



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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

Democratic Caucus Minutes

May 11, 2023 at 5:00 PM

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Janet Jackson called the meeting of the Democratic Caucus to order at 5:12 PM 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, Janet Jackson, Gary McGillivray, William Miller III, Yolanda Smith Charles, Ajay Raman, Brendan Johnson, Charles Cavell (12)

MEMBERS ABSENT WITH NOTICE: Marcia Gershenson (1)

3. Public Comment

No one addressed the Caucus during Public Comment #1.

4. Approval of Minutes

a. Board of Commissioners - dated April 20, 2023

William Miller III moved **approval of the Minutes dated April 20, 2023, as presented**. Seconded by Angela Powell.

A voice vote was conducted and the motion passed unanimously.

5. Discussion Items

Commissioner Gwen Markham addressed the Caucus regarding Regular Agenda - Finance Committee items. She stated that the three community sponsorships have all been funded by the Board of Commissioners in the past.

Chris Ward, Director, Oakland County Parks and Recreation addressed the Caucus regarding New Business item entitled: Parks and Recreation - Donation from the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority for the 2023 Water Safety and Swim Lesson Program.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Gary McGillivray addressed the Caucus and stated that he will request suspension of the Board Rules for an immediate vote on the Water Safety Program resolution.

Commissioner Brendan Johnson addressed the Caucus regarding Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee item entitled: Executive's Office - Establishment of the

Oakland County Acorn2Oak Youth Mini Grant Program. He informed the Caucus that there will be an amendment offered.

Discussion followed.

Walt Herzig, Deputy Oakland County Executive, addressed the Caucus regarding administration of the Acorn2Oak Mini Grant Program.

Chris Ward, Director, Oakland County Parks and Recreation addressed the Caucus to introduce Zach Zuchowicz, DEI and Community Engagement Officer, Oakland County Parks and Recreation. He also addressed the Caucus regarding the Mack-Rowe Park Project in Royal Oak Township and the Green Acres Park Project in Hazel Park, stating that all new parks will utilize universally accessible playground equipment and will be responsible for maintaining their playground equipment for 15 years.

Commissioner Charlie Cavell addressed the Caucus and stated that he will be introducing proposed resolutions for sponsorship of the 2023 Huntington Woods Fireworks and the Birmingham 5K for mobility dance classes.

Commissioner David Woodward addressed the Caucus to remind the Commissioners that the Board Rules do not allow sponsorship of fundraisers.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Charlie Cavell addressed the Caucus regarding a proposed resolution entitled: Contribution to the Creation of a Web Based Community Connection Application by the Alliance for Housing.

Discussion followed.

Walt Herzig, Deputy Oakland County Executive, addressed the Caucus to introduce the newly appointed Oakland County Chief Public Defender, Paulette Loftin.

Paulette Loftin, Oakland County Chief Public Defender, addressed the Caucus.

Commissioner David Woodward addressed the Caucus to read a communication from Oakland County Executive, David Coulter, regarding the death of Oakland County Health Officer Dr. Calandra Green.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner David Woodward addressed the Caucus on the following topics: Public Comment on expansion of public transit routes in Oakland County begins today, the AFL is in support of the repeal of anti-labor laws, the 2023 National Association of Counties Conference is being held in Austin, Texas. Another special Caucus will be scheduled to discuss the distribution of ARPA funding and he provided a short rundown of how the Older Adult Awards presentation will be handled at tonight's Board of Commissioners meeting.

Chair Janet Jackson addressed the Caucus to inform the Commissioners that the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority is holding a meet and greet in the auditorium lobby.

6. Public Comment

No one addressed the Caucus during Public Comment #2.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM.

FRED MILLER
Deputy Clerk

JANET JACKSON
Caucus Chair