

Record of Proceedings: February 24, 2026

West Chester Township Board of Trustees - Regular Meeting

Convene: Chairperson Becker convened the meeting.

Roll Call: Mrs. Becker, Mr. Wong, and Mrs. Ortiz responded.

Pledge of Allegiance: Repeated by those present.

Citizen's Comments

Jacob Thaman, 9049 Revere Court, complained that his address did not have snow removed beginning with the January 24th snowfall until multiple complaints were registered.

Presentations

Carrie Pastor, Vice President, REDI Cincinnati, explained who REDI Cincinnati is and a brief overview of their finances, gave an update on their work and accolades, as well as their vision for the region. She addressed Trustee questions and comments.

Jack Dominic, Director, VOA Museum of Broadcasting, gave a brief history of the VOA Museum, noted the redevelopment of the building, and said they're about to begin a STEM program. He concluded by saying they have a Vision 2030, that he'll retire in October, need for additional funding, and thanked the Board for its support.

Personnel Items

Ms. Brown introduced the Personnel Items consisting of hiring Will Pisani to the position of Career Firefighter/EMT effective March 2nd, 2026, at the hourly rate of \$27.75.

MOTION made by Mrs. Ortiz, to approve Personnel Items seconded by Mr. Wong. Discussion: The Trustees each expressed praise for the West Chester Fire Department and his service to the community. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Thereupon Law Director Phillips administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Pisani, accompanied by Chief Prinz.

Action Items – For Approval by Motion

MOTION made by Mr. Wong, seconded by Mrs. Ortiz, to approve the Trustee Meeting Minutes for January 27, 2026. Discussion: none. **Motion carried unanimously.**

MOTION made by Mr. Wong, seconded by Mrs. Ortiz, to approve payment of bills - January 31, 2026 through February 13, 2026. Discussion: none. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Requisitions – Greater than \$7,500.00

Ms. Brown submitted the following requisitions greater than \$7,500:

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| 06. Adm | \$50,000.00 | National VOA Museum of Broadcasting - Commit annual contributions |
| 07. Adm | \$10,000.00 | REDI Cincinnati - Commit annual contributions |
| 08. CIT | \$82,323.78 | Dell Marketing L.P. - Renew Annual Microsoft Enterprise Agreement |
| 09. Police | \$18,505.72 | All Traffic Solutions - Purchase one ATS Speed Alert 24 radar message sign (CIP 2155) |
| 10. PIE | \$74,841.28 | Outdoor Image USA, LLC - Site Wayfinding & Signage for USS Cincinnati Memorial Peace Pavilion |
| 11. PIE | \$9,000.00 | First Choice Mailers - Mail Spring 2026 Community Report |
| 12. PIE | \$8,500.00 | Ketmoy Printing - Print Spring 2026 Community Report February 24, 2026 |
| 13. Services | \$1,818,731.65 | Barrett Paving Materials, Inc. - Approve 2026 paving contract (CIP 1738 & 1739) |
| 14. Services | \$200,000.00 | Compass Minerals America, Inc. - Increase Purchase Order for 2025-2026 salt supply |
| 15. Services | \$160,321.48 | Henderson Products, Inc. - Increase Purchase Order for snow removal equipment and installation for new salt truck (CIP 1882 & 2063) |
| 16. Services | \$20,000.00 | Blust Motor Service, Inc. - Repair engine on 2001 International Salt Truck |

MOTION made by Mr. Wong, seconded by Mrs. Ortiz, to approve payment of requisitions 6 through 16. Discussion: Mr. Wong asked that representatives from the USS Cincinnati give the Board a presentation. Ms. Brown said that matter is over-funded, not over budget. Chief Rebholz said the message board and speed trailer is advantageous, citing the Country Music Festival. Services Director Huxsoll said the 2001 salt truck is used as a backup, and newer trucks can maneuver in cul-de-sacs better. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Business Items

MOTION made by Mr. Wong, seconded by Mrs. Ortiz, to renew agreement between West Chester Township Board of Trustees and Four Seasons Environmental, Inc. not to exceed \$726,716.00; and, authorize Township Administrator to make non-substantive changes with Law Director approval and execute said agreement. Discussion: Ms. Brown said Four Season has provided exceptional service since they were contracted last year. She also explained how they provide preventative maintenance. **Motion carried unanimously.**

MOTION made by Mr. Wong, seconded by Mrs. Ortiz, to approve agreement between West Chester Township Board of Trustees and Competitive Power Ventures not to exceed \$0.060210 per kWh for a two year term for Township Lighting; and, authorize Township Administrator to make nonsubstantive changes with Law Director approval. Discussion: In response to Mr. Wong's question, Ms. Brown said this aggregation pertains exclusively township lighting. **Motion carried unanimously.**

MOTION made by Mr. Wong, seconded by Mrs. Ortiz, to appoint Tom Bretz to the West Chester Township Zoning Commission to fill an expired five-year term. Discussion: Mrs. Ortiz said there were 11 applicants. **Motion carried unanimously.**

MOTION made by Mr. Wong, seconded by Mrs. Ortiz, to appoint Kerry Hendel to the West Chester Township Board of Zoning Appeals to fill an expired five-year term. Discussion: Their term begins March 1st. **Motion carried unanimously.**

MOTION made by Mr. Wong, seconded by Mrs. Ortiz, to acknowledge application for the Ohio TechCred Grant Program; and authorize Township Administrator to accept said grant if awarded. Discussion: Ms. Brown said the township has been awarded \$14,000 to reimburse our EMTs for paramedic school, adding that it costs about \$10,000 per person. **Motion carried unanimously.**

MOTION made by Mr. Wong, seconded by Mrs. Ortiz, to advertise Request for Proposals for Security System Providers and Installers for West Chester Township 2026 Security System Upgrade project (CIP 2117). Discussion: Ms. Brown said this is for our township security systems, the proposals will be due March 19th, and presented to the Board at the first April meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Resolutions

There were no resolutions.

Citizen's Comments

Paul Kriner, 6264 Airy Court, on behalf of American Legion Post 681, invited the public to flag retirement disposal ceremony on March 7th, 10:00 at the Keehner Park cabin fire ring.

Resolutions, Emergency Readings

There were no such resolutions or readings.

Discussion Items & Elected Official Comments

Mr. Wong noted it's the Chinese New Year, adding it's good to be back.

Mrs. Ortiz commented on an interfaith prayer experience she had recently with a Cincinnati group called EquaSion, adding they're having a Festival of Faith on August 2nd.

Mrs. Becker commented on the recent Beckett Park Work Session. She observed upcoming infrastructure projects in West Chester. She had Services Director Huxsoll address the Citizen Comment concerning delayed snow plowing on Revere Court. He also responded to Mrs. Ortiz's question about plowing cul-de-sacs.

Executive Session Recess

MOTION made by Mr. Wong, seconded by Mrs. Ortiz, to recess the Regular meeting and go into Executive Session with legal counsel for the purpose of:

Considering the compensation of a public employee or official. O.R.C. 121.22(G)(1). Discussion: none. **Motion carried unanimously.** Mrs. Becker said the Board would return to adjourn the Executive Session and to resume the Regular meeting. Mr. Welch declared the meeting in recess.

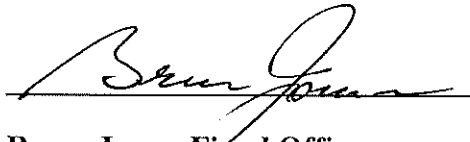
Post Executive Session/ Adjournment

MOTION made by Mrs. Ortiz to resume the Regular meeting and adjourn the Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Wong. Discussion: none. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Adjournment

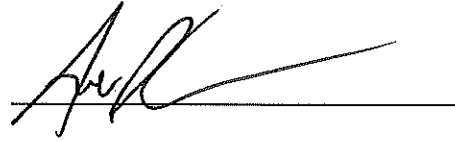
MOTION made by Mr. Wong, seconded by Mrs. Ortiz, to adjourn. Discussion: none. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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Bruce Jones, Fiscal Officer

Approved,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ann Becker", written over a horizontal line.

Ann Becker, Chairperson