

Caucus Committee Meeting Minutes



September 15, 2026
The Grotto, Gorton Center

Call to Order: Scott Nehls, President of the Lake Forest Caucus, called the meeting of the Caucus Committee to order at 7:03 p.m. A quorum was in attendance.

Approval of meeting minutes: Mr. Nehls welcomed everyone to the meeting and raised the matter of approval of the Committee meeting minutes of September 8, 2026. There being no discussion, on motion by Charlie Notarus, seconded by Susan Magill, the minutes were approved as presented by acclamation without dissent.

General Comments of President: Mr. Nehls briefly reviewed the meeting agenda and the interviewing and voting process over the next few weeks.

Aldermanic Candidate Interviews: Aldermanic candidates were interviewed by the Committee. Discussion of the candidates by the Committee followed.

Candidate Voting: Voting then proceeded for each candidate. After voting, the Caucus unanimously recommended the endorsement of Ward 1 Alderman - Pete Clemens (incumbent), Ward 2 Alderman - John Powers (incumbent), Ward 3 Alderman - Nick Bothfeld (incumbent), and Ward 4 Alderman - Richard Walther (incumbent).

Parents Care Presentation: Representatives of Parents Care, a community watchdog organization, presented an overview of their organization and thoughts on the School Board candidate vetting process. A Q&A period followed their presentation.

Adjournment: There being no further business and after final comments, Mr. Nehls called for a motion to adjourn, which was made by Lukas Szot, seconded by Reid Gustafson and approved by the Committee members by acclamation, without opposition. The meeting was concluded at 8:46 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by David Craigmile, Secretary.