

**OAKLAND COUNTY**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS MINUTES**

April 29, 2021

Meeting called to order by Caucus Chairperson Kristen Nelson at 5:06 p.m. via Videoconference.

Roll called.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Cavell from Ferndale in Oakland County, Charles from Southfield in Oakland County, Gershenson from Bloomfield Township 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, Miller from Farmington in Oakland 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.

Katherine Kennedy addressed the Caucus during Public Comment.

Moved by Markham seconded by Luebs the minutes of the March 23 and 25, 2021 Caucus be approved.

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

The members of the Caucus discussed the Board Agenda.

Commissioner Miller addressed the Caucus regarding Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee item g. entitled: Facilities Management – Emergency Management and Homeland Security – Approval of Lease Agreement for New Warehouse Space for PPE Storage.

Discussion followed.

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Commissioner Miller addressed the Caucus regarding Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee item d. entitled: Central Services – Oakland County International Airport – Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Reimbursable Agreement for FAA Oversight for Runway 9R/27L and North Connector Taxiways Rehabilitation – Construction. He stated that the FAA will reimburse the County for this expense.

Commissioner Markham addressed the Caucus to inform the Commissioners that three of the Finance Committee Consent Agenda items are contract extensions. She also stated that the 2021 County Millage Tax Levy has gone down, not up.

Discussion followed.

Chairperson Kristen Nelson addressed the Caucus to give a synopsis of the items on the Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee Consent Agenda. She stated that four of the items are memorial resolutions.

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

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Markham addressed the Caucus regarding Finance Committee item e. entitled: Management and Budget - Approval of 2021 County Millage Tax Levy.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Jackson addressed the Caucus regarding Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee item h. entitled: MR #21133 – Board of Commissioners – Opposing Michigan’s Legislation to Extend Hours for On-Premises Alcohol Sales.

Discussion followed.

Chairperson Kristen Nelson addressed the Caucus regarding remote attendance at meetings, the 2021 U.S. Citizens Act and Committee attendance.

Commissioner Luebs addressed the Caucus regarding Public Health and Safety Committee item j. entitled: 52-4 District Court (Troy) – Approval of 52<sup>nd</sup> District Court Magistrate – Karen Liddle.

Chairperson Kristen Nelson addressed the Caucus regarding Healthy Aging Oakland County Ad Hoc Committee item a. entitled: Board of Commissioners Authorizing Funding to Create the Oakland County Strategic Blueprint for Healthy Aging.

Discussion followed.

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Commissioner Cavell addressed the Caucus regarding six Oakland County Fair Housing Initiative resolutions that will be introduced tonight.  
Discussion followed.

Commissioner Charles addressed the Caucus regarding two resolutions she will introduce tonight entitled: Board of Commissioners – Approval of an ARCGIS Mapping Feature for Oakland County Fair Housing Initiative to Prevent Source of Income Housing Discrimination and Board of Commissioners – Authorization of “OAKSTEM 2021” Street Tree Enhancing Matching Grant Pilot Program.

Commissioner Markham addressed the Caucus regarding a resolution she will introduce tonight entitled: Board of Commissioners – Endorsement of Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Goals and Creation of Environmental Sustainability Evaluation Standard.

Commissioner Cavell addressed the Caucus regarding a resolution he will introduce tonight entitled: Board of Commissioners – Support for Bail Reform Legislation in Michigan.

Commissioner Woodward addressed the Caucus regarding Committee referrals.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Jackson addressed the Caucus regarding a resolution she will introduce tonight entitled: Board of Commissioners – Creation of “Unlocking Doors Oakland” Program in Partnership with the Alliance for Housing.

Discussion followed.

Chairperson Kristen Nelson addressed the Caucus regarding organizing a Survey/Town Hall for Seniors and she stated that a Human Resources Salary Grade Review Memo will be read as a communication at the next Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee meeting.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Woodward addressed the Caucus regarding a new proposed miscellaneous resolution entitled: Board of Commissioners - Recognition of National Nurses Week – May 6-12, 2021. He asked why a Suspension of the Board Rules is being requested.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Charles addressed the Caucus and stated that she would like to introduce a proposed new resolution entitled: Board of Commissioners - Recognition of May 3-7, 2021 as Teacher Appreciation Week in Oakland County. She will request a Suspension of the Board Rules.

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Chairperson Kristen Nelson addressed the Caucus to ask if there were any objections to Suspension of the Board Rules for the two honorary resolutions.

There were no objections.

Discussion followed.

Chairperson Kristen Nelson addressed the Caucus regarding honorary memorial resolutions.

Commissioner Woodward addressed the Caucus to make the following announcements:

- Microsoft Teams will be installed on the Commissioners' County tablets. This will replace both the Zoom and Go to Meeting apps currently being used for remote Board meetings

- He intends to reconvene the Tri-County Summit for 2021 and will introduce a resolution to that effect at the May 13, 2021 Board of Commissioners meeting.

- There will be a communication read into the record at tonight's Board meeting regarding the formation of the Oakland County Conviction Integrity Unit Study Group.

The Caucus adjourned at 8:21 p.m. until May 11, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.

LISA BROWN  
Clerk

KRISTEN NELSON  
Caucus Chairperson