



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

1200 N. Telegraph Road, Bldg. 12 East, Pontiac, MI 48341

Democratic Caucus

Janet Jackson, Chair

March 23, 2023 at 8:30 AM

MINUTES

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Janet Jackson called the meeting of the Democratic Caucus to order at 08:36 AM in BOC Committee Room A 1200 N. Telegraph Road, 12E, Pontiac, MI 48341.

2. Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Woodward, Penny Luebs, Kristen Nelson, Gwen Markham, Angela Powell, Marcia Gershenson, Janet Jackson, Yolanda Smith Charles, Charles Cavell, Brendan Johnson (10)

MEMBERS ABSENT WITH NOTICE: Gary McGillivray, William Miller III, Ajay Ramen (3)

3. Public Comment

Lisa Brown, Oakland County Clerk/Register of Deeds addressed the Caucus during Public Comment #1.

4. Approval of Minutes

None.

5. Discussion Items

Commissioner David Woodward addressed the Caucus regarding Finance Committee item entitled: Risk Management - Revised Liability Claims and Workers Compensation Policy and Procedures. He stated the resolution will be moved from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda.

Chair Janet Jackson addressed the Caucus regarding Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee item entitled: Board of Commissioners - Job Evaluation Review Panel.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Marcia Gershenson addressed the Caucus to request an update on the interview process for the Oakland County Health Network position.

Commissioner David Woodward addressed the Caucus to provide an update on Oakland County Transit. He stated that Eli Cooper, Transit Manager, has started work, the first four contracts with the existing local transit operations have been approved,

interim funding has been approved and the Transit office will add two staffers.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Marcia Gershenson addressed the Caucus to announce that the Honorable Amanda J. Shelton will be sworn in to the Oakland County Circuit Court today.

Commissioner Gwen Markham addressed the Caucus to inform the Commissioners that SEMCOG will meet this afternoon at Marygrove College.

Commissioner Charlie Cavell addressed the Caucus to announce that he will be presenting a proclamation honoring the 60th Anniversary of Gideon v. Wainwright.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner David Woodward addressed the Caucus regarding resolutions to adopt Juneteenth as a County holiday and expansion of the Parks and Recreation division.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Charlie Cavell addressed the Caucus to announce that he will be introducing a resolution tonight entitled: Board of Commissioners - Support for the Expansion of the Compassionate Access to Medical Cannabis Act or Ryan's Law.

Discussion followed.

Chair Janet Jackson addressed the Caucus to inform the commissioners that media training will be held April 14, 2023 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Commissioner David Woodward addressed the Caucus to add that FOIA training for all commissioners will also be held in April.

Commissioner Angela Powell addressed the Caucus and stated that she and Commissioner Kristen Nelson are working on a mental health campaign.

Discussion followed.

Chair Janet Jackson addressed the Caucus to announce that the Oakland County Green School Celebration will be held at the Detroit Zoo this year.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner David Woodward addressed the Caucus and stated that he will be offering an amendment to Finance Committee item entitled: Risk Management - Revised Liability Claims and Workers Compensation Policy and Procedures.

Discussion followed.

6. Public Comment

No one addressed the Caucus during Public Comment #2.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 AM.