

# Caucus Committee General Meeting Minutes



September 10, 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 6:38 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 3, 2024. Mr. Oriti asked for comments. There being none, on motion by Mark Pickett and seconded by Jay Soave, the minutes were approved by acclamation as presented without dissent.

**Training Session:** For the next order of business, Mr. Oriti called on Cindy Davidson to conduct a training session for Committee members on the interviewing techniques to be followed by Committee members in conducting interviews of candidates for positions. Ms. Davidson conducted the training and answered questions from Committee members. Mr. Oriti thanked her for her work.

**Interviews of Incumbent Alderpersons:** Mr. Oriti next raised the matter of reviewing three incumbent Alderpersons, John Powers, Peter Clemens and Richard Walther, who wished to be endorsed by the Caucus for additional terms in office. Mr. Oriti invited them into the meeting room one at a time. Each made a brief presentation to the Committee about his background, service as Alderperson and interest in continuing in office and then responded to questions from Committee members. After each Alderperson finished his remarks and responses to questions, Mr. Oriti thanked him, and the Alderperson left the meeting room. After the interviews of all three candidates were concluded, the Committee members discussed them and their service. At the end of the discussion, Regina Etherton moved that the Committee should vote on approval of endorsement of each of Messrs. Powers, Clemens and Walther for an additional term as Alderperson. Jason Akemann seconded the motion. The Committee members then voted individually as to each of Messrs. Powers, Clemens and Walther. The vote resulted in the approval of the Caucus endorsement of each of them.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, Mr. Oriti called for a motion to adjourn, which was made by Charles Stephens, seconded by Ms. Davidson and approved by acclamation by the Committee without dissent. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Dale Tauke, Secretary