Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments
February 12, 2026 – 10:30 a.m.

Attendance record for OKI board members along with guests and staff follows the minutes.

Item #1A - Administrative

President Josh Gerth called the meeting to order and asked Mayor Cathy Bailey of Loveland to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Gerth noted that the annual board orientation was held prior to the meeting and thanked new members for attending, as well as board members who shared their experiences, including Mayor Charlie Cleaves of Bellevue and Trustee Tony Rosiello of Green Township.

President Gerth also reminded members that the OKI Annual Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, February 17th, at the Hard Rock Casino, featuring Larry Krauter, CEO of CVG, as the keynote speaker, along with remarks from Congressman Dave Taylor (OH – D2). He noted that over 60 board members are planning to attend, the largest number to date.

Item #1B - Approval of January 8, 2026, Board of Directors meeting minutes

President Gerth requested approval of the January 8th Board of Directors meeting minutes as distributed. Commissioner Stephanie Summerow Dumas, Hamilton County provided a motion with a second from Resident member/Treasurer Ken Reed; motion passed.

Item #1C - CEO's Report

Mr. Policinski noted the upcoming OKI Annual Luncheon and highlighted the importance of the event, noting that Congressman Dave Taylor, who sits on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, will provide remarks relevant to the upcoming surface transportation bill reauthorization.

Mr. Policinski reported on Ohio House Bill 445, legislation sponsored in the Ohio Legislature that would impact how MPOs operate in Ohio and, by extension, in Kentucky and Indiana. He noted the bill has lost momentum after the primary sponsor met with OKI's president and others to learn more about how OKI and MPOs operate. The legislation has stalled, though staff continue to monitor it closely for any potential amendment to the state budget.

Mr. Policinski introduced a new staff member, Yokow Gaisie, a digital specialist in the communications department with a software engineering degree from Miami University.

Item #1C/a - Erica Spitzig, Taft Law – Amicus Brief on Brent Spence Bridge

Ms. Erica Spitzig, partner in the environmental practice group at Taft Law, provided an update on litigation involving the Brent Spence Bridge project. The lawsuit was brought by four community groups against the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, the Ohio Department of Transportation, and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. The plaintiffs allege that the government entities failed to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in approving the project.

Ms. Spitzig explained that NEPA does not require changes to projects or stop projects; it requires the government to evaluate environmental impacts. She outlined the three levels of NEPA review and noted that the plaintiffs argued the government was required to prepare a full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) rather than issuing a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). The government originally issued a FONSI in 2012, which was updated in 2024 to reflect reduced environmental impacts.

OKI, along with the City of Cincinnati, City of Covington, Cincinnati Regional Chamber, Northern Kentucky Chamber, African American Chamber, Cincinnati Business Committee, and the Cincinnati Regional Business Committee, filed amicus briefs in support of the government defendants. OKI's brief focused on the project's vital importance to the region, its environmental benefits through reduced traffic congestion and emissions, and its significance to the regional and national economy.

Ms. Spitzig noted that if the plaintiffs prevail, the result would be a demand for additional environmental review, which would delay but not necessarily change the project. She noted that construction on the project has already begun. There is no set timeline for the judge's decision.

Item #1C/b - Julia Brossart – Transportation Bill Update

OKI staff, Julia Brossart, Communications and Legislative Affairs Manager, provided an update on the federal surface transportation bill reauthorization. The current bill expires in September, and Congress must reauthorize the bill to set transportation funding and policy for the next five to six years. The bill provides billions of dollars in federal funds to state and local governments and determines the type and amount of funding that flows to local governments through their MPO. Ms. Brossart reported that the chairmen of both the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee are targeting March for the release of a draft bill and the start of committee work. Congressional activity has picked up, including the introduction of a bipartisan House bill called the BASICS Act, which contains provisions sought by national groups representing local officials and MPOs, including an overall funding increase for transportation and increased funding to MPOs. Ms. Brossart encouraged board members to communicate their support for local transportation funding to their congressional representatives.

Item #1D - Finance Officer's Report

Director of Finance, Katie Hannum, stated copies of the Finance Officer's Report were distributed in advance with a printed copy at members' seats. She reported on the Council's financing activities, as of February 6, 2026, OKI had:
$388,700 in the PNC Bank Commercial Checking Account
$8,800 in the PNC HSA/FSA Checking Account
$1,050,600 in the STAR Ohio Money Market Mutual Fund Account

Director Hannum reported there has been no recent activity on OKI's line of credit, and that there is no outstanding balance at report date. She further reported on Balance Sheet, Revenue and Expense information.

President Gerth requested a motion to approve the financial report. Resident member Vestal Simms-Howell provided a motion with a second from Council member Mark Jeffreys, Cincinnati; motion passed.

Item #2 - OKI Demographic Dashboard Presentation

OKI staff, Michael Outrich, Senior Planner and Demographer, presented the new OKI Demographic Data Dashboard. The dashboard was developed in response to frequent requests from local governments for demographic information and feedback that the U.S. Census website is difficult to navigate. The tool was a team effort developed with OKI staff, Dr. Elizabeth Nice, Jackson Shiffert, Suzanne Parkey and David Shuey and will be accessible on OKI's maps and apps website.

The dashboard provides demographic, economic, and social data for all political jurisdictions in the OKI region across all eight counties, with neighborhood-level information for the cities of Cincinnati, Middletown, Hamilton, Covington, and Newport. It contains 11 years of data from 2013 to 2023 and 24 different visualizations. The data will be updated annually; an update with 2024 American Community Survey data is anticipated next month.

Mr. Outrich demonstrated how users can select a county, jurisdiction, or neighborhood; view demographic, economic, and social characteristics; and compare data across years. He noted that the tool can assist local governments with comprehensive planning, economic development, employer recruitment, and data-driven decision-making. Mr. Outrich offered to conduct live demonstrations and visit communities directly.

This item was for information only; no action was required.

Item #3 - Support of Transportation Safety Performance Measure Targets for the States of Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana

OKI staff, Brett Porter, Senior Transportation Planner, presented Resolution OKI 2026-03. Per MAP-21 and the FAST Act, states are required to establish performance and outcome-based programs for transportation decisions, including updating targets annually for five transportation safety measures: number of fatalities, number of serious injuries, fatality rate, serious injury rate, and number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries. As in prior years, OKI has elected to support each state's safety targets for calendar year 2026.

Mr. Porter noted that four of the five safety performance measures in the OKI region have trended downward over the five-year period from 2020 to 2024. The one measure that increased over the full five-year period – non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries – has trended downward since 2021. He provided an overview of each state's targets.

A motion for Resolution OKI 2026-03 was made by Shannon Hartkemeyer, Butler Co. Association of Township Trustees and Clerks and seconded by Judge/Executive Gary Moore, Boone County; motion passed.

Item #4 - Intermodal Coordinating Committee Report

Mr. Andy Reser, Manager of Transportation Programming, reported that the ICC met on Tuesday, February 10, 2026. The committee heard from Michael Outrich on the demographic data dashboard engaged in robust discussion on minor changes to OKI's project prioritization process and approved a TIP administrative modification.

This item was for information only; no action was required.

Item #5 - Air Quality Conformity Determinations in Multi-Jurisdictional Nonattainment or Maintenance Areas

OKI staff, Andy Reser presented Resolution OKI 2026-04. He provided background on OKI's air quality area, noting that the Cincinnati ozone area spans both the OKI planning region and a portion of Warren County, which falls within the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission (MVRPC) planning area.

Mr. Reser explained that Federal Highway Administration has issued a new interpretation of regulations requiring board resolutions from all MPOs in an air quality area in order to process a TIP or long-range plan amendment. Under this interpretation, any conformity determination by MVRPC would require a corresponding OKI board resolution, and vice versa, potentially adding up to three months to the federal approval process for projects.

Resolution OKI 2026-04, developed in coordination with ODOT and FHWA, delegates authority in this limited situation to the OKI Director of Transportation, Bob Kaylor, removing the potential for additional delays. A motion for Resolution OKI 2026-04 was made by Council member Susan Vaughn, City of Hamilton and second from Resident member Roger Kerlin; motion passed.

Item #6 - Other Business

There was no other business from the floor.

Item #7 - Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was provided by Resident Member Ken Reed with a second from Commissioner T.C. Rogers, Butler County; motion passed.

Next meeting is March 12, 2026, at 10:30 a.m., an Executive Committee meeting.

2026 Attendance **Y**=Attended **E**=Excused **R**=Represented (Board meetings are Jan., April, June and Oct.; blue dates are Executive Committee mtgs)

Executive Committee members (in blue) are permitted an Alternate; board-only members do not have alternates per Articles of Agreement.

Member Counties (8)	First Name	Last Name	Exec. Comm. Alternate		Feb. 12 - E.C.	Mar. 12 - E.C.	Apr. 9 - Board	May 14 - E.C.	June 11 - Board	Sept. 10- E.C.	Oct. 8 - Board	Nov. 12 - E.C.
Boone County Fiscal Court	Gary W.	Moore	Matthew Webster	Y								
Butler County Board of Commissioners	T.C.	Rogers	David Fehr	Y								
Campbell County Fiscal Court	Steve	Pendery	Matt Elberfeld	E								
Clermont County Board of Commissioners	Bonnie J.	Batchler	David Painter	Y								
Dearnborn County Board of Commissioners	Kevin	Turner	Nicole Daily	E								
Hamilton County Board of Commisioners	Stephanie	Summerow Dumas	Alicia Reece	Y								
Kenton County Fiscal Court	Kris	Knochelmann	Michael Stork	R								
Warren County Board of Commissioners	David G.	Young	Martin Russell	E								
Municipalities w/Population over 5,000	**First Name**	**Last Name**	**Exec. Comm. Alternate**		**Feb. 12 - E.C.**	**Mar. 12 - E.C.**	**Apr. 9 - Board**	**May 14 - E.C.**	**June 11 - Board**	**Sept. 10- E.C.**	**Oct. 8 - Board**	**Nov. 12 - E.C.**
Alexandria, KY	Patrick	Blair		Y								
Bellevue, KY	Charlie	Cleves		Y								
Blue Ash, OH	Brian	Gath		Y								
Cheviot, OH	Dan	Morgan		Y								
Cincinnati, OH	Mark	Jeffreys	Greg Long	R								
Cold Spring, KY	D'Angelo	Penque										
Covington, KY	Ron	Washington	Tim Acri	Y								
Dayton, KY	Ben	Baker										
Deer Park, OH	Natasha	Kohorst										
Edgewood, KY	Rob	Thelan										

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Elsmere, KY	Justin	Wade									
Erlanger, KY	Jessica	Fette									
Fairfield, OH	Dale	Paullus	Steve Miller								
Florence, KY	Gary	Winn									
Forest Park, OH	TBD										
Fort Mitchell, KY	Dr. Alyson	Roeding									
Fort Thomas, KY	Andy	Ellison									
Fort Wright, KY	Bernie	Wessels									
Hamilton, OH	Susan	Vaughn	Tim Naab	Y							
Harrison, OH	Tanner	Dole		Y							
Highland Heights, KY	TBD										
Indepence, KY	Christopher	Reinersman		Y							
Indian Hill, OH	Andrew	Byer		Y							
Lawrenceburg, IN	Mark	Fette	Suzanne Webster								
Lebanon, OH	Brad	Lamoreaux									
Loveland, OH	Kathy	Bailey		Y							
Madeira, OH	Thomas	Henning		E							
Mason, OH	Joy	Bennett		Y							
Middletown, OH	TBD		Joe Mulligan	E							
Milford, OH	TBD										
Monroe	TBD										
Montgomery, OH	Catherine	Mills-Reynolds		Y							
Mt. Healthy, OH	TBD										
Newport, KY	Julie	Smith-Morrow	Thomas Guidugli, Jr	Y							
North College Hill, OH	Annelise	Clear		Y							
Norwood, OH	Susan	Hoover		Y							
Oxford, OH	Michael	Smith									
Reading, OH	Robert	Boehner									
Sharonville, OH	Glen	Lovitt									
South Lebanon, OH	Mary	Burke									

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Springdale, OH	Jeffrey	Anderson		Y							
Taylor Mill, KY	Mark	Kreimborg									
Trenton, OH	Floyd	Croucher									
Union, KY	Kimberly	Tuyn		Y							
Villa Hills, KY	Seth	Thompson		Y							
Wyoming, OH	Dan	Driehaus	Jodi Woffington	Y							

Boards of Township Trustees 40,000 + population (7)	First Name	Last Name	Exec. Comm. Alternate	Feb. 12 - E.C.	Mar. 12 - E.C.	Apr. 9 - Board	May 14 - E.C.	June 11 - Board	Sept. 10- E.C.	Oct. 8 - Board	Nov. 12 - E.C.
Anderson Township	Dee	Stone	Katie Nappi	Y							
Colerain Township	Dan	Unger	Tiphanie Mays	E							
Green Township	Tony	Rosiello	Frank Birkenhauer	Y							
Liberty Township	Steve	Schramm	Caroline McKinney	R							
Miami Township	Mary	Makley Wolff	Steve Kelly	Y							
Union Township	Michael	Logue	Cory Wright	E							
West Chester Township	Amanda	Ortiz	Lisa Brown	Y							

Boards of Township Trustees Under 40,000 population (4)	First Name	Last Name	Exec. Comm. Alternate	Feb. 12 - E.C.	Mar. 12 - E.C.	Apr. 9 - Board	May 14 - E.C.	June 11 - Board	Sept. 10- E.C.	Oct. 8 - Board	Nov. 12 - E.C.
Butler Co. Assoc. of Township Trustees & Clerks	Shannon	Hartkemeyer	Gary Salmon	Y							
Clermont County Township Association	Tom	Peck	Teresa Hinners	Y							
Hamilton County Township Association	TBD										
Warren Co. Assoc. of Twnshp. Trustees & Clerks	Jonathan	Sams	Jeff Wright	Y							

Public Officials from Kentucky and Indiana (4)	First Name	Last Name	Exec. Comm. Alternate	Feb. 12 - E.C.	Mar. 12 - E.C.	Apr. 9 - Board	May 14 - E.C.	June 11 - Board	Sept. 10- E.C.	Oct. 8 - Board	Nov. 12 - E.C.
Boone County Fiscal Court	Jesse	Brewer		E							
Kenton County Fiscal Court	Dan	Bell									
Campbell County Fiscal Court	Brian	Painter	Tom Lampe								
Greendale, IN	TBD										

County Planning Commissions (9)	First Name	Last Name	Exec. Comm. Alternate	Feb. 12 - E.C.	Mar. 12 - E.C.	Apr. 9 - Board	May 14 - E.C.	June 11 - Board	Sept. 10- E.C.	Oct. 8 - Board	Nov. 12 - E.C.
Boone Co. Planning Commission	Randy	Bessler		Y							
Butler County Planning Commission	David C.	Fehr									
Campbell County Planning & Zonning Commission	Sharon	Haynes		Y							
Clermont County Planning Commission	TBD										
Dearborn County Planning Commission	Nicole	Daily		E							
Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission	David	Okum	Anne McBride	Y							
Kenton County Planning Commission	Paul	Darpel		E							
PDS of Kenton County	Joshua	Wice	Andy Videkovich	R							
Warren County Regional Planning Commission	Ryan	Cook	Hadil Lababidi	Y							

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City of Cincinnati Planning Commission	Emily	Ahouse		Y							
City of Fairfield Planning Commission	Greg	Kathman									
City of Hamiltion Planning Commission	Laura	Nelson									
City of Middletown Planning Commission	Claire	Fetters-Binegar									

Voting Ex-Officio Members (3)	First Name	Last Name	Exec. Comm. Alternate	Feb. 12 - E.C.	Mar. 12 - E.C.	Apr. 9 - Board	May 14 - E.C.	June 11 - Board	Sept. 10- E.C.	Oct. 8 - Board	Nov. 12 - E.C.
Indiana Department of Transportation	TBD										
Kentucky Transportation Cabinet	Robert	Yeager	Mike Bezold	Y							
Ohio Department of Transportation	Doug	Gruver	Suzanne Enders	Y							

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Butler County RTA	Christopher	Lawson	Matthew Dutkevicz	R							
SORTA (Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority)	Andrew	Aiello	Khaled Shammout	E							
TANK (Transit Authority of Northern KY)	Gina	Douthat	Matthew Crowe	Y							

Resident Members (20)	First Name	Last Name	Exec. Comm. Alternate	Feb. 12 -	Mar. 12	Apr. 9 -	May 14 -	June 11	Sept. 10	Oct. 8 -	Nov. 12
Resident member	Craig	Beckley									
Resident member	Gailen	Bridges									
Resident member, The Port	Laura	Brunner		E							
Resident member	Chris	Dobrozsi									

Resident Members Continued (20)	First Name	Last Name	Exec. Comm. Alternate	Feb. 12 - E	Mar. 12 -	Apr. 9 - B	May 14 - E	June 11 -	Sept. 10- E	Oct. 8 - B	Nov. 12 -
Resident member	Jeff	Earlywine		Y							
Resident member	Josh	Gerth		Y							
Resident member	Liz	Keating									
Resident member	Roger	Kerlin	Chris Reinersman	Y							
Resident member, Dearborn County Chamber of Commerce	Eric	Kranz									
Resident member	Henry (Hank) E.	Menninger, Jr.		Y							
Resident member, Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber	Pete	Metz		Y							
Resident member	Pamela E.	Mullins									
Resident member	Rick	Probst		Y							
Resident member & Treasurer	Kenneth	Reed		Y							
Resident member	Sal	Santoro		Y							
Resident member	Karl	Schultz	Joe Braun	Y							
Resident member	Vestal	Simms-Howell	Juliet Simms	Y							
Resident member	Thomas	Voss	Charlie Cleves	Y							
Resident member, Southbank Partners	Will	Weber									
Resident member	Melissa	Wideman									

Other Elected Officials and Persons Responsible to Elected Officials from Special Purpose Districts (10)	First Name	Last Name	Exec. Comm. Alternate	Feb. 12 - E.C.	Mar. 12 - E.C.	Apr. 9 - Board	May 14 - E.C.	June 11 - Board	Sept. 10- E.C.	Oct. 8 - Board	Nov. 12 - E.C.
Hamilton County Engineer	Eric	Beck		Y							
Hamilton County Board of Commissioners	Denise	Driehaus									
Boone County Engineer	Rob	Franxman		Y							
Clermont County Engineer	Jeremy	Evans									
Dearborn County Engineer	J. Todd	Listerman		Y							

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Clermont Co. Board of Commissioners	David	Painter		Y							
Hamilton County Board of Commissioners	Alicia	Reece									
Kenton County Public Works	Michael	Stork		Y							
Warren County Engineer	Kurt	Weber									
Butler County Engineer	Gregory	Wilkens									

Guests	**OKI Staff**	**Continue OKI**
Emily Loudermilk, Clermont Co.	L. Platt	Max McGill
Tracie Braun, Clermont Co.	Julia Brossart	Jim Pickering
Katie Eagen, American Structurepoint	Andy Meyer	Regina Fields
Jeff Wallace, Woolpert	David Shuey	Bob Koehler
Scott McKeehan, Sharonville	Jenny Newcomb	Liren Zhou
Matthew Crowe, TANK	Michael Outrich	
Lauren O'Brien, Verdantas	Taylor O'Rourke	
Jordie Bacon, Mason	David Rutter	
Stanislav Beresford, Trenton	Toni Gleason	
Karee Utterback	Jersson Pachar	
Anne McBride, Hamilton Co. Regional Planning Commission	Brett Porter	
Nick Keeling, Metro	Jessica Ondrovic	
	Hui Xie	
	Samantha Sheppard	
	Katie Hannum	
	Andy Reser	
	Summer Jones	
	Timothy Stautberg	
	Robyn Bancroft	