

# Caucus Committee General Meeting Minutes



November 30, 2021 7:00 – 9:00pm

*Stuart Room, Gorton Center*

**Caucus Committee Meeting called to order:** 7:02pm Kim Pfahl, President. A quorum was in attendance.

## **President's Report – Kim Pfahl**

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

- Kim explained to the Caucus Committee that the Executive team per our Bylaws (section 6.09 section d) as per a majority vote (100% of those were in favor who voted, one abstention), declared Ward 1 Caucus Committee member Pete Jansons' position vacant effective immediately. This is a result of repeated conduct issues documented with Pete Jansons from April 2021 until present.
- Most recently, the decision for removal is due to the breach of confidentiality to our closed meeting on 11/16. Pete Jansons discussed details of that closed meeting on his podcast 11/17 which stated gross inaccuracies, false narratives and communicated sensitive candidate information to the public before City candidates were informed of the Caucus Committee voting results/decision. Jansons' repeated conduct represents a conflict of interest between his ability to discharge his responsibilities on the Caucus Committee and his role on his podcast, as well as material breaches of other duties as required of him as a member in good standing on the Caucus Committee.
- Our ability to discharge our roles as Caucus Committee members depends on the confidentiality of our work. This confidentiality ensures we, and the volunteer candidates we bring forth, can have open discussions without fear of being quoted or misrepresented in the community in which we all voluntarily serve, work and live.
- Prior to the start of the meeting, Pete Jansons informed Kim Pfahl, President and David Hunt, Vice President, of his election to appeal the removal. Pete requested to appeal the Executive Committee's decision to the broader Caucus Committee per the Bylaws at the next Caucus Committee Meeting on 12/07/21. The full Caucus Committee agreed to this next step.
- At the November 30th meeting, several requests were made to Pete Jansons to agree to hold the evening's planned meeting and candidate interviews confidential. He repeatedly would not agree and, as a result, the Caucus Committee Meeting was canceled to maintain the confidentiality and integrity of our process on behalf of the candidates. The Ward Chair informed the waiting candidates that we would reschedule their interviews for a later date.

## **Closing – Kim Pfahl**

- Kim discussed the appeal process to the full Committee so they understood the next steps coming into the next meeting.
- Kim reviewed the pending work to complete and, as a result of delaying this meeting, the need to meet the next two weeks in a row to conduct interviews for the 3 open board positions required before the end of the year.

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## Meeting Adjourned

There being no further business, Michael O'Neill made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Aneeqa Aqeel seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Cynthia McCullough, Secretary