



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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

Legislative Affairs & Government Operations Committee

Brendan Johnson, Chair

November 28, 2023 at 9:00 AM

MINUTES

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Brendan Johnson called the meeting of the Legislative Affairs & Government Operations Committee to order at 09:06 AM in BOC Committee Room A 1200 N. Telegraph Road, 12E, Pontiac, MI 48341.

2. Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kristen Nelson; Penny Luebs; Brendan Johnson; Karen Joliat; Robert Hoffman; Ann Erickson Gault; David Woodward, Ex-Officio (7)

MEMBERS ABSENT WITH NOTICE: Michael Spisz (1)

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Ann Erickson Gault led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Minutes

a. Board of Commissioners - dated November 7, 2023

Karen Joliat moved **approval of the Minutes dated November 7, 2023, as presented**. Seconded by Kristen Nelson.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (5-0-0)

Yes: Karen Joliat, Kristen Nelson, Robert Hoffman, Brendan Johnson, Ann Erickson Gault

No: None

Abstain: None

5. Approval of Agenda

Ann Erickson Gault moved **approval of the agenda, as presented**. Seconded by Karen Joliat.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (5-0-0)

Yes: Karen Joliat, Kristen Nelson, Robert Hoffman, Brendan Johnson, Ann Erickson Gault

No: None
Abstain: None

6. Public Comment

None.

7. Communications

- a. **Clerk/Register of Deeds - Exception to Board Rules - FY 2024 Grant Application with State Court Administrative Office (SCAO) for Legal Self-Help Centers**

Robert Hoffman moved to **receive and file the attached Communication**.
Seconded by Kristen Nelson.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (5-0-0)

Yes: Karen Joliat, Kristen Nelson, Robert Hoffman, Brendan Johnson, Ann Erickson Gault

No: None

Abstain: None

- b. **Parks & Recreation - Exception to Board Rules - Application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Invasive Species Grant Program**

Kristen Nelson moved to **receive and file the attached Communication**.
Seconded by Ann Erickson Gault.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (5-0-0)

Yes: Karen Joliat, Kristen Nelson, Robert Hoffman, Brendan Johnson, Ann Erickson Gault

No: None

Abstain: None

8. Regular Agenda

- a. **Board of Commissioners - Legislative Update**

Jim Ryan, Partner, Public Affairs & Associates, gave a brief overview of the status of current legislation at the state level and addressed questions posed by the Commissioners.

- b. **Parks & Recreation - United States Housing and Urban Development Economic Development Initiative Community Project Funding Grant for the Oakland County Farmer's Market Modernization and Improvement Project**

Kristen Nelson moved to **forward to Finance the proposed Board Action**.
Seconded by Karen Joliat.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (5-0-0)

Yes: Karen Joliat, Kristen Nelson, Robert Hoffman, Brendan Johnson, Ann Erickson Gault

No: None

Abstain: None

c. Parks & Recreation - Cooperative Service Agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Wildlife Services for Wildlife Management at Addison Oaks County Park

Kristen Nelson moved to **recommend to Board the proposed Board Action**. Seconded by Karen Joliat.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (5-0-0)

Yes: Karen Joliat, Kristen Nelson, Robert Hoffman, Brendan Johnson, Ann Erickson Gault

No: None

Abstain: None

d. Human Resources - Healthy Workplace Policy

Brendan Johnson moved to **recommend to Board the proposed Board action**. Seconded by Ann Erickson Gault.

Brendan Johnson moved to **amend the policy by including Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) in all instances where the flu and COVID-19 are referenced in the Healthy Workplace Policy**. Seconded by Ann Erickson Gault.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (7-0-0)

Yes: David Woodward, Penny Luebs, Karen Joliat, Kristen Nelson, Robert Hoffman, Brendan Johnson, Ann Erickson Gault

No: None

Abstain: None

Main Motion, as amended.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (7-0-0)

Yes: David Woodward, Penny Luebs, Karen Joliat, Kristen Nelson, Robert Hoffman, Brendan Johnson, Ann Erickson Gault

No: None

Abstain: None

e. Board of Commissioners - Building Authority - Interviews

The Committee Recessed at 9:51 a.m.

The Committee Reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

Steven Wright was interviewed at 10:07 a.m.

Luke Donahue was interviewed at 10:11 a.m.
Melinda (Mindy) Fernandes was interviewed via Teams at 10:15 a.m.

David Woodward moved to **postpone consideration of the appointment until the next Legislative Affairs & Government Operations Committee meeting.**
Seconded by Robert Hoffman.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (7-0-0)
Yes: David Woodward, Penny Luebs, Karen Joliat, Kristen Nelson, Robert Hoffman, Brendan Johnson, Ann Erickson Gault
No: None
Abstain: None

f. Board of Commissioners - Parks & Recreation Commission - Interviews

Lola Banks was interviewed at 10:19 a.m.
Lance Stokes was interviewed at 10:24 p.m.
Shanell Weatherspoon was interviewed at 10:30 a.m.
Andrea LaFontaine was interviewed at 10:37 a.m.
Annette Zemon-Parker was interviewed at 10:44 a.m.
Deborah Macon was interviewed at 10:50 a.m.

Robert Hoffman moved to recommend to Board the reappointment of **Andrea LaFontaine to the Parks & Recreation Commission for a 3-year term beginning January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2026.** Seconded by David Woodward.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (7-0-0)
Yes: David Woodward, Penny Luebs, Karen Joliat, Kristen Nelson, Robert Hoffman, Brendan Johnson, Ann Erickson Gault
No: None
Abstain: None

David Woodward moved to recommend to Board the appointment of **Shanell Weatherspoon to the Parks and Recreation Commission for a 3-year term beginning January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2026.** Seconded by Ann Erickson Gault.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (6-1-0)
Yes: David Woodward, Penny Luebs, Kristen Nelson, Robert Hoffman, Brendan Johnson, Ann Erickson Gault
No: Karen Joliat
Abstain: None

Kristen Nelson moved that the Legislative Affairs & Government Operations Committee **appoint a third individual today to fill the vacancy on the Parks**

& Recreation Commission, due to a recent resignation. Seconded by Karen Joliat.

Motion Failed.

Vote Summary (3-4-0)

Yes: Penny Luebs, Karen Joliat, Kristen Nelson

No: David Woodward, Robert Hoffman, Brendan Johnson, Ann Erickson Gault

Abstain: None

g. Board of Commissioners - Supporting Senate Bills 483-485 to enact the Prescription Drug Cost and Affordability Review Act

Penny Luebs moved to **recommend to Board the attached suggested resolution.** Seconded by Karen Joliat.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (7-0-0)

Yes: David Woodward, Penny Luebs, Karen Joliat, Kristen Nelson, Robert Hoffman, Brendan Johnson, Ann Erickson Gault

No: None

Abstain: None

9. Public Comment

None.

10. Other Business/Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:31 AM.

NOTE: The foregoing minutes are subject to Committee approval.