

Caucus Committee General Meeting Minutes



October 17, 2023

Gorton Center, Stuart Room

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

Approval of minutes: Mr. Benes raised the matter of approval of the Caucus Committee meeting minutes of October 3, 2023. Mr. Benes asked for comments. There being no comments, on motion by Janet White and seconded by Jay Soave, the October 3, 2023 minutes were approved by acclamation as presented.

Review of candidate for Ward 1 representative: Mr. Benes then noted that the next order of business was the Committee's interviewing Ms. Annie Liddle, who was being presented to the Committee as a candidate for appointment to fill a vacant Ward 1 representative seat. Ms. Liddle was invited to join the meeting, gave a brief introduction of her background and interest in joining the Committee and responded to questions from the Committee. When the questioning was finished, Ms. Liddle left the room, and the Committee deliberated over her appointment, at the end of which on motion by Joe Oriti and seconded by Kelly Guerrero to approve Ms. Liddle's appointment to serve as a Ward 1 representative effective immediately, subject to the restriction that she would not be allowed to vote on matters presented at this meeting, the appointment of Ms. Liddle to fill the vacancy in Ward 1 was approved by acclamation. Mr. Benes then invited Ms. Liddle to join the meeting.

Review of candidates for Ward 3 City Council Alderperson: As the next order of business Mr. Benes noted that the Committee would interview Ms. Lisa Nehring and Ms. Alice LeVert for endorsement by the Committee for the position of City Council Alderperson for Ward 3. Ms. Nehring was invited into the meeting room, and after she gave a brief introduction of herself and her background, Committee members addressed a number of questions to her about her experience, talents and knowledge of City affairs, to which she responded. Ms. Nehring then left the room, and Ms. LeVert was invited in. She presented herself with a brief introduction and responded to similar questions from the Committee members. Ms. LeVert then left the meeting room, and the Committee members discussed their observations about the two candidates. After further discussion, on motion by Aneeqa Aqeel and seconded by Armando Guzman, the Committee voted to approve Ms. LeVert as the Caucus' endorsed candidate for Ward 3 Alderperson in the next City general election.

Review of vacancy for Lake Forest Audit Committee: Mr. Benes then reported that an unexpected need to fill another vacancy at on the Lake Forest Audit Committee had arisen. Mr. Benes asked for the Committee's thoughts as to whether the Committee should select Robert Nowlin, whom the Committee interviewed and considered for the Audit Committee at its October 3, 2023 meeting but did not nominate at that time, or should seek new candidates for the Audit Committee position. Mary Byrne Galea, who with Ward 1 representatives had brought Mr. Nowlin to the Committee at the previous meeting, spoke highly of Mr. Nowlin and noted that she and all of the other Ward 1 representatives recommended that he be endorsed by the Committee for the new Audit Committee vacancy. After

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further discussion, on motion duly made and seconded, the endorsement of Mr. Nowlin was approved by acclamation of the Committee.

Other matters: Mr. Benes then briefly addressed the matters expected to be addressed at the Committee's October 24 meeting.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Mr. Benes called for a motion to adjourn, which was made by Mark Pickett, seconded by Kelly Guerrero and approved by acclamation by the Committee. The meeting concluded at 9:37 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Dale Tauke, Secretary