

MEETING MINUTES
INNOVATION, ENERGY, AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY
MARCH 10, 2026
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
31555 W. ELEVEN MILE ROAD
FARMINGTON HILLS, MICHIGAN

CALL TO ORDER: at 5:02 P.M. by Chair Matthew Strickfaden.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Matthew Strickfaden, Vice Chair Bernard Hooper, Secretary Tracy Collins, Srinivasa Rao Bikki, Kotireddy Burla, Chandra Koganti, Ken Snodgrass.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lawrence Baker, Robin Cash, Megan Kershaw, Taimoor Khan, Rachel Quinn, Tony Reames.

OTHERS PRESENT: Councilmember Jon Aldred, Staff Liaison Vickie Sullen-Winn.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Vice Chair Bernard Hooper, supported by Chandra Koganti, to approve the agenda as submitted. Unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 13, 2026 MEETING MINUTES: Motion by Vice Chair Bernard Hooper, supported by Chandra Koganti, to approve the January 13, 2026 Minutes as submitted. Unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Resident Even Rosen was present to inquire on the purpose of the IEESC. He suggested several items that the committee could possibly address in the future such as car charging stations, native plant landscaping, banning the use of pesticides in lawn care, push stronger wetland ordinances.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS. Actionable item from January 13, 2026 IEESC was discussed. Each IEESC member was asked to read through the entire Make Food Not Waste proposal and come prepared with at least one idea to propose and populate into the Priority Framework spreadsheet. Chandra Koganti suggested increasing food re-use/food rescue. There are organizations already in place that could use assistance with food upcycling, i.e. after party leftovers could expand the life cycle of food. There are many stakeholders involved in this proposal - collection of food, health inspectors, etc. Commercial stakeholders are primary, but residential could be included. Vice Chair Bernard Hooper suggested community composting. Councilmember Jon Aldred suggested working with food rescue organizations might be a good starting point. Secretary Tracy Collins suggested focusing on education of community and personal composting.

The Committee discussed that a table will be reserved at the 2026 Earth Day Celebration at Heritage Park on April 22, 2026 from 4-7 p.m. to present (i.e. composting) educational materials for potential community outreach. Staff Liaison Vickie Sullen-Winn indicated she would be willing to reach out to the Make Food Not Waste organization to see if they would share the table with the IEESC and assist with educational materials. It was discussed that a subcommittee of 3 IEESC members to work on getting materials and a plan together for the Earth Day celebration. Volunteers were Chandra Koganti, Vice Chair Bernard Hooper and Secretary Tracy Collins.

Motion by Secretary Tracy Collins, supported by Chandra Koganti, to appoint a subcommittee of 3 IEESC members - Chandra Koganti, Vice Chair Bernanrd Hooper and Secretary Tracy Collins - to plan and prepare for IEESC's participation in the 2026 Earth Day Celebration on April 22, 2026. Unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS: None.

LIASON COMMENTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion approved by Vice Chair Bernard Hooper, supported by Chandra Koganti to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Minutes Drafted by IEESC Secretary Tracy Collins