

## **NOTICE OF MEETING**

A Special Session of the Leelanau County Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, December 10, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. or immediately following the Committee of the Whole currently scheduled in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Leelanau County Government Center, Suttons Bay, Michigan

***A live streaming of this meeting will be available for viewing via the following link –***  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNQTgIgcTedF2qB8floC1GQ?view\\_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNQTgIgcTedF2qB8floC1GQ?view_as=subscriber)

There are two ways to provide public comment during the meeting – you can attend in-person, or email your comments prior to the meeting to [clerk@leelanau.gov](mailto:clerk@leelanau.gov)

***(Please silence all electronic/cellular devices)***

*(Proceedings of the meeting are being recorded and are not the official record of the meeting, the formally approved/accepted written copy of the minutes will be the official record of the meeting.)*

## **AGENDA**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE/PRIVATE PRAYER**

**ROLL CALL**

**PUBLIC COMMENT** *(3 minutes Agenda Specific)*

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

### **Purpose of Meeting – Discussion/Potential Action:**

1. Discuss Whether Commissioners-Elect Should Have the Opportunity to Participate in County Administrator Candidate Interviews on December 12th, 2024

**PUBLIC COMMENT** *(5 minutes)*

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

## Lauren Cypher

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**From:** Richard Lewis  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 8, 2024 3:03 PM  
**To:** Board of Commissioners; William Bunek; Rick Robbins; Alan Campbell; Mark Walter; Steve Yoder  
**Cc:** Lauren Cypher; Michelle Crocker; Jennifer Zywicki; Zachary Marano  
**Subject:** Fwd: Meeting with commissioners-elect & BOC training

Email trail in regard to the Special Session on Tuesday. Lauren, please make copies for everyone.

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Matt Nordfjord <mnordi@cstmlaw.com>  
**Subject: RE: Meeting with commissioners-elect & BOC training**  
**Date:** December 1, 2024 at 1:23:32 PM EST  
**To:** 'Richard Lewis' <rlewis@leelanau.gov>  
**Cc:** Nicole Moles <nmoles@cstmlaw.com>

Hi Richard –

No legal concerns with including commissioner-elects in this process (although they don't have a formal vote currently, tacit approval and being permitted to offer input is prudent). I would hope they are satisfied with the hire so there is not a disruption at the start of the new term. Makes sense from a practical standpoint to me.

On a related matter, with the FOPLC asking to re-schedule the meetings on 12/5 could we re-schedule the new commissioner training as well?

Thanks,

Matt

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**From:** Richard Lewis <rlewis@leelanau.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 27, 2024 11:20 AM  
**To:** Chet Janik <cjanikmli@geneseeis.org>; Matt Nordfjord <mnordi@cstmlaw.com>  
**Cc:** Ty Wessell <twessell@leelanau.gov>; Melinda Lautner <mlautner@leelanau.gov>; Doug Rexroat <drexroat@leelanau.gov>; James O'Rourke <jorourke@leelanau.gov>; Gwenne Allgaier <gallgaier@leelanau.gov>; Kama Ross <kross@leelanau.gov>; Michelle Crocker <mcrocker@leelanau.gov>; Lauren Cypher <lcypther@leelanau.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Meeting with commissioners-elect

**Please do not respond to all.**

Monday we will be sending out a request for special session to take place on December 10 after the Executive Session so the Commission may discuss the request.

Am also spending to Legal Counsel for input.

Richard

On Nov 26, 2024, at 3:12 PM, Janik, Chet <[cjanikmli@geneseeis.org](mailto:cjanikmli@geneseeis.org)> wrote:

FYI from Chairman Wessell

As further background information, Mr. Campbell has suggested that the incoming commissioners be allowed to participate in the formal interview process and ask questions of the two finalists.

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**From:** Ty Wessell <[twessell@leelanau.gov](mailto:twessell@leelanau.gov)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 26, 2024 12:41 PM  
**To:** Janik, Chet <[cjanikmli@geneseeis.org](mailto:cjanikmli@geneseeis.org)>  
**Subject:** Re: Meeting with commissioners-elect

**External Email**

Chet, thanks for the call. Feel free to distribute.

The current board is committed to involving Commissioner-elects in the search and decision process. Although we cannot change the process agreed to at our last meeting outside of an official public meeting, Richard Lewis will add this issue to the agenda for our special BOC meeting scheduled for 12/10/24. **For OMA reasons, I urge current commissioners not to respond to the email or discuss this issue outside of a public meeting.**

Alan's concerns are legitimate. The candidates also need to know that the next Commission has been involved. Although we'll need advice on the details, I am

confident that we can adjust the process to address the need for the next Commission to have real input.

Ty  
Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 26, 2024, at 10:04 AM, Alan Campbell  
<[alanccampbell@charter.net](mailto:alanccampbell@charter.net)> wrote:

Chet, I see where times are reserved to meet (and greet) with employees and commissioners. Will time also be provided to meet with commionsers-elect? This seems to me to be as important as meeting with present commissioners, of which only two will remain when our new administrator takes office. It will be the expectations and missions of the next County Board, not present commissioners, that he will need to meet and accomplish. Given that new commissioners will be seated less than three weeks after the final interview, I urge you to consider this request. The new administrator will likely never work for the present county board.

Alan

On Nov 26, 2024, at 9:27 AM, Janik, Chet  
<[cjanikmli@geneseeisd.org](mailto:cjanikmli@geneseeisd.org)> wrote:

FYI-- Revised interview schedule

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**From:** Janik, Chet <[cjanikmli@geneseeisd.org](mailto:cjanikmli@geneseeisd.org)>

**Sent:** Monday, November 25, 2024 11:21 AM

**To:** Ty Wessell <[twessell@leelanau.gov](mailto:twessell@leelanau.gov)>; Melinda Lautner <[mlautner@leelanau.gov](mailto:mlautner@leelanau.gov)>; Doug Rexroat <[drexroat@leelanau.gov](mailto:drexroat@leelanau.gov)>; Gwenne Allgaier <[gallgaier@leelanau.gov](mailto:gallgaier@leelanau.gov)>; James O'Rourke <[jorourke@leelanau.gov](mailto:jorourke@leelanau.gov)>; Kama Ross <[kross@leelanau.gov](mailto:kross@leelanau.gov)>

**Cc:** Richard Lewis <[rlewis@leelanau.gov](mailto:rlewis@leelanau.gov)>; Michelle Crocker <[mcrocker@leelanau.gov](mailto:mcrocker@leelanau.gov)>; Lauren Cypher <[lcypher@leelanau.gov](mailto:lcypher@leelanau.gov)>; Jennifer Kain <[jkain@leelanau.gov](mailto:jkain@leelanau.gov)>

**Subject:** Revised December 12 Second Round Interview Schedule

Commissioners,

As you know, Mr. Belcher has withdrawn his application for the Administrator position, and therefore, the December 12 interview schedule has been modified.

Below is the schedule for the two candidates:

**MARK BROWN**

9:00 a.m. to 9:50 am                      Meet and Greet with  
Employees

10:00 am to 10:50 pm                      Dialogue with  
Commissioners

**JAMES DYER**

10:00 a.m. to 10:50 a.m.                      Meet and Greet with  
Employees

11:00 am to 11:50 am                      Dialogue with  
Commissioners

I'm currently conducting background and reference checks on the two finalists and will provide a written report before the interviews.

As discussed, the second round will be a more informal conversation with the candidates. Please feel free to contact me if I can be of any further assistance.

Chet

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