

Caucus Committee General Meeting Minutes



October 1, 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 7:03 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 24, 2024. Mr. Oriti asked for comments. There being none, on motion by Richard Fisher and seconded by Alex Wilcox, the minutes were approved by acclamation as presented without dissent.

Interview of Incumbent Mayor: Mr. Oriti next raised the matter of the Committee's interviewing Mayor Dr. Stanford "Randy" Tack, who wished to be endorsed by the Caucus for reelection to the position of Mayor of Lake Forest. Mr. Oriti invited Mayor Tack into the meeting room. Mayor Tack made a brief presentation to the Committee about the excellent financial condition of the City, the functioning of the City Council and various City projects. Mayor Tack then responded to questions from Committee members. When the questioning was finished Mayor Tack made brief closing remarks to the Committee and, after being thanked by Mr. Oriti for his interest in continuing to serve Lake Forest, left the room.

Interview of School District 115 Board Member: Mr. Oriti then raised the matter of the Committee's interviewing Dr. John Venson, a member of the Lake Forest School District 115, who wished to be endorsed by the Caucus for reelection to District 115 Board. Mr. Oriti invited Dr. Venson into the meeting room. Dr. Venson made a brief presentation to the Committee about his interest in continuing to serve on the District 115 Board and his service during his expiring term on the school board. Dr. Venson then responded to questions from Committee members. When the questioning was finished Dr. Venson made closing remarks to the Committee and, after being thanked by Mr. Oriti for his interest in continuing to serve Lake Forest, left the room.

Consideration of Mayoral and District 115 School Board Candidates: The Committee then separately discussed each of the two candidates for office. At the end of the discussion of Mayor Tack, Tyler Lisenby moved that the Committee should vote on the matter of endorsing Mayor Tack for reelection to the position of Mayor. Jay Soave seconded the motion. The Committee then voted and approved the endorsement of Dr. Tack.

The Committee then discussed the matter of endorsing Dr. Venson for reelection to the District 115 School Board. At the end of the discussion, Fred Brewer moved that the Committee should vote on the matter of endorsing Dr. Venson for reelection. Linda Harmer seconded the motion. The Committee members then voted and did not approve the endorsement of Dr. Venson.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Mr. Oriti called for a motion to adjourn, which was made by Peggy Siebert, seconded by Linda Harmer and approved by acclamation by the Committee without dissent. The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Dale Tauke, Secretary