

MAYOR’S NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
Lansing Elections Office (701 W. Jolly Road)
Thursday, January 15, 2026 @ 5:30 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS: Tirstan Walters (Co-Chair, Ward 1); Matthias Bell (Secretary, Ward 4); Courtney Cole (Ward 3); Flo Baerren (Ward 2); Brian Baer (Ward 1); MaryBeth VanHorn (Ward 1); Christopher Greene-Szmadzinski (Co-Chair, Ward 2); Vacant (Ward 4); Vacant (Ward 3); Vacant (Ward 3); Vacant (Ward 2); Vacant (Ward 4)

DNACE STAFF: Robin Anderson-King
Absences in bold

CALL TO ORDER: 5:37 p.m., Lansing Elections Office

1. **ROLL CALL**: See above - quorum present.
2. **ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA**: – None
3. **AGENDA APPROVAL**: Tirstan moved, Brian seconded – approved unanimously.
4. **BOARD MEETING MINUTES** – MaryBeth moved, Flo seconded – approved unanimously.
December 18, 2025

5. **NEW BUSINESS**:
A. None

6. **OLD BUSINESS**:

A. Grant Learning Session: 1/6/26@6pm, 1/13/26@ 6:30pm, 1/29/26@ 6:30pm, 2/3/26@6pm
Locations: Letts Community Center

- Robin reported that two groups joined the Jan. 6 session, and five groups joined the Jan. 13 session. One is signed up so far for the Jan. 29 session, and Flo from the board will be joining.
- Board members are encouraged to part of these sessions.

B. Grant Status Report

- Robin says that nine groups have started profile; three groups have started bulk trash applications; there are three mini-grants started, 10 neighborhood grants (and two were submitted, but needed more information). Deadline for these grants is March 6, 2026.
- There are 13 applications for Neighborhoods in Bloom. Deadline for this is Jan. 31, 2026.

7. STATEMENTS OF CITIZENS

Niklas Zande spoke about submitting two regular grants, one for a holiday celebration and one for a neighborhood picnic as well as a mini grant. The Old Everett Neighborhood Association has their next meeting at the South Lansing library on Jan. 22.

8. UPDATES

A. Mayor Updates

- Mayor has an event for newly appointed Fire Chief Carrie Edwards-Clemons of the Lansing Fire Department on Jan. 16 at noon at 120 E. Shiawassee St. - all welcome to attend.
- A new city department called the Innovation Team has an 'Idea' party on January 28 from 4-7 p.m. at Foster Community Center, offering residents an opportunity to talk about strategies and insights on how to keep their heating bills down.

B. DNACE Updates

- Letts Community Center is being used as a warming center and is using the space where the board usually meets, so Robin is looking into using the Lansing Elections office for meetings, possibly through April.
- The next HRCS and NAB board meeting is at Alfreda Schmidt Auditorium on Tuesday, Jan. 27, at 5:30 p.m.

C. Next meeting: Thursday, February 19, 2026

9. ADJOURN – 6:01 p.m. – Tirstan moved, Brian seconded – approved unanimously.