

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS
Full Board Meeting
Thursday, May 23, 2024 – 5:45 p.m.
Jennifer Putman Meeting Room
Brookens Administrative Center
1776 E. Washington St.
Urbana, IL 61801

Present: Carter (6:13), Cowart (6:03), Fortado, Hanauer-Friedman, Locke, Lokshin, Owen, Peugh (6:18), Rodriguez, Rogers, Stohr, Straub, Taylor

Absent: Greer, Thorsland, Vanichtheeranont

1. **Call to Order:** 5:49 pm

2. **Approval of the Agenda–**

- a. Moved by Locke, second Lokshin, unanimous approval.

3. **Approval of the Minutes from April 18, 2024.**

- a. Moved by Owen, second Stohr, unanimous approval

4. **Public Participation–**

- a. Angela Patton from the Clerk's office came to speak with us about the Clerk's restrictive covenant project and paying election judges

5. **Announcements/Communications–**

- a. Member Rodriguez– The labor committee was made aware of another incident in the Auditor's Office. The Auditor was yelling and trying to interrupt a meeting with the staff and an AFSCME representative.
- b. Member Locke– Skelton Park will be rededicated June 7th at 12 pm.
- c. Member Fortado– Meeting yesterday with broadband folks and NextLink isn't getting the grant and are thinking about next steps. The broadband task force will need to reconvene.

6. **Review and Discussion of the Full Board Agenda**

- a. (XI) Will be a presentation from the Clerk.
- b. (VX. B.) Will be placed after XI. We don't have to vote on this today if we don't want to, but we will see research from the 16 counties that still have an elected Auditor.
- c. (XII. B. 1 & 2.) Special Permit for Solar Farm

- d. (XIV. D.) IGA for C-Carts
- e. (XIV. F.) Approving the placement of a plaque by the AA Heritage Trail
- f. (XV. A. 1.) Labor– Censure of Auditor– This is the third and final draft and it has been looked through by Legal. Some discussion about the need for this. Discussion about the history of this office and the mischaracterization of some of the things portrayed in the “Open Letter to the Board.” Chair Carter arrived late, interrupted other people speaking, and mocked Caucus Chair Taylor while speaking unironically of professionalism.
 - i. There will be a study session in June to discuss making the Auditor a hired position rather than an elected one.
 - ii. Chair Carter asked how we would prevent this again. Member Owen found that per state law, we cannot force elected officials to adopt HR policies.
 - iii. Member Stohr would like to make a motion to table the censure and ask for a resolution.
- g. (XV. D.)
 - i. Presentation from Kathy
 - ii. Presentation from First Followers
 - iii. Summer Cooling
 - iv. Rental Assistance
 - v. Drainage District

6. Next Caucus Meeting: June 11, 2024

7. Adjournment 6:30 pm