provided to Wayne County and the effects of potential funding shortfalls. Ms. Carson provided handouts to the Subcommittee. Ms. Carson was joined by Deborah Pospiech, Owner, DP Resolutions, on behalf of the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department.

Ms. Carson and Ms. Pospiech received and answered questions from the Subcommittee and agreed to provide the following:

1. Data on non-residents, if any, that receive water affordability services.

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) provided written testimony to the Subcommittee.

Jim Nash, Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner, provided written testimony to the Subcommittee.

Kyle DuBuc, Vice-President, Communications & Advocacy, United Way for Southeastern Michigan, provided written testimony to the Subcommittee.

Sylvia Orduño, Director, People's Water Board Coalition, provided written testimony to the Subcommittee.

Cyndi Roper, Senior Policy Advocate, Natural Resources Defense Council, provided written testimony to the Subcommittee.

There being no further business before the Subcommittee, Chair Roth adjourned the meeting at 12:49 PM.

Representative John Roth, Chair

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