



**Michigan Avenue Corridor Improvement Authority
Board of Director's Meeting
Friday, September 19, 2025 – 8:30 AM
Foster Community Center
200 N. Foster Ave., Room 211
Lansing, MI 48910**

Members Present: Jon Lum, Katherine (Katie) Hubbard, L. Peter Clark, Scott Gilispie

Mayoral Designee:

Members Absent: Elaine Barr, Tim Daman (excused), Laurie Baumer (excused)

Facilitator Present: Kahleea Washington (LEDC)

Public Present: Aurora Seelye and Ethan Schmitt (Allen Neighborhood Center)

Recorded by: Kahleea Washington (LEDC)

Call to Order/Roll call: 8:34

Approval of July 11, 2025 MACIA Meeting Minutes - Action

MOTION: Hubbard moved to approve the meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Gillespie.

YEAS: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Public Comment

No public comment from the Allen Neighborhood representatives.

Approval of Mowing Expenses

After a brief overview of the need for additional mowing services and the resolution, the board approved.

Motion: Gillespie; Second by Clark.

Update on Block 2000

Member Gillespie provided an update on each business's façade improvement project. The contracts were sent to the business owner this week and should be executed soon.

The board briefly discussed building/ key businesses for sale along the corridor.

Discussion on Business Services

Chair Lum provided an update on his discussion with a potential consultant. He proposed hosting a workshop that could lead to one-on-one training for the business and funding for branding materials.

There were discussions about partnering with the SBDC to host the workshop.

The conversation led to an overview on MACIA's approach to reaching business owners when hosting events or offering new opportunities. The authority discussed updating the website and canvassing the area.

Other Business

The board entertained the idea of hosting a public event to bring the community out on the Avenue.

Coordinating the event and getting community participation are anticipated complications. The members decided to plan a spring event.

Adjournment

Chair Lum adjourned the Michigan Avenue Board of Directors at 9:22 a.m.

Motioned by Clark

Jonathan Lum, Chair
Michigan Avenue Corridor Improvement Authority