

# Caucus Committee General Meeting Minutes



September 17, 2024  
*Gorton Center, Stuart Room*

**Caucus Committee meeting called to order:** Joe Oriti, President of the Lake Forest Caucus, called the meeting of the Lake Forest Caucus Committee to order at 7:06 p.m. A quorum was in attendance. Mr. Oriti welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Approval of minutes:** Mr. Oriti first raised the matter of approval of the minutes of the Committee meeting of September 10, 2024. Mr. Oriti asked for comments. There being none, on motion by Tyler Lisenby and seconded by Jason Akemann, the minutes were approved by acclamation as presented without dissent.

**Presentation by the Superintendent of Lake Forest Schools:** At the request of Mr. Oriti, Dr. Matthew Montgomery, Superintendent of Schools of Lake Forest School Districts 115 and 67, joined the meeting. Dr. Montgomery gave a presentation on the topics of the Lake Forest schools shared services organization, the school districts' budgets and his views on the characteristics required of effective school board members. Dr. Montgomery then responded to questions from the Committee on various topics. At the conclusion of the Committee's questions, Mr. Oriti thanked Dr. Montgomery for his comments, and Dr. Montgomery left the meeting.

**Interview of School District 115 Board Candidate:** Mr. Oriti next raised the matter of the Committee's interviewing Ms. Anne Geraghty Helms, who wished to be endorsed by the Caucus for election to the School Board of Lake Forest School District 115. Mr. Oriti invited Ms. Helm into the meeting room. Ms. Helms made a brief presentation to the Committee about her background, service as a member of the Lake Forest District 67 School Board and interest in serving on the Lake Forest District 115 School Board. Ms. Helms then responded to questions from Committee members. When the questioning was finished Ms. Helms made brief further remarks to the Committee and, after being thanked by Mr. Oriti for her interest in further service, left the room. The Committee members then discussed the matter of endorsing Ms. Helms. At the end of the discussion, Jason Akemann moved that the Committee should vote to approve the Caucus's endorsement of Ms. Helms for election to the District 115 School Board. Larry Obermeyer seconded the motion. The Committee members then voted on the motion, which was approved by the vote.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, Mr. Oriti called for a motion to adjourn, which was made by Janet White, seconded by Linda Harmer and approved by acclamation by the Committee without dissent. The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Dale Tauke, Secretary