



Lansing Economic Development Corporation

Board of Directors Meeting

Friday, March 07, 2025 - 8:30 AM

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

MINUTES

Members Present:

Chair - Shelley Davis Boyd, Vice-Chair - Calvin Jones,
Secretary - Dr. Alane Laws-Barker, Treasurer - Catherine
Rathbun, Jordan Sutton, Chaz Carrillo, Jonathan Smith,
Rawley Van Fossen

Members Absent:

Dr. Alane Laws-Barker, Jordan Sutton

Staff Present:

Karl Dorshimer, Kris Klein, Brandy Standler, Aurelius
Christian, Alex Watkins, Chelsea Dowler, Kahleea
Washington, Shay Manawar, and Kimberly Lavon

Guests:

Call to Order/Roll Call

Chair Davis Boyd called the Lansing Economic Development Corporation meeting to order at 08:31 A.M.

Approval of LEDC Board Meeting Minutes – Friday, February 07, 2025 (ACTION)

MOTION: Member Jones moved to approve the LEDC meeting minutes from Friday, February 07, 2025, Board of Directors meeting, as presented. Motion seconded by member Van Fossen.

YEAS: Unanimous, motion carried.

LEDC Audit

Standler informed the board that confirmation on a few receivables from the City is in process and once those are received Rehmann can conclude the audit. It is hopeful that there will be a presentation at the April board meeting.

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

FY2025 Budget Amendment for Thriving Communities RMI Grant Acceptance (ACTION)

MOTION: Member Carrillo moved to approve the Budget Amendment for Thriving Communities RMI Grant Acceptance, as presented. Motion supported by member Rathbun.

YEAS: Unanimous, motion carried.

Corridor Updates

Washington explained that the CATA Bus Shelter Art Competition for the bus shelter is in full swing. Thrive program applications are also now open. There will be a community gathering on Michigan Ave. construction.

Façade Improvement Program

Overview was done during Annual Report Preview.

LEED Initiative Update

Christian noted that the Developer Training Program applications open in April and program should launch late May or early June. Enhanced Grant award notifications are in process. The LEED initiative was highlighted at the Mayor's State of the City address. Christian shared a video that provided an overview of the program.

Project Updates

Manawar updated the board on the status of the SSRP grant. Dorshimer mentioned the updates regarding the building of the new City Hall, Ovation, and other projects that have been approved.

Klein guided the board through a preview of the Annual Report.

Committee Reports

Site Committee: Manawar discussed the two sites on N. Grand River, and S. Cedar. The committee will be reconvening to further discuss the feedback that has been collected. Dowler recapped the discussions regarding project priorities and aligning a policy with regional efforts. The current Brownfield Process and Policy is further being reviewed.

Governance Committee Reports:

Rathbun provided a review comments and recommendations. Policies are being reviewed and future meetings being set.

Open Forum for LEDC Board Members

Rathbun mentioned that Chair Davis Boyd will be speaking at Athena on March 20th.

Other Business

Chair Davis-Boyd announced that Jordan Sutton provided a resignation to the board of directors. It has been accepted.

It was announced that Karl Dorshimer will retire at the end of June, 2025.
Discussion took place regarding filling the position of President & CEO.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

Chair Davis Boyd called the Lansing Economic Development Corporation meeting to adjournment at 9:14 A.M.



Karl Dorshimer, President & CEO

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