

OAKLAND COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS MINUTES

March 23, 2021

Meeting called to order by Caucus Chairperson Kristen Nelson at 5:05 p.m. via Videoconference.

Roll called.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Cavell from Ferndale in Oakland County, Charles from Southfield in Oakland County, Gershenson from Los Angeles in California, 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, Miller from Dearborn Heights in Wayne County, Nelson from Waterford Township in Oakland County, Powell from Pontiac in Oakland County, Woodward from Royal Oak in Oakland County. (11)
EXCUSED ABSENCE WITH NOTICE: None. (0)

Quorum present.

Lisa Brown, Oakland County Clerk/Register of Deeds addressed the Caucus to introduce new Deputy County Clerk, Fred Miller.

The members of the Caucus discussed the Board Agenda.

Commissioner Miller 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 give an update on the Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee Consent Agenda items. She stated that there are four memorial resolutions on the Agenda.

Commissioner Luebs addressed the Caucus to give an update on the Public Health and Safety Committee Consent Agenda items. She stated that there are 27 resolutions from the Sheriff's Office.

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Commissioner Markham addressed the Caucus regarding Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee item f. entitled: Facilities Management/Facilities Planning and Engineering – County Executive – Campus Sustainability Planning Project.

Discussion followed.

Chairperson Kristen Nelson addressed the Caucus regarding Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee item h. entitled: County Executive – Creation of Environmental Sustainability Officer Classification and Position. She stated that this position will be a strategic advisor and will help the County's long and short term sustainability projects.

Discussion followed.

Chairperson Kristen Nelson addressed the Caucus regarding Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee item i. entitled: Board of Commissioners – Appointments to the Oakland Community Health Network.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Luebs addressed the Caucus regarding Public Health and Safety Committee item ee. entitled: MR #21084 - Board of Commissioners – Establish Healthy Aging Oakland County Ad Hoc Committee. She stated that there are three amendments to the resolution that will be offered.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Woodward addressed the Caucus to inform the Commissioners that he is working on a resolution regarding Anti-Asian hate crimes and a resolution in support of Congressional earmarks.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Miller addressed the Caucus to request a resolution or press release supporting action by the Legislature to extend ability to conduct remote meetings as COVID-19 numbers are rising again. He also inquired about MR #21054 – Board of Commissioners – Approval of the Educational Attainment Compensation Incentive Program for Oakland County Law Enforcement.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Woodward addressed the Caucus regarding the schedule for the next quarter. He stated that he may need to push the scheduled April meetings back one week.

Discussion followed.

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Commissioner Woodward addressed the Caucus regarding the search for a new Chief of Staff. He stated that the Study Group has recommended Patti Dib who is currently the Chief of Staff for the Macomb County Board of Commissioners.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Woodward addressed the Caucus regarding policy priorities. He informed the Commissioners that the deadline to select their top choices is March 25, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Miller addressed the Caucus regarding the Local Road Improvement Program Committee and informed the Commissioners that Commissioner Cavell will Chair the Committee.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Woodward addressed the Caucus to request a resolution to codify the Board and County net zero emissions policies.

Commissioner Markham addressed the Caucus to inform the Commissioners that she has set up a tour of the Waste Water Treatment Plant for anyone interested.

Commissioner Gershenson addressed the Caucus regarding reforming the County Women's Commission.

Chairperson Kristen Nelson addressed the Caucus to thank the Board staff for arranging the media training and highly recommends all Commissioners take this training.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Cavell addressed the Board to invite the Commissioners to join the Saturday Zoom meetings being held by volunteers in District #18 at 10:00 a.m.

The Caucus recessed at 7:13 p.m. until March 25, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.

LISA BROWN
Clerk

KRISTEN NELSON
Caucus Chairperson