

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
SPECIAL MEETING TOWNSHIP BOARD -**APPROVED**-
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos MI 48864-1198
517.853.4000, Township Hall Room
TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2026, 5:00PM

PRESENT: Supervisor Hendrickson, Clerk Demas, Treasurer Burghardt, Trustee Lentz, Trustee Sundland, Trustee Trezise, Trustee Wilson

ABSENT: None.

STAFF: Township Manager Dempsey, Deputy Manager and Department of Public Works
Director Opsommer

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Supervisor Hendrickson called the July 21, 2026, Township Board Special meeting to order at 5:01 pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INTRODUCTIONS

Supervisor Hendrickson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Clerk Demas called the roll of the Board. All Board members present.

4. CITIZENS ADDRESS AGENDA ITEMS AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Opened public comment at 5:02 pm.

The opportunity to speak was provided to the public.

Closed public comment at 5:03 pm.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

VOICE VOTE: YEAS: Supervisor Hendrickson, Clerk Demas, Treasurer Burghardt, Trustee Lentz, Trustee Sundland, Trustee Trezise, and Trustee Wilson

NAYS: NONE

Motion carried: 7-0

6. BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. 2027 Board Goals and Action Plan

Manager Dempsey presented the Township values and Board goals based on previous years and current goals. It was agreed that values should remain the same across time and that goals would change as needed.

The goals included economic redevelopment, environmental sustainability, the senior center, communications, and financial planning.

Board discussion of the draft values and goals took place.

Board discussion included ideas to strengthen communication for the Township, implementing the next Township survey that goes out every three years, ensuring the budget supports these goals, focusing on areas of redevelopment, the importance of the Township's financial health, the state of the pension debt, the possibility of an affordable housing goal, and a concrete environmental sustainability plan for long-term planning.

These goals will be updated based on the Board's discussion and brought back to a future Board meeting.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Lentz moved to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Wilson.

VOICE VOTE: YEAS: Supervisor Hendrickson, Clerk Demas, Treasurer Burghardt, Trustee Lentz, Trustee Sundland, Trustee Trezise, and Trustee Wilson

NAYS: NONE

Motion carried: 7-0

The meeting adjourned at 5:54 pm.



Scott Hendrickson
Township Supervisor



Angela Demas
Township Clerk