



**Regular Meeting of the Washtenaw Educational Options Consortium
Joint Steering Committee**

September 12, 2026 at 8:00AM

**Washtenaw Intermediate School District
1819 S. Wagner Rd, Ann Arbor MI 48106**

- 1) Call to Order: 8:08am
- 2) Roll Call
 - a) Ann Arbor: Dawn Linden
 - b) Chelsea: Mike Kapolka
 - c) Dexter: Ryan Bruder
 - d) Lincoln: Greg Smith
 - e) Manchester: Tom Johns
 - f) Milan: Ryan McMahon
 - g) Saline: Rachel Kowalski
 - h) Whitmore Lake: absent
 - i) WISD: Naomi Norman
 - j) Ypsilanti: Alena Zachery-Ross
 - k) Other: Monique Uzelac, Brian Marcel, Ché Carter, Ellen Fischer
- 3) Request to Approve September 11, 2026, WEOC JSC Regular Meeting Agenda
 - a) Motion: Rachel Kowalski
 - b) Second: Ryan Bruder
 - c) Discussion: None
 - d) Vote: passes
- 4) Request to Approve June 12 , 2026, WEOC JSC Regular Meeting Minutes (Attachment A)
 - a) Motion: Ryan McMahon
 - b) Second: Mike Kapolka
 - c) Discussion: None
 - d) Vote: passes
- 5) Public Comments: None
- 6) Information/Discussion Items
 - a) Committee Updates: Budget committee met re. health care adjustment
 - b) Staffing Updates:
 - c) JSC meeting dates:
 - d) Preliminary Enrollment: ECA enrollment looks higher than expected; Wash. Int. looks lower than expected; WAVE likely at expected levels.
 - e) Committees:
 - Policy: Brian Marcel (in addition to Naomi)
 - Budget/Finance: Tom DeKeyser, Brian Marcel, Ryan Bruder
 - Personnel: Mike Kapolka, Jazz Parks
 - Negotiations: Mika Kapolka, Naomi Norman
 - f) ELL Services and Processes:
 - g) Updated contact list:
- 7) Request to approve the Consent Agenda to Hire (Attachment B)
 - a) Motion: Ryan McMahon
 - b) Second: Alena Zachery-Ross
 - c) Discussion: None
 - d) Vote: passes

8) Request to approve the WEOC / Van Buren Schools 2026 Addendum to the First Amended Cooperative Education Program Agreement (Attachment C)

- a) Motion: Ryan McMahon
- b) Second: Ryan Bruder
- c) Discussion:
- d) Vote: passes

9) Request to approve the Recommended Inflation Adjustment Payment (Attachment D)

- a) Motion: Mike Kapolka
- b) Second: Naomi Norman
- c) Discussion:.
- d) Vote: passes

10) Request to approve 2027-28 WEOC District Slot Allocation Chart (Attachment E)

- a) Motion: Mike Kapolka
- b) Second: Alena Zachery-Ross
- c) Discussion:
- d) Vote: passes

11) New Business:

- a. Middle School eligibility for WIMA students? Right now, all of the WIMA students come through YCS - 50 of these being school-of-choice students from other in-county schools.
- b. Overview of WEOC History: County-wide collaborative effort since 2007

12) Adjournment: 8:40am