



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

1200 N. Telegraph Road, Bldg. 12 East, Pontiac, MI 48341

Democratic Caucus Minutes

May 22, 2025 at 5:00 PM

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Angela Powell called the meeting of the Democratic Caucus to order at 5:05 PM in Committee Room A 1200 N. Telegraph Road, 12E, Pontiac, MI 48341.

2. Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT: Charles Cavell, Ann Erickson Gault, Marcia Gershenson, Brendan Johnson, Penny Luebs, Gwen Markham, Kristen Nelson, Angela Powell, Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor, David Woodward (11)

MEMBERS ABSENT WITH NOTICE: William Miller III (1)

3. Public Comment

The following people addressed the Caucus during Public Comment #1: Pastor Douglas Jones, Mark Thomas, Carlton Jones, Regina Campbell, Mark Saba, Robert Gonzalez, Eric McPherson, Tim Cobb, Adrian Bonds, David Darbyshire and Yvette Carson.

4. Approval of Minutes

a. Board of Commissioners - dated May 1, 2025

Linnie Taylor moved **approval of the Minutes dated May 1, 2025, as presented**. Seconded by Penny Luebs.

Motion Passed.

A sufficient majority having voted in favor, the Minutes dated May 1, 2025, were approved.

5. Discussion Items

Commissioner Markham addressed the Caucus to recognize that many of the Commissioner's special projects have been approved by the Finance Committee and are on the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Woodward addressed the Caucus regarding Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee item entitled: Executive's Office - Appropriation and Allocation of Funding for the Renovation of 31 E Judson and 51111 Woodward Avenue in Pontiac.

Discussion followed.

Chair Powell addressed the Caucus to announce an amendment regarding the

Appropriation and Allocation of Funding for the Renovation of 31 E Judson and 51111 Woodward Avenue in Pontiac will be introduced. In addition, she presented questions that were asked by her community about the funding for the project in Pontiac.

Deputy County Executive Sean Carlson addressed the Caucus regarding Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee item entitled: Executive's Office - Appropriation and Allocation of Funding for the Renovation of 31 E Judson and 51111 Woodward Avenue in Pontiac.

Discussion followed.

Chair Powell made a motion to establish a Caucus position on item 15a - Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee item entitled: Executive's Office - Appropriation and Allocation of Funding for the Renovation of 31 E Judson and 51111 Woodward Avenue in Pontiac. Seconded by Commissioner Markham.

Discussion followed.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (9-2-0)

Yes: Ann Erickson Gault, Marcia Gershenson, Brendan Johnson, Penny Luebs, Gwen Markham, Angela Powell, Yolanda Smith Charles, Linnie Taylor, David Woodward

No: Charles Cavell, Kristen Nelson

Abstain: None

Commissioner Woodward addressed the Caucus regarding New & Miscellaneous Business - Amendment #1 to the School Resource Officer Addendum for the 2025-2027 Law Enforcement Services Agreements and Appointments to the Review of Equalization and Assessment Levels (R.E.A.L.) Study Group.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Luebs addressed the Caucus regarding the Pontiac Project bond total.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Nelson addressed the Caucus to announce that a resolution regarding a Whistleblower Protection Policy will be introduced and referred to the Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee.

Commissioner Cavell addressed the Caucus to announce that a resolution regarding Authorization of a Forensic Audit of Oakland County Fiscal Controls and Capital Projects will be introduced and referred to the Economic Development & Infrastructure Committee.

Chair Powell called a recess at 6:04 PM.

Chair Powell reconvened the Caucus at 7:48 PM.

Roll Call

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Discussion followed.

Chair Powell called a recess at 8:03 PM.

6. Public Comment

No one addressed the Caucus during Public Comment #2.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned on Friday, May 23, 2025, at 9:21 AM.