

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
December 12, 2023

1. At 9:00 a.m., Commissioner Gordon declared the Tuesday meeting of the Polk County Board of Commissioners in session and led the Board and attending audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Pope and Commissioner Mordhorst were present.

2. COMMENTS (for items not on this agenda):

None.

3. MINUTES: **COMMISSIONER GORDON MOVED, COMMISSIONER POPE
SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF December 5, 2023**

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD.

4. POLK COUNTY EQUITY ACTION PLAN

Jodi Merritt, Community Corrections Director, introduced Dave Guile, Sounds of Silence, Inc, who is here today to go over the Polk County Equity Action Plan with the Board. Mr. Guile's presentation went over the goals for the Polk County Community Corrections Justice Reinvestment Capacity Building Grant, some key client demographics and input demographics. Mr. Guile also went over some key findings which talked about barriers, resources, programs, services and Safety, client perceptions of community corrections, perceptions of disparities in the justice system in Polk County, and additional perceived program improvements needed. Commissioner Pope asked some clarifying questions about some of the bullet points and Mr. Guile answered his question. Commissioner Gordon asked some clarifying questions on the drug and alcohol bullet point and Mr. Guile answered his question. The Commissioners asked question about the community questions challenges and Mr. Guile answered their questions. Finally, Mr. Guile went over the action plan elements and stated that they have come up with 8 action steps. Commissioner Gordon stated that he appreciates the work that Mr. Guile has put into this and feels like this is an important project to keep moving forward on. Commissioner Mordhorst asked what does the funding from the State look like and Mrs. Merritt answered his question.

5. NON-LISTED ITEMS - (Pursuant to ORS 192.640, the Board of Commissioners considered the below identified non-listed items.)

None.

At 9:48 a.m. County Counsel announced that the meeting was recessed until 10:30 a.m. and then convene an Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(h) To consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed.

The executive session ended at 11:19 a.m. and Commissioner Gordon adjourned the meeting.