



DOWNTOWN
LANSING INC.

November 25, 2020 – 11:00 a.m.

DLI Board Meeting

This special meeting of the Board will be held via Zoom Meeting

401 S. Washington Square, Ste. 101

Lansing, MI 48933

Due to public safety concerns resulting from the COVID-19 Pandemic, this meeting will be conducted via Zoom Conferencing using **Meeting ID 83342345708**

Our Mission

Downtown Lansing Inc. is dedicated to making Lansing a place where people want to be, by encouraging its businesses, neighborhoods, and stakeholders to build a dynamic culture known for its vibrancy, sustainable growth, and business friendly environment.

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Citizen's Comments (items not on the agenda)
The public may comment for up to three minutes. Those wishing to make public comments will need to raise their hands or submit written comments via the chat function by the end of the public comment period: To raise your hand
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On a Mac: Option Y
On Windows: Alt Y
- III. Correspondence
- IV. Approvals
 -  Agenda for November 25, 2020
 -  Minutes from Executive Board Meeting November 19, 2020
- V. Discussion/Action Items:
 - a. Resignation of Cara Nader
- VI. Adjourn (*Motion Required for Adjournment*)
 1. Lansing City Council Resolution #2020-055 suspended the Council rule requiring physical presence at meetings for the duration of the declared state of emergency. Michigan Executive Order 2020-15 provides temporary authorization of remote participation in public meetings and hearings.

Want to make Public Comment?

Join Zoom Meeting from Computer at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83342345708>

(Note: this option requires downloading Zoom software. If you have not already installed the software, this may take a few minutes.)

Meeting ID: 844 8277 2170

Call-in via Phone: 312 626 6799

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Board Members:

JV Anderton, President	Christine Zarkovich, Vice President
Jim Tischler, Treasurer	Summer Schriener, Secretary
Karl Dorshimer, Past President	Cara Nader, Member
TJ Bucholz, Member	Open Seat

Board Advisors: Brian T. Jackson, Fourth Ward Councilmember

Downtown Lansing Inc.
Executive Board Emergency Meeting Minutes
Online Meeting
October 19th, 2020

Members Present: S. Schriener, JV Anderton, J. Tischler

Members Absent: C. Zarkovich

Staff Present: C. Edgerly

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 10:05 am.

II. Discussion of Goals

In light of the challenges COVID has presented, recent events and Board membership changes, the executive board discussed how to set up a one-year strategy to help lead to shaping the next three years of the organization.

The executive board decided that in order to lead downtown through these challenges, DLI will focus on strategies providing small business support in our districts and districts and improving our conversations and communication with our City Council liaison.

III. Adjourn: J. Tischler moved to adjourn, and S. Schriener supported. Meeting adjourned at 10:50 am.

To Whom it may Concern:

Effective today, I am resigning my position on the Downtown Lansing, Inc. Board. Absent support from city government, speedy progress on initiatives that are vital to the wellbeing of all Lansing residents, among many other concerns, I feel resigning is the only way to not engage in complicity with these actions (or inactions). I have not arrived at the decision to resign casually, but rather in light of the following circumstances:

- A City Council member's Adam Hussain's open disdain and hostility for the support of Downtown Lansing businesses, specifically those expressed at the November 9, 2020 meeting of the City Council.
- The lack of serious attention to the effects of COVID-19 on businesses, employees, and residents in the DLI district.
- Racial inequality in city government, including the lack of motivation by city government to create any meaningful change on the issue.
- Many members of City Council lack the speed or interest required to understand or administer programs that would benefit more than a select few residents of Lansing.

In consideration of the forgoing, it is my sincere hope that the boards, council, and city government examine the way in which they engage in bureaucracy and the harmful impact of "business as usual" in these novel times.

Cara Nader