

OAKLAND COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS MINUTES

March 9, 2021

Meeting called to order by Caucus Chairperson Kristen Nelson at 5:10 p.m. via Videoconference.

Roll called.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Cavell from Ferndale in Oakland County, Charles from Southfield in Oakland County, Jackson from Southfield in Oakland County, Luebs from Clawson in Oakland County, Markham from Novi in Oakland County, McGillivray from Madison Heights in Oakland County, Nelson from Waterford Township in Oakland County, Powell from Pontiac in Oakland County, Woodward from Royal Oak in Oakland County. (9)
EXCUSED ABSENCE WITH NOTICE: Gershenson, Miller. (2)

Quorum present.

No one addressed the Caucus during Public Comment.

The members of the Caucus discussed the Board Agenda.

Commissioner Charles addressed the Caucus to give an update on the Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee Consent Agenda items.

Commissioner Markham addressed the Caucus to give an update on the Finance Committee Consent Agenda items.

Chairperson Kristen Nelson addressed the Caucus to provide a rundown of the Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee Consent Agenda items.

Commissioner Luebs addressed the Caucus to give an update on the Public Health and Safety Committee Consent Agenda items.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner McGillivray addressed the Caucus regarding moving items from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Woodward addressed the Caucus to remind the Commissioners that any Commissioner can request an item be moved from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda for any reason.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Charles addressed the Caucus regarding Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee item d. entitled: Facilities Management – Facilities Planning and Engineering/Board of Commissioners – COVID-19 Configuration of Auditorium Project.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Woodward addressed the Caucus to inform them that as of right now, March 31st is the last day Board of Commissioners meetings can be held by videoconference, although this is subject to change.

Commissioner Markham addressed the Caucus regarding the Finance Committee items on the Regular Agenda.

Discussion followed.

Chairperson Kristen Nelson addressed the Caucus regarding Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee item k. entitled: Parks and Recreation Commission – Approval of Two Easements at Independence Oaks County Park. She explained that the easements are in preparation for construction of a roundabout at the Sashabaw Road and Oakhill Road intersection.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Woodward addressed the Caucus to inform the Commissioners that this item can be removed from this agenda and placed on an upcoming agenda if they would like more time to research this proposed miscellaneous resolution.

Discussion followed.

Chairperson Kristen Nelson addressed the Caucus regarding Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee item l. entitled: Board of Commissioners – Improve Access and Provide Express Delivery of Death Certificates Issued by the Oakland County Clerk's Office to Funeral Homes.

Discussion followed.

Lisa Brown, Oakland County Clerk/Register of Deeds addressed the Caucus to provide an update on improvements being made to the Oakland County Clerk/Register of Deeds website.

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Chairperson Kristen Nelson addressed the Caucus regarding the formation of an Ad-Hoc Committee on Healthy Aging.

Commissioner McGillivray addressed the Caucus to inquire about the search for the new Board of Commissioners Chief of Staff.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner McGillivray addressed the Caucus to remind everyone that the COVID-19 Tribute Walk will be open for Oakland County employees on Wednesday night and will open to the public on Thursday night.

Discussion followed.

Chairperson Kristen Nelson addressed the Caucus regarding honorary and memorial resolutions.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Woodward addressed the Caucus regarding two upcoming constituent outreach mailings. He stated that one will be a postcard with vaccination information and the other will break down COVID-19 CARES Act funding dollars distributed by jurisdiction.

Discussion followed.

Chairperson Kristen Nelson addressed the Caucus regarding virtual platforms and stated that there will likely be schedule changes to the Board of Commissioners calendar when meetings are no longer being held virtually.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Woodward addressed the Caucus regarding appointments to the Community Corrections Advisory Council and the Community Development Block Grant Advisory Committee.

Discussion followed.

Chairperson Kristen Nelson addressed the Caucus regarding the Community Survey for Oakland County.

The Caucus recessed at 7:03 p.m. until March 11, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.

LISA BROWN
Clerk

KRISTEN NELSON
Caucus Chairperson