



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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

Democratic Caucus Minutes

January 18, 2024 at 5:00 PM

1. Call Meeting to Order

Vice Chair Charlie Cavell called the meeting of the Democratic Caucus to order at 5:10 p.m. in Committee Room A, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, 12E, Pontiac, MI 48341.

2. Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Woodward, Penny Luebs, Gwen Markham, Angela Powell, Marcia Gershenson, Brendan Johnson, Charles Cavell, Yolanda Smith Charles, William Miller III, Ajay Raman, Linnie Taylor, Ann Erickson Gault (12)

MEMBERS ABSENT WITH NOTICE: Kristen Nelson (1)

3. Public Comment

No one addressed the Caucus during Public Comment #1.

4. Approval of Minutes

a. Board of Commissioners - dated December 7, 2023

Angela Powell moved **approval of the Minutes dated December 7, 2023, as presented**. Seconded by Penny Luebs.

Motion Passed.

A sufficient majority having voted in favor, the Minutes dated December 7, 2023, were approved as presented.

b. Board of Commissioners - dated November 16, 2023

Angela Powell moved **approval of the Minutes dated November 16, 2023, as presented**. Seconded by Penny Luebs.

Motion Passed.

A sufficient majority having voted in favor, the Minutes dated November 16, 2023, were approved as presented.

5. Election

a. **Board of Commissioners - Caucus Chair**

Marcia Gershenson nominated Angela Powell for Caucus Chair. Seconded by William Miller.

Motion Passed.

A unanimous majority having voted in favor, Angela Powell was elected Caucus Chair.

Chair Angela Powell accepted the gavel from Vice Chair Charlie Cavell.

b. **Board of Commissioners - Caucus Vice Chair**

Charlie Cavell will remain Caucus Vice Chair.

c. **Board of Commissioners - Board Vice Chair**

Gwen Markham moved to nominate Marcia Gershenson as Board of Commissioners Vice Chair. Seconded by Linnie Taylor.

Motion Passed.

Vote Summary (12-0-0)

Yes: David Woodward, Penny Luebs, Gwen Markham, Angela Powell, Marcia Gershenson, William Miller III, Yolanda Smith Charles, Charles Cavell, Brendan Johnson, Ajay Raman, Ann Erickson Gault, Linnie Taylor

No: None

Abstain: None

A unanimous majority having voted in favor, Marcia Gershenson was elected Vice Chair of the Board of Commissioners.

6. Discussion Items

a. **Board of Commissioners - Board of Commissioners - Chief of Staff Update**

David Woodward addressed the Caucus regarding the open BOC Chief of Staff position. He informed the Caucus that Michael Andrews, Policy and Fiscal Analysis Supervisor will fill the role as interim Chief of Staff.

Discussion followed.

b. **Board of Commissioners - Appointments:**

- Parks and Recreation

- Other

David Woodward addressed the Caucus to discuss filling the vacancies left on various Boards and Committees by the departure of Commissioners McGillivray and Jackson.

Discussion followed.

The vacancies were filled as follows:

Parks and Recreation Commission - Term ending December 31, 2025
Ann Erickson Gault

Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) - Term ending December 31, 2024
Delegate - Charlie Cavell
Alternate - Linnie Taylor
Alternate - Brendan Johnson

Job Evaluation Review Panel - Term ending December 31, 2024
Linnie Taylor

Airport Committee - Term ending December 31, 2024
Ajay Raman

Youth Assistance Coordinating Council - Term ending December 31, 2024
David Woodward

Community Development Citizens Advisory Council - Term ending December 31, 2024
Ajay Raman

Human Trafficking Task Force - Term ending December 31, 2024
William Miller
Linnie Taylor

Local Road Improvement Program Special Committee - Term ending December 31, 2024
Yolanda Smith Charles

Substance Use Disorder Oversight Policy Board - Term ending December 31, 2024
Charlie Cavell

c. Board of Commissioners - Leadership Development

David Woodward addressed the Caucus to discuss Leadership Development for the Board and the Board staff. He suggested contacting the Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) and the National Association of Counties (NACo) to inquire about leadership training opportunities.

Discussion followed.

d. Board of Commissioners - 2024 State Policy Agenda

Brendan Johnson addressed the Caucus to suggest developing a group to work with State government officials on State policy.

Discussion followed.

e. Board of Commissioners - Board Policy Priorities

Charlie Cavell addressed the Caucus to suggest developing a group to streamline Board of Commissioners' priorities.

Discussion followed.

f. Board of Commissioners - Agenda Review

Yolanda Smith Charles addressed the Caucus regarding Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee item entitled: Office of Sustainability - MI Healthy Climate Corps Host Agreement with the Community Economic Development Association of Michigan.

Discussion followed.

Gwen Markham addressed the Caucus regarding Finance Committee item entitled: Board of Commissioners - White Lake Township Corridor Improvement Authority Plan.

Discussion followed.

Brendan Johnson addressed the Caucus regarding Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee item entitled: Board of Commissioners - Parks and Recreation Commission Appointment - Lola Banks. He stated that there have been three recent vacancies on the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Chair Angela Powell addressed the Caucus regarding the following: Registration is open for the annual National Association of Counties (NACo) conference.

The BOC restrooms will be closed in order to update the facilities.
She thanked the Caucus for electing her to the Chair.

7. Public Comment

No one addressed the Caucus during Public Comment #2.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.