

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS
Full Board Meeting
Thursday, 1/18/24 – 5:45 p.m.
Jennifer Putman Meeting Room
Brookens Administrative Center
1776 E. Washington St.
Urbana, IL 61801

Present: Fortado, Locke, Lokshin, Patterson, Peugh, Rogers, Straub, Thorsland, Vanichtheeranont, Rodriguez, Greer, Stohr, Hanauer-Friedman

1. **Call to Order:** 5:50 pm
2. **Approval of the Agenda–**
 - a. Moved by Vanichterranton, second Hanauer-Friedman, unanimous approval.
3. **Approval of the Minutes from December 12, 2023.**
 - a. Moved by Locke, second Peugh, unanimous approval
4. **Public Participation–**
 - a. Tony Grilo– Donato Solar wanted to make himself available for questions regarding the solar farm vote
 - b. Clerk Ammons– thanked the caucus for the support last week.
 - c. Carolyn Greer- Has been in the county for about 15 years, has worked in several nursing homes including the Champaign County Nursing Home.
 - d. Executive Summers– Is there for the cake. Will have more info about Coroner's appointment soon.
5. **Announcements/Communications–**
 - a. Chair Patterson has announced that this will be his last meeting as he is resigning to finish the term vacated by the previous City of Champaign Township Supervisor.
6. **Review and Discussion of the Full Board Agenda**
 - a. (XV. B) Republican caucus is amenable to postponing the vote on this with the hope that it will give more time to negotiate with Bondville.
 - b. (XIV. A.) Polling places wasn't a unanimous vote at COW because of some questions which is why it's back on the agenda.
 - c. Finance Chair Fortado reiterated the idea that all departments need to pay their bills when they arise.
 - d. (XV. B) Public Health Pass Through.
 - e. (XVI. A. 1.) ARPA Projects, Michelle and Kathy have been meeting with the

various agencies and encouraged them to start using their funds very soon or lose that funding.

- f. (XVI. B) Sale of Former Nursing Home Building– we either leave the covenant in place or lift it, but we will have to decide. The public has been very engaged on this issue and will need to be involved in the decision. Selling will possibly recover the attorney’s fees and possibly some of the settlements. IDPH will not approve its use as a skilled care facility as it is.

6. Next Caucus Meeting: February 22, 2024

7. Adjournment 6:15 pm