



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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

Democratic Caucus Minutes

October 10, 2024 at 5:00 PM

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Angela Powell called the meeting of the Democratic Caucus to order at 5:10 PM 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, Yolanda Smith Charles, Charles Cavell, Brendan Johnson, Ajay Raman, Ann Erickson Gault, Kristen Nelson (virtual) (11)

MEMBERS ABSENT WITH NOTICE: William Miller III, Linnie Taylor (2)

3. Public Comment

No one addressed the Caucus during Public Comment #1.

4. Approval of Minutes

a. Board of Commissioners - dated September 19, 2024

Commissioner Penny Luebs moved **approval of the Minutes dated September 19, 2024, as presented**. Seconded by Commissioner Ann Erickson-Gault.

Motion Passed.

A sufficient majority having voted in favor, the Minutes dated September 19, 2024 were approved, as presented.

5. Discussion Items

Michael Andrews, BOC Chief of Staff, addressed the Caucus to introduce Breanne Armstrong, who has been hired as a Policy Analyst for the BOC.

Commissioner Yolanda Smith Charles addressed the Caucus regarding Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee item entitled: Executive's Office - Pontiac Redevelopment Project - Construction Management Services.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner David Woodward addressed the Caucus regarding attendance policies for committee members. He also addressed the Caucus about forthcoming issues including: the collective bargaining agreement for UAW Local 889, expiring Sheriff Road Patrol contracts, a BOC policy regarding After Action reports, and enumerating County

expectations for local Tax Increment Financing Authorities (TIFs). He also discussed the Water Resources press conference at the George W. Kuhn basin and congratulated the BOC staff for their excellent work on the Tri-County Summit.

Chair Angela Powell addressed the Caucus to discuss the new management company for the Little Oaks Childcare Program, a review of the county's RFP process specifically regarding towing contracts, and the ARPA review schedule.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Ajay Raman addressed the Caucus and stated that he will introduce a proposed resolution entitled: Sponsorship of Hospitality House Food Pantry's 2025 "A Taste of Spring Event". This resolution will be referred to the Finance Committee.

Chair Angela Powell addressed the Caucus and requested to have New and Miscellaneous Business item entitled: Sponsorship of the 2025 Greater Detroit Comedy Festival Presented by the City of Pontiac removed from tonight's agenda.

Commissioner Ajay Raman addressed the Caucus to report on the recent Michigan Association of Counties Conference.

Commissioner Brendan Johnson addressed the Caucus to report on the recent American Public Transportation Conference.

Discussion followed.

Chair Angela Powell addressed the Caucus to review the Caucus Memo of announcements.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Charlie Cavell addressed the Caucus regarding the SAVI Student Debt Relief Initiative. He stated that 326 Oakland County residents signed up for assistance in the first week the program became available.

Commissioner David Woodward addressed the Caucus to remind the Commissioners that the Lean and Green Michigan Event is being held on Friday, October 18th at the Oakland Schools ISD. Pre-registration is required.

6. Public Comment

Oakland County Clerk/Register of Deeds Lisa Brown addressed the Caucus during Public Comment #2.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.