

City of Lansing
Human Relations & Community Services (HRCS) Advisory Board
Held Jointly with the
Mayor’s Neighborhood Advisory Board (NAB)

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, January 27, 2026
Time of Meeting: 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM
Place of Meeting: Alfreda Schmidt Community Center
5825 Wise Road, Lansing, MI 48911

~Agenda~

- I. Call to Order Ron Embry, Chair
HRCS Advisory Board
 - a) State Purpose of the Meeting
 - b) State Rules for Public Comment
- II. Roll Call for Both Boards Board Members Self-Announce
- III. Establishment of a Quorum for Both Boards..... *HRCS & DNACE Staff
- IV. Approval of the Agenda Receive a Motion
- V. Approval of Minutes (December 2, 2025)..... Receive a Motion
- VI. Public Comment for 30 Minutes (Limited to 2 min pp) Ron Embry
(Must Pre-Register by 5:45 p.m.)
- VII. Update: NOVA Lansing Initiative Recommended Sites HRCS Staff
- VIII. Discussion/Action on Proposed Sites Ron Embry
- IX. Public Comment for 30 Minutes (Limited to 2 min pp)..... Ron Embry
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- IX. Adjournment Receive Motion

Mayor’s Neighborhood Advisory Board Members: Brian Baer (1st Ward), Florence Baerren (2nd Ward), Matthias Bell (4th Ward), Courtney Cole (3rd Ward), Christopher Smadzinski-Green (2nd Ward), MaryBeth VanHorn (1st Ward); and Tirstan Walters

HRCS Advisory Board Members: Paul Dripchak LMSW/Secretary (4th Ward), Ronald Embry/Chair (2nd Ward), Sean Gehle (MAL), Melissa Horste Vice Chair (MAL), Glenn Lopez (1st Ward), Versey Williams (3rd Ward), Thomas Woods (MAL), Vacancy (MAL)

*HRCS: Human Relations and Community Services

*DNACE: Department of Neighborhoods, Arts and Citizen Engagement