

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
SPECIAL MEETING TOWNSHIP BOARD RETREAT -**APPROVED**-
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos MI 48864-1198
517.853.4000, Township Hall Room
SATURDAY, April 12, 2025, 8:00AM

PRESENT: Supervisor Hendrickson, Clerk Demas, Treasurer Deschaine, Trustee Lentz, Trustee Trezise, and Trustee Wilson

ABSENT: Trustee Sundland

STAFF: Manager Dempsey, Deputy Manager Opsommer

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Supervisor Hendrickson called the April 12, 2025, Special Township Board meeting to order at 8:02 am.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INTRODUCTIONS

Supervisor Hendrickson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Supervisor Hendrickson called the roll of the Board.

Supervisor Hendrickson, Treasurer Deschaine, Trustee Lentz, Trustee Wilson, and Trustee Trezise present at 8:03 am.

Clerk Demas present at 8:04 am.

Trustee Sundland absent.

4. CITIZENS ADDRESS AGENDA ITEMS AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Opened public comment at 8:03 am.

Closed public comment at 8:03 am.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Trustee Wilson moved to approve the Agenda. Supported by Trustee Lentz.

VOICE VOTE: YEAS: Supervisor Hendrickson, Treasurer Deschaine, Trustee Lentz, Trustee Trezise, and Trustee Wilson

NAYS: NONE

Motion carried: 5-0

6. BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Township Board Retreat

Larry Merrill gave an interactive presentation for the Township Board Retreat.

At 9:30 am Supervisor Hendrickson called a 5-minute recess. The Board reconvened at 9:37 am.

Board members discussed roles of the Township Board and Township Manager.

At 10:47 am Supervisor Hendrickson called a 5-minute recess. The Board reconvened at 10:53 am.

Board members discussed time the Board spends on strategy, policy, management, and operations for the Township.

At 12:07 pm Supervisor Hendrickson called a recess for lunch. The Board reconvened at 12:34 pm.

Board members discussed focusing more on strategic planning, community outreach, and developing a Board annual plan.

Larry Merrill will create a Key Performance Indicator (KPI) report based on the Board's discussion to be presented at the June 30 Township Board meeting.

7. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Opened public comment at 2:04 pm.

Closed public comment at 2:04 pm.

8. OTHER MATTERS AND BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Board members thanked Larry Merrill for the Township Governance Retreat presentation.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Treasurer Deschaine moved to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Wilson.

VOICE VOTE

YEAS: Supervisor Hendrickson, Clerk Demas, Treasurer Deschaine, Trustee Lentz, Trustee Trezise, and Trustee Wilson

NAYS: NONE

Motion carried: 6-0

The meeting adjourned at 2:04 pm.



Scott Hendrickson
Township Supervisor



Angela Demas
Township Clerk