



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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

Democratic Caucus Minutes

August 17, 2023 at 5:00 PM

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Janet Jackson called the meeting of the Democratic Caucus to order at 5:15 p.m. in BOC Committee Room A, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, 12E, Pontiac, Michigan 48341.

2. Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Woodward, Penny Luebs, Kristen Nelson, Gwen Markham, Marcia Gershenson, Janet Jackson, William Miller III, Yolanda Smith Charles, Charles Cavell, Brendan Johnson, Ajay Raman (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 August 3, 2023

Kristen Nelson moved **approval of the Minutes dated August 3, 2023, as presented**. Seconded by Yolanda Smith Charles.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (11-0-0)

Yes: David Woodward, Penny Luebs, Kristen Nelson, Gwen Markham, Marcia Gershenson, Janet Jackson, William Miller III, Yolanda Smith Charles, Charles Cavell, Brendan Johnson, Ajay Raman

No: None

Abstain: None

5. Discussion Items

Yolanda Smith-Charles addressed the Caucus regarding Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee item entitled: Economic Development - Reissuance of Series 2018 Bonds - the Detroit Skating Club, Inc. Project - City of Bloomfield Hills. There is a Public Hearing on this issue at 6:00 p.m.

Brendan Johnson addressed the Caucus regarding the Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee. There are no Committee items on tonight's Agenda as the Committee has not met in the last two weeks.

Charlie Cavell addressed the Caucus regarding Finance Committee item entitled: Board of Commissioners - Partnership with FernCare Free Clinic to Increase Healthcare Availability for Uninsured Oakland County Residents. This item has been moved to the Regular Agenda as an Amendment is expected.

Chair Janet Jackson addressed the Caucus. There will be two new resolutions introduced tonight. Suspension of the Rules for an immediate vote will be requested.

Kristen Nelson addressed the Caucus regarding Extension of the School Resource Officer in the School District of the City of Pontiac. This is a thirty day extension to give the School District time to find a source to replace the ARPA funding.

Discussion followed.

Brendan Johnson addressed the Caucus to inquire about any changes to the Memorandum of Agreement for the Pontiac Redevelopment Project.

Discussion followed.

David Woodward addressed the Caucus regarding School Resource Officers.

Chair Janet Jackson addressed the Caucus. The Tri-County Summit is being held on September 8, 2023. Commissioners Brendan Johnson and Penny Luebs will be presenting.

Discussion followed.

Gwen Markham addressed the Caucus. The Commissioners have been invited to the Michigan State Fair - Friends of the Fair Reception on August 30, 2023.

Chair Janet Jackson addressed the Caucus. Be Kind to Humankind week will kick off in Oakland County on August 24, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. at the Executive Office Building.

Discussion followed.

Ajay Raman addressed the Caucus to announce the first round of Budget Hearings were held this week. He thanked the County staff for all of the work they have put in on the hearings.

Discussion followed.

William Miller addressed the Caucus. He is presenting a proclamation recognizing Welcoming Week 2023 in Oakland County.

Brendan Johnson addressed the Caucus regarding Oakland County Transit. The first quarterly report is expected August 28, 2023.

Discussion followed.

6. Public Comment

No one addressed the Caucus during Public Comment #2.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m. .