



Lansing Economic Development Corporation

Board of Directors Meeting

Friday, September 12, 2025 – 8:30 AM

Lansing EDC Office - 401 S. Washington Sq. Suite 101, Lansing, MI 48933

MINUTES

Members Present: Shelley Davis Boyd, Catherine Rathbun, Dr. Alane Laws-Barker, Jonathan Smith, Bryan Britten, Rawley Van Fossen

Members Absent: Dr. Cristina Benton, Calvin Jones, Chaz Carrillo

Staff Present: Kris Klein, Brian Swett, Alex Watkins, Aurelius Christian, Kimberly Lavon, Shay Manawar, Chelsea Dowler, Alex Watkins, Kahleea Washington

Guests: None

Call to Order

Chair Shelley Davis Boyd called the Lansing Economic Development Corporation meeting to order at 8:31 A.M.

Approval of LEDC Board Meeting Minutes – Friday, July 11, 2025 (ACTION)

MOTION: Member Britten moved to approve the LEDC meeting minutes from Friday, August 8, 2025, Board of Directors meeting, as presented. Motion seconded by Member Van Fossen.

YEAS: SIX (6); Unanimous; motion carried.

Financial Update

Swett offered updates on the Lansing EDC financials for July 2025, including the July 2025 draft report by Clark, Schaffer, Hackett and 3-year comparative Income Statements and Balance Sheets for July 2023 - 2025. Also noted is that the annual financial audit has been scheduled for December 1, 2025.

Operations Update

- a. HR Recommendations

The Lansing EDC's Mission is to improve the Lansing community by fostering economic growth that is strategic, sustainable and equitable.

Klein informed the Board of progress on the HR recommendation and recent staff professional development opportunities.

b. Job Posting

Klein informed the Board of posting for a Director of Economic Development is ending September 12 and interviews are being scheduled with qualified applicants.

Michigan Talent Partnership Grant Application – REO Town Initiative (ACTION)

Klein presented the Michigan Talent Partnership Grant Application resolution for consideration by the Board. Rathbun suggested that LEDC work with other local organizations who have similar projects as LEDC.

MOTION: Member Van Fossen moved to approve the Michigan Talent Partnership Grant Application Resolution as presented. Member Rathbun supported the motion.

YEAS: FIVE (5)

NAYS: NONE (0)

ABSTENTIONS: ONE (1) Smith

5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSTENSTION, Motion Carried.

Project and Program Updates

a. SSRP / Plant 6 Agreements Update

Klein updated the Board on the status of the Development and Disbursement Agreements, as well as a recent mock site visit led by LEDC, NorthPoint Development, and other stakeholders as part of the MEDC MI Sites Program.

b. LEED Initiative

Washington and Christian informed the Board that there will be new cohorts for the LEED Empower Program and SEED Academy this fall. Staff presented a set of new promotional videos for LEED programming.

c. Corridor Improvement Authorities

Washington informed the Board on the progress of CIA projects. Member Rathbun inquired whether the CIAs get together to discuss their various projects. Washington responded that LEDC has recently begun facilitating meetings of Board Chairs. Van Fossen inquired whether they have considered combining efforts to save resources. Washington responded that they have not been able to do that yet but would be open to it if the opportunity presented itself.

d. Community Growth Academy

Dowler updated the Board on the progress of the Community Growth Academy.

Open Forum for LEDC Board Members

None

Other Business

None

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

Chair Shelley Davis Boyd called the Lansing Economic Development Corporation meeting to adjourn at 9:26 A.M.



Kris Klein, President & CEO
Lansing Economic Development Corporation (LEDC)