

Caucus Committee General Meeting Minutes



September 28, 2021 7:00 – 9:30pm

Stuart Room, Gorton Center

Meeting called to order: 7:01 p.m. Kim Pfahl, President. A quorum was in attendance.

President's Report – Kim Pfahl

Kim Pfahl gave the President's Report, covering the following topics:

- Approval of the 9/14/21 General Meeting minutes: Kristin Vallaly motioned to approve. Michelle Parnell seconded, minutes unanimously approved.
- Kim gave a general update on Caucus Committee business. Kim then reviewed the distinct process for interviewing incumbent Aldermen, in preparation for the Aldermanic interview on the meeting agenda. Kim noted that the vote taken tonight would be a choice to either endorse the incumbent Aldermen (who had all previously received the Committee's endorsement) or to expand the search to other candidates. These interviews give the Caucus the opportunity to reaffirm its determination and provide performance feedback, while recognizing the value of continuity on the City Council given the short 2 year length of Aldermanic terms.
- Kim asked for volunteers interested in serving on the Fundraising Committee and to reach out to Stephanie Cook, Fundraising Chair.
- Dave Hunt, VP of Caucus reminded the committee to bring two volunteers interested in learning about the Caucus Committee or serving as a volunteer in the City.

Aldermanic Interview

The Caucus Committee then interviewed incumbent Ward 2 Alderman Ted Notz, Ward 3 Alderman Jim Preschlak, and Ward 4 Alderman Emily Looby Weber.

- All Aldermen/woman provided the Caucus Committee with background and feedback on their last term.
- Notz, Preschlak, and Weber provided a brief introduction on their personal/professional background and qualifications which complement the experience of serving in their roles. The Caucus Committee then interviewed all three candidates regarding their qualifications and experience.
- After the interview, the Committee deliberated and held a vote by written ballot on whether to endorse Alderman Notz, Preschlak, and Alderwoman Weber for additional terms or to expand the search to other candidates. The Committee voted to endorse all three for another term.

Closing Remarks

- Kim Pfahl announced the results of the Caucus Committee vote to endorse Aldermen Preschlak, Notz and Weber for a second term. The vote count was conducted and verified by Cynthia

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McCullough, Caucus Secretary and Chris Benes, Internal Communications Chair.

- Open Call meeting, 10/19 7-8, General meeting 8-9 Gorton Center. Please bring at least one, preferably 2 people with you.
- Annual Meeting, November 2, 7-9 pm Gorton Center.

Meeting Adjourned

There being no further business, Dave Hunt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jake Weisser seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Cynthia McCullough, Secretary