



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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

Democratic Caucus Minutes

January 13, 2025 at 5:00 PM

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Angela Powell called the meeting of the Democratic Caucus to order at 5:14 PM 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, Marcia Gershenson, William Miller III, Yolanda Smith Charles, Charles Cavell, Brendan Johnson, Ann Erickson Gault, Linnie Taylor (12)

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 6, 2025

Commissioner William Miller moved **approval of the Minutes dated January 6, 2025, as presented**. Seconded by Commissioner Linnie Taylor.

Motion Passed.

A sufficient majority having voted in favor, the Minutes dated January 6, 2025 were approved, as presented.

5. Discussion Items

Commissioner David Woodward addressed the Caucus to provide an overview on how the Swearing In Ceremony will be conducted. He then opened discussion on Communications, Introductions and Rules of the Board.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Kristen Nelson addressed the Caucus and stated that she will offer amendments to the Board Rules regarding Corporation Counsel opinions, recording and posting video of any quorum in committee or on a board, and changes to the ex officio rule.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner David Woodward addressed the Caucus to open nominations for the Finance Committee Vice-Chair position.

Moved by Commissioner Penny Luebs to nominate Commissioner Linnie Taylor as Vice-Chair of the Finance Committee. Seconded by Commissioner Gwen Markham.

Moved by Chair Angela Powell to nominate Commissioner Charlie Cavell as Vice-Chair of the Finance Committee. Seconded by Commissioner Yolanda Smith Charles.

Discussion followed.

A poll of the Commissioners regarding support for the Finance Committee Vice-Chair had a 9-3 outcome in favor of supporting Commissioner Linnie Taylor as Finance Committee Vice-Chair.

Commissioner David Woodward addressed the Caucus regarding Ad Hoc Committees.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner David Woodward addressed the Caucus regarding a six year appointment to the Oakland County Road Commission. The candidates are Andrea LaLonde and James Esshaki.

James Esshaki introduced himself and addressed the Caucus.

Andrea LaLonde introduced herself and addressed the Caucus.

A poll of the Commissioners regarding support for a Road Commission appointment had a 7-5 outcome in favor of supporting James Esshaki as Road Commission appointee.

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

Commissioner Penny Luebs addressed the Caucus regarding nominations to the 40 under 40 awards program.

6. Public Comment

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

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:54 PM.