

OAKLAND COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS MINUTES

June 7, 2022

Meeting called to order by Caucus Chairperson Kristen Nelson at 5:03 p.m. in the Courthouse Committee Room A, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Pontiac, Michigan.

Roll called.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Cavell, Charles, Gershenson, Jackson, Luebs, Markham, McGillivray, Miller, Nelson, Powell, Woodward. (11)
EXCUSED ABSENCE WITH NOTICE: None. (0)

Quorum present.

The following people addressed the Caucus during Public Comment #1: Kathryn Kennedy and Ross Barranco.

Moved by McGillivray seconded by Luebs the minutes of the May 12, 2022 Caucus be approved.

A sufficient majority having voted in favor, the minutes were approved.

The members of the Caucus discussed the Board Agenda.

Chairperson Kristen Nelson addressed the Caucus to discuss the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner David Woodward addressed the Caucus regarding Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee item 15a. entitled: Resolution Supporting the 2022 Stepping Up Initiative to Reduce the Number of People with Mental Illness in Jails.

Discussion followed.

Chairperson Kristen Nelson addressed the Caucus to announce Commissioner Michael Spisz will be introducing an amendment at tonight's Board meeting regarding Legislative Affairs and Government Operations committee item 15a. entitled: Board of Commissioners – Resolution Supporting the 2022 Stepping Up Initiative to Reduce the Number of People with Mental Illnesses in Jails.

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Commissioner Penny Luebs addressed the Caucus regarding Public Health and Safety Committee item 16a. entitled: Indigent Defense – Grant Application with the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission for FY 2023.

Commissioner David Woodward addressed the Caucus to announce that the financial resources for the Indigent Defense Commission Grant positions will be fully covered under the grant.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner David Woodward addressed the Caucus to announce Commissioner Robert Hoffman will be introducing three resolutions at tonight's meeting entitled: Board of Commissioners – Resolution Supporting Senate Bills 818 and 819 to Require the Detroit Institute of Arts and Detroit Zoological Society to Comply with Michigan's Freedom of Information Act and Michigan's Open Meetings Act, Board of Commissioners – Resolution Opposing Senate Bill 446 to Amend Article II (Zoning Authorization and Initiation) of the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act and Board of Commissioners – Resolution Urging the Governor of Michigan to Grant Clemency to Temujin Kensu.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner David Woodward addressed the Caucus to announce Commissioner Charlie Cavell will be introducing a resolution at tonight's meeting entitled: Resolution – Partnering with Lighthouse Michigan for a Guaranteed Income Pilot Program in Oakland County.

Commissioner David Woodward addressed the Caucus to announce a resolution will be introduced at tonight's meeting entitled: Board of Commissioners – Resolution Recognizing Juneteenth (June 19) as an Oakland County Government Holiday for 2022.

Chairperson Kristen Nelson addressed the Caucus to introduce Robert Wittenberg, Treasurer, Oakland County and Jody DeFoe, Chief Deputy Treasurer, Oakland County.

Robert Wittenberg, Treasurer, Oakland County and Jody DeFoe, Chief Deputy Treasurer, Oakland County, addressed the Caucus to discuss efforts the Oakland County Treasury Department is taking to prevent property foreclosures and the steps that are needed to register for foreclosed property auctions.

Discussion followed.

April Lynch, Deputy Oakland County Executive, Hon. Jeffrey Matis, Chief Circuit Court Judge, Oakland County, and Kevin Oeffner, Circuit Court Administrator, Oakland County, addressed the Caucus regarding the State of Michigan Supreme Court order for all Michigan Courts to be closed on June 20, 2022 in recognition of the Juneteenth holiday.

Discussion followed.

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Commissioner David Woodward addressed the Caucus to recommend support to suspend the rules during tonight's meeting to immediately take up item 20e. entitled: Board of Commissioners – Resolution Recognizing Juneteenth (June 19) as an Oakland County Government Holiday for 2022.

The following people addressed the Caucus during Public Comment #2: Kathryn Kennedy and Ross Barranco.

The Caucus adjourned at 8:07 p.m. until June 23, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

FRED MILLER
Deputy Clerk

KRISTEN NELSON
Caucus Chairperson