



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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

Democratic Caucus Minutes

March 14, 2024 at 8:30 AM

1. Call Meeting to Order

The Chair called the meeting of the Democratic Caucus to order at 8:35 AM in Committee Room A, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, 12E, Pontiac, MI 48341.

2. Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Woodward, Penny Luebs, Kristen Nelson, Gwen Markham, Angela Powell, William Miller III, Yolanda Smith Charles, Charles Cavell, Ajay Raman, Ann Erickson Gault, Linnie Taylor (11)

MEMBERS ABSENT WITH NOTICE: Marcia Gershenson, Brendan Johnson (2)

3. Public Comment

Larry Gray addressed the Caucus during Public Comment #1.

4. Approval of Minutes

a. Board of Commissioners - dated February 29, 2024

Gwen Markham moved **approval of the Minutes dated February 29, 2024, as presented**. Seconded by Penny Luebs.

Motion Passed.

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

5. Discussion Items

a. Board of Commissioners - Cost Allocation Plan Overview - Dispatch Services Rates

Sheryl Johnson, Deputy Chief Financial Officer addressed the Caucus to introduce Casey Steffee, Lead Cost Accounting Consultant, Maximus Financial Services.

Casey Steffee, Lead Cost Accounting Consultant, Maximus Financial Services addressed the Caucus to give a presentation entitled: Cost Allocation Plan Overview. The presentation was followed by a brief Q & A session.

b. General Discussion Items

David Woodward addressed the Caucus regarding Public Health and Safety Committee item entitled: Health and Human Services - Acceptance of Opioid Settlement Funds and Position Creation. He addressed how these funds will be spent and stated that an amendment will be offered.

Discussion followed.

Penny Luebs addressed the Caucus and stated that there are 28 Public Health and Safety agreements on today's agenda.

David Woodward addressed the Caucus to inform the Commissioners that 27 of the 28 Public Health and Safety agreements on the Agenda will be moved as one item.

Discussion followed.

William Miller addressed the Caucus to inquire if the Commissioners could offer more Narcan distribution methods.

Discussion followed.

William Miller addressed the Caucus to inform the Commissioners that he will be introducing a Board Action entitled: Sponsorship of Pontiac Skatepark Project Dedication. He added that he will request suspension of the Board rules for an immediate vote on this action.

Discussion followed.

Kristen Nelson addressed the Caucus and stated that she will be introducing a Resolution entitled: Support for Senate Bills 669-670 to Expand the Application of the Freedom of Information Act to the Michigan Legislature, the Governor and the Lieutenant Governor.

Charlie Cavell addressed the Caucus to give a short overview of the 2024 Democratic Caucus Goals.

Discussion followed.

Chair Angela Powell addressed the Caucus to announce the Oakland Thrive Business Spotlight and Reception will be held on March 20th at the Royal Oak Farmer's Market, the Summer Jobs Program has kicked off, and a reminder that March is Reading Month.

Gwen Markham addressed the Caucus to invite everyone to the groundbreaking of the Webster Community Center in Pontiac, being held on April 3rd.

6. Public Comment

No one addressed the Caucus during Public Comment #2.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM.