

OAKLAND COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS MINUTES

March 25, 2021

Meeting called to order by Caucus Chairperson Kristen Nelson at 5:07 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 Farmington in Oakland County, Nelson from Waterford Township in Oakland County, Powell from Royal Oak in Oakland County, Woodward from Royal Oak in Oakland County. (11)
EXCUSED ABSENCE WITH NOTICE: None. (0)

Quorum present.

Robert Mattler addressed the Caucus during Public Comment.

Commissioner Woodward addressed the Caucus to introduce the new Board of Commissioners Chief of Staff, Patti Dib and stated that her expected start date is April 9, 2021.

Patti Dib, Board of Commissioners Chief of Staff, addressed the Caucus.

Discussion followed.

Moved by Luebs seconded by McGillivray the minutes of the March 9 and March 11, 2021 Caucus be approved.

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

The members of the Caucus discussed the Board Agenda.

Democratic Caucus Minutes Continued. March 25, 2021

Chairperson Kristen Nelson addressed the Caucus regarding Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee item h. entitled: Board of Commissioners – Condemning Hate Crimes, Hateful Rhetoric, and Hateful Acts Against Asian Americans and item i. entitled: Board of Commissioners – Support of the Oakland County Local Municipalities’ Efforts to Secure Federal Funding for the Beck Road Business Corridor Improvement Project.

Discussion followed.

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

Discussion followed.

Chairperson Kristen Nelson addressed the Caucus to give an overview of the Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee Regular Agenda items.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Jackson 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 now two amendments that will be offered at the Board of Commissioners meeting.

Discussion followed.

Chairperson Kristen Nelson inquired how the appointments will be confirmed.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Luebs inquired about creating an Elder Abuse Task Force.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Gershenson addressed the Caucus regarding COVID-19 safety protocols for the Board of Commissioners staff.

Discussion followed.

Democratic Caucus Minutes Continued. March 25, 2021

Chairperson Kristen Nelson addressed the Caucus regarding a proposed new miscellaneous resolution to be introduced by Commissioner Hoffman entitled: Board of Commissioners – Opposing Legislation to Extend Hours for On-Premises Alcohol Sales.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Woodward addressed the Caucus regarding the appointment of Paul Curtis to the Oakland County Community Development Citizens Advisory Council. He stated the appointment will be made under Communications on the Board of Commissioners meeting agenda.

Commissioner McGillivray addressed the Caucus regarding Security Awareness Training.

Discussion followed.

Chairperson Kristen Nelson addressed the Caucus regarding the Caucus Memo.

Commissioner Woodward addressed the Caucus regarding FOIA. Training.

Discussion followed.

Chairperson Kristen Nelson addressed the Caucus regarding confirmation of the appointments to the Healthy Aging Oakland County Ad Hoc Committee.

Discussion followed.

The Caucus went at ease subject to the rule of the Chair at 5:56 p.m.

The Caucus reconvened at 8:06 p.m.

Commissioner Charles addressed the Caucus regarding the Kuhn amendment to MR #21084.

Discussion followed.

The Caucus went at ease subject to the call of the Chair at 8:24 p.m.

The Caucus adjourned at 8:44 p.m. until April 20, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

LISA BROWN
Clerk

KRISTEN NELSON
Caucus Chairperson