

OAKLAND COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS MINUTES

August 17, 2022

Meeting called to order by Caucus Chairperson Kristen Nelson at 5:10 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, Nelson, Powell, Woodward. (10)
EXCUSED ABSENCE WITH NOTICE: Miller. (1)

Quorum present.

No one addressed the Caucus during Public Comment #1.

Moved by McGillivray seconded by Markham the minutes of the August 8, 2022 Caucus be approved.

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

The members of the Caucus discussed the Board Agenda.

Commissioner Markham addressed the Caucus regarding item 7 f. entitled: Oak STEM Grant Program Report (MR 21174). She stated that she would like to speak about this report at the Board of Commissioners meeting.

Commissioner McGillivray addressed the Caucus regarding item 11 f. entitled: Board of Commissioners – Resolution Supporting Senate Bill 117 and House Bill 4902 to Help Michigan Businesses and Workers Procure Contracts with the State of Michigan.

Discussion followed.

Chairperson Kristen Nelson addressed the Caucus regarding item 15 a. entitled: Board of Commissioners – Appointment – Oakland County Land Bank Authority. She informed the Commissioners that the Legislative Affairs and Government Operation Committee conducted interviews last week with amazing applicants. She stated that the three candidates selected for confirmation are Khalfani Stephens, Jeffrey Campbell and Martin Manna.

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Commissioner Charles addressed the Caucus to comment that so far, there have been no women appointed to the Land Bank Authority.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Woodward addressed the Caucus to request volunteers to sit on the Oakland County Out of School Time Learning Supports Ad Hoc Committee. Commissioners Luebs and Charles volunteered to sit on the committee. Commissioner Gershenson volunteered to be an alternate. He also stated that he is hearing from the local communities that there is broad support for the "Polluter Pay Law" after the recent toxic chemical spill into the Huron River.

Chairperson Kristen Nelson addressed the Caucus to remind the Commissioners that the deadline for School Districts to apply for the Schools Mental Health Grant is September 1, 2022.

Commissioner Markham addressed the Caucus and stated that she sees a need for Digital Record Keeping to be addressed in the Budget discussions.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Charles addressed the Caucus regarding the Children's Village Report. She stated that Children's Village should be a top priority for Public Services and the Public Health and Safety Committee.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Jackson addressed the Caucus and stated that she will present a proposed new miscellaneous resolution entitled: Board of Commissioners – Designating August of 2022 as Black Business Month in Oakland County at tonight's Board of Commissioners meeting.

Oxford students from the group No Future Without Today addressed the Caucus about anti-violence programs in the schools and the community. They voiced their support for the Crisis Intervention Training Pilot Program.

Discussion followed.

No one addressed the Caucus during Public Comment #2.

The Caucus adjourned at 6:59 p.m. until September 1, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

FRED MILLER
Deputy Clerk

KRISTEN NELSON
Caucus Chairperson