



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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

Democratic Caucus Minutes

February 7, 2024 at 5:00 PM

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Angela Powell called the meeting of the Democratic Caucus to order at 5:03 p.m. in Committee Room A, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, 12E, Pontiac, MI 48341.

2. Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Woodward, Penny Luebs, Kristen Nelson, Angela Powell, Marcia Gershenson, William Miller III, Yolanda Smith Charles, Charles Cavell, Brendan Johnson, Ajay Raman, Ann Erickson Gault, Linnie Taylor, Gwen Markham (13)

MEMBERS ABSENT WITH NOTICE: (0)

3. Public Comment

No one addressed the Caucus during Public Comment #1.

4. Approval of Minutes

a. Board of Commissioners - dated January 18, 2024

Penny Luebs moved **approval of the Minutes dated January 18, 2024, as presented**. Seconded by Linnie Taylor.

Motion Passed.

A sufficient majority having voted in favor, the Minutes were approved, as presented.

5. Discussion Items

Jim Nash, Water Resources Commissioner and Sara Rubino, Water Resources Attorney addressed the Caucus regarding Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee item entitled: Board of Commissioners - Supporting Senate Bills 0549-0551 and House Bills 5088-5090 to Create a Low-Income Water Residential Affordability Program and the Water Shutoff Protection Act, followed by a short question and answer session.

Discussion followed.

David Woodward addressed the Caucus regarding Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee item entitled: Human Resources - 2024 Supplemental Collective Bargaining Agreement for Employees Represented by the United Auto Workers, Local 889 (UAW), Representing Board of Commissioners Supervisory Employees.

Discussion followed.

Eric McPhearson, Chair, Oakland County Building Authority addressed the Caucus to introduce Tony Sievert, whose appointment to the Building Authority is on the Agenda of tonight's Board of Commissioners meeting.

Tony Sievert addressed the Caucus.

Discussion followed.

Brendan Johnson addressed the Caucus regarding Legislative Affairs and Government Operations item entitled: Board of Commissioners - Oakland Community Health Network Appointment - Dennis Cowan, Dr. Yolanda Giles, Adam Fuhrman, Dr. Bijaya Hans.

Discussion followed.

Marcia Gershenson addressed the Caucus to inform the Commissioners that she will be introducing a new resolution entitled: Sponsorship of the MiCorps Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program, at tonight's Board of Commissioners meeting. She will request referral to the Finance Committee.

Discussion followed.

David Woodward addressed the Caucus regarding a funding stream from the Detroit Institute of Arts that will allow the County to establish and staff an Oakland County Arts Commission.

Discussion followed.

David Woodward addressed the Caucus about a letter regarding indirect costs and rates for contracted dispatch services that was sent to local CVTs by the Sheriff's Office.

Discussion followed.

Yolanda Smith-Charles addressed the Caucus regarding a proclamation honoring the 2023 National Football Conference (NFC) Champion Detroit Lions.

Discussion followed.

The proclamation honoring the 2023 Detroit Lions will be postponed to a future meeting.

Ajay Raman addressed the Caucus to inform the Commissioners that the Acorn2Oak initiative mini grant program for Oakland County students ages 8 - 18 was launched last week.

Charlie Cavell addressed the Caucus and stated that Commissioner Gingell will be offering an amendment to Legislative Affairs and Government Operations Committee item entitled: Board of Commissioners - Building Authority Appointment - Tony Sievert.

6. Public Comment

No one addressed the Caucus during Public Comment #2.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.