



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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

Democratic Caucus Minutes

May 25, 2023 at 5:00 PM

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Janet Jackson called the meeting of the Democratic Caucus to order at 5:16 PM in BOC Committee Room A 1200 N. Telegraph Road, 12E, Pontiac, MI 48341.

2. Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT: Charlie Cavell (Remote, Non-Voting), Marcia Gershenson, Janet Jackson, Brendan Johnson, Penny Luebs, Gwen Markham, William Miller III, Kristen Nelson, Ajay Raman, Yolanda Smith Charles, David Woodward (11)

MEMBERS ABSENT WITH NOTICE: Gary McGillivray, Angela Powell (2)

3. Public Comment

No one addressed the Caucus during Public Comment #1.

4. Approval of Minutes

a. Board of Commissioners - dated May 11, 2023

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

A voice vote was conducted and the motion passed unanimously.

5. Discussion Items

Commissioner Kristen Nelson addressed the Caucus to request Finance Committee item entitled: Board of Commissioners - Sponsorship of the 2023 Huntington Woods Fireworks be moved to the Regular Agenda during tonight's Board meeting.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner David Woodward addressed the Caucus regarding Finance Committee item entitled: Board of Commissioners - Support of the Creation of a Web Based Community Connection Application by The Alliance for Housing. The resolution will be removed and taken up at the next meeting.

Commissioner David Woodward addressed the Caucus regarding Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee items entitled: Water Resources Commissioner - Appropriation of American Rescue Plan Act Fiscal Recovery Funds for Northwest Oakland Sanitary Drain Drainage District Phase I.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Robert Hoffman addressed the Caucus to discuss the communities that will benefit from the Sanitary Drain Phase I project.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Yolanda Smith Charles addressed the Caucus regarding Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee item entitled: Board of Commissioners - FY 2023 Appropriation for the Local Road Improvement Program. An amendment will be added at tonight's Board meeting to include the City of Clawson.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Brendan Johnson addressed the Caucus regarding Legislation Affairs and Government Operations Committee item entitled: Parks and Recreation - Amendment #6 with Oakland County 4-H Fair Association for Paving Improvements Projects at Springfield Oaks County Park.

Commissioner Yolanda Smith Charles addressed the Caucus to announce Child to Parent Violence and Abuse National Awareness Day will be held on October 14th.

Commissioner David Woodward addressed the Caucus to discuss the redevelopment of the Phoenix Center in the City of Pontiac that would move some Oakland County operations to downtown Pontiac.

Discussion followed.

Chair Janet Jackson addressed the Caucus to announce that budget hearings will begin in August.

Commissioner David Woodward addressed the Caucus to announce that Merit Network was hired to manage the broadband survey distribution.

Discussion followed.

Chair Janet Jackson addressed the Caucus to announce that the new microphone system has been installed in Committee Room A.

Chair Janet Jackson addressed the Caucus to announce Mike Keys, Fiscal Policy Analyst, Board of Commissioners welcomed a new baby yesterday.

Commissioner David Woodward addressed the Caucus to announce that lock boxes to secure marijuana have been purchased through a grant and for Commissioners to assist in the distribution process.

Discussion followed.

6. Public Comment

No one addressed the Caucus during Public Comment #2.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 PM

LISA BROWN
Clerk

JANET JACKSON
Caucus Chair