

L. General Board Comments

Member Beri expressed appreciation for Immediate Past President Blackmon's leadership and years of service, recognizing her dedication to the Board and Wayne RESA.

He also commented on the growing demand for culinary professionals and noted the importance of partnerships between educational institutions and local businesses to support workforce development opportunities for students.

President Funderburg recognized Immediate Past President Blackmon's leadership, mentorship, and guidance, expressing appreciation for her professionalism, wisdom, and commitment to the Board.

She also shared highlights from the Southeast Michigan Community Alliance (SEMCA) and Schoolcraft College Career X program, which provided workforce training in drones, robotics, electric mobility, and welding. She noted that participants earned industry-recognized certifications, including OSHA 10, First Aid/CPR/AED, welding, and FANUC robotics, helping prepare them for future employment and career opportunities.

Immediate Past President Blackmon reported on recent Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) activities, including a visit to the Wayne County Community College District's Culinary Arts Institute, where she highlighted the state-of-the-art facility, student-centered learning environment, and community education opportunities. She also shared information from a SEMCOG forum focused on strengthening partnerships among educational institutions and local businesses to expand student awareness of postsecondary education and career pathways while increasing access to workforce opportunities within Michigan.

She also acknowledged the recent passing of U.S. Senator Lindsey Graham and recognized his years of public service.

M. Adjournment

Member Beri, with support from Member Blackmon, moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with a voice vote of 3-0. President Funderburg adjourned the meeting at 9:46 a.m.



Submitted by: _____
Danielle Funderburg, President