

**MICHIGAN STRATEGIC FUND  
FINAL MEETING MINUTES  
May 19, 2020**

**Members joined by phone**

Britany L. Affolter-Caine  
Paul Ajegba  
Ronald W. Beebe  
Mark Burton  
Jeff Donofrio  
Paul Gentilozzi  
September Hargrove  
Andrew Lockwood (on behalf of Treasurer Eubanks)  
Charles P. Rothstein  
Cindy Warner  
Susan Tellier

Mr. Burton called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. He thanked Board members for their continued patience and understanding for the need to meet virtually and expressed hope that the next meeting would be in person.

**Public Comments:** Mr. Burton introduced Brian Krantz, Senior IT Project Manager, who provided public comment instructions for individuals participating by telephone. Kathleen Farhat, Chief of Staff for Senator Curtis Hertel Jr., spoke in support of the Red Cedar Development project in Lansing.

**Communications:** Rhonda Bishop, MSF Board Liaison, advised Board members that letters were received for the following projects: Senator Ed McBroom in support of the City of Ishpeming Senior Center Public Facilities development project and Representative Tyrone Carter in support of the Bagley Development Group, LLC and Queen Lillian II LLC projects in Detroit. Letters also were received from the City of Albion, Albion Economic Development Corporation and Albion Branch NAACP in support of the CDBG Program Year 2019 Action Plan Amendment; the letters are attached to the minutes.

*Cindy Warner, recused from the next item, delayed joining the meeting; a recusal letter is attached to the minutes.*

**A. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Resolution 2020-048 Approval of Consent Agenda Items**

Mr. Burton asked if there were any questions from the Board regarding items under the Consent Agenda. Ronald W. Beebe asked for a copy of the job description for the Alternate Fund Manager position. A staff member indicated they would follow up after the conclusion of the meeting. Charles P. Rothstein motioned for the approval of the following:

Proposed Special Meeting Minutes – April 14, 2020  
Amazon Services.com, Inc. – MBDP Grant Amendment – **2020-049**  
Establishing an Alternate Fund Manager (Valerie Hoag) – **2020-050**

Andrew Lockwood seconded the motion. **The motion carried: 10 ayes; 0 nays; 1 recused.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Ayes: Britany L. Affolter-Caine, Paul Ajegba, Ronald W. Beebe, Mark Burton, Jeff Donofrio, Paul Gentilozzi, September Hargrove, Andrew Lockwood (on behalf of Treasurer Eubanks, designation attached), Charles P. Rothstein, Susan Tellier; Nays: None; Recused: Cindy Warner

*Cindy Warner joined the meeting.*

## **B. BUSINESS INVESTMENT**

### **B1. Capital Access**

#### **Resolution 2020-051 Metro Community Development – Micro Loan Funding**

*Chris Cook, Director of Capital Access, provided the Board with information regarding this action item.* Following questions and discussion, September Hargrove motioned for the approval of Resolution 2020-051. Britany L. Affolter-Caine seconded the motion. **The motion carried: 9 ayes; 2 nays; 0 recused.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Ayes: Britany L. Affolter-Caine, Ronald W. Beebe, Mark Burton, Jeff Donofrio, September Hargrove, Andrew Lockwood (on behalf of Treasurer Eubanks, designation attached), Charles P. Rothstein, Susan Tellier, Cindy Warner; Nays: Paul Ajegba, Paul Gentilozzi; Recused: None

### **B2. Business Growth**

#### **iSource WorldWide, LLC & SkyPoint Ventures, LLC – MBDP Loan/Grant Amendment**

*Jeremy Webb, Senior Business Development Project Manager, provided the Board with information regarding this action item.* Following questions and discussion, Paul Gentilozzi motioned to delay consideration of the project until additional information requested by Board members is provided by the development team. Ronald W. Beebe seconded the motion. **The motion carried: 11 ayes; 0 nays; 0 recused.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Ayes: Britany L. Affolter-Caine, Paul Ajegba, Ronald W. Beebe, Mark Burton, Jeff Donofrio, Paul Gentilozzi, September Hargrove, Andrew Lockwood (on behalf of Treasurer Eubanks, designation attached), Charles P. Rothstein, Susan Tellier, Cindy Warner; Nays: None; Recused: None

#### **Resolution 2020-052 Packaging Compliance Labs – Jobs Ready Michigan Program Grant**

*Julia Veale, Business Development Project Manager, provided the Board with information regarding this action item.* Following discussion, Paul Gentilozzi motioned for the approval of Resolution 2020-052. Britany L. Affolter-Caine seconded the motion. **The motion carried: 11 ayes; 0 nays; 0 recused.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Ayes: Britany L. Affolter-Caine, Paul Ajegba, Ronald W. Beebe, Mark Burton, Jeff Donofrio, Paul Gentilozzi, September Hargrove, Andrew Lockwood (on behalf of Treasurer Eubanks, designation attached), Charles P. Rothstein, Susan Tellier, Cindy Warner; Nays: None; Recused: None

#### **Resolutions 2020-053 & 2020-054 ArcelorMittal Tailored Blanks Americas Corporation – MBDP Grant Amendment and SESA Exemption**

*Jibran Ahmed, Business Development Project Manager, provided the Board with information regarding these action items.* Following discussion, Ronald W. Beebe motioned for the approval of Resolution 2020-053. Paul Gentilozzi seconded the motion. **The motion carried: 11 ayes; 0 nays; 0 recused.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Ayes: Britany L. Affolter-Caine, Paul Ajegba, Ronald W. Beebe, Mark Burton, Jeff Donofrio, Paul Gentilozzi, September Hargrove, Andrew Lockwood (on behalf of Treasurer Eubanks, designation attached), Charles P. Rothstein, Susan Tellier, Cindy Warner; Nays: None; Recused: None

Ronald W. Beebe then motioned for the approval of Resolution 2020-054. Paul Gentilozzi seconded the motion. **The motion carried: 11 ayes; 0 nays; 0 recused.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Ayes: Britany L. Affolter-Caine, Paul Ajegba, Ronald W. Beebe, Mark Burton, Jeff Donofrio, Paul Gentilozzi, September Hargrove, Andrew Lockwood (on behalf of Treasurer Eubanks, designation attached), Charles P. Rothstein, Susan Tellier, Cindy Warner; Nays: None; Recused: None

## **C. COMMUNITY VITALITY**

### **Resolution 2020-055 601 West LLC – MCRP Loan Participation Amendment**

*Julius Edwards, Commercial Real Estate Investment Manager, provided the Board with information regarding this action item.* Following discussion, Paul Gentilozzi motioned for the approval of Resolution 2020-055. Ronald W. Beebe seconded the motion. **The motion carried: 11 ayes; 0 nays; 0 recused.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Ayes: Britany L. Affolter-Caine, Paul Ajegba, Ronald W. Beebe, Mark Burton, Jeff Donofrio, Paul Gentilozzi, September Hargrove, Andrew Lockwood (on behalf of Treasurer Eubanks, designation attached), Charles P. Rothstein, Susan Tellier, Cindy Warner; Nays: None; Recused: None

Mr. Burton, MSF board chairperson, advised board members that the order of agenda items was being modified due to time constraints. The Red Cedar Development Project was moved up on the agenda.

### **Resolution 2020-056 City of Lansing Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (Red Cedar Development Project) – Brownfield Act 381 Work Plan**

*Lori Mullins, Director of Community Incentives, provided the Board with information regarding this action item.* Following discussion, Ronald W. Beebe motioned for the approval of Resolution 2020-056. Paul Gentilozzi seconded the motion. **The motion carried: 11 ayes; 0 nays; 0 recused.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Ayes: Britany L. Affolter-Caine, Paul Ajegba, Ronald W. Beebe, Mark Burton, Jeff Donofrio, Paul Gentilozzi, September Hargrove, Andrew Lockwood (on behalf of Treasurer Eubanks, designation attached), Charles P. Rothstein, Susan Tellier, Cindy Warner; Nays: None; Recused: None

Ronald W. Beebe motioned to approve all remaining items under Community Vitality. Paul Gentilozzi seconded the motion.

### **Resolution 2020-057 City of Ishpeming – CDBG Award**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Ayes: Britany L. Affolter-Caine, Paul Ajegba, Ronald W. Beebe, Mark Burton, Jeff Donofrio, Paul Gentilozzi, September Hargrove, Andrew Lockwood (on behalf of Treasurer Eubanks, designation attached), Charles P. Rothstein, Susan Tellier, Cindy Warner; Nays: None; Recused: None  
**The motion carried: 11 ayes; 0 nays; 0 recused.**

### **Resolution 2020-058 Village of Cassopolis – CDBG Award**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Ayes: Britany L. Affolter-Caine, Paul Ajegba, Ronald W. Beebe, Mark Burton, Jeff Donofrio, Paul Gentilozzi, September Hargrove, Andrew Lockwood (on behalf of Treasurer Eubanks, designation attached), Charles P. Rothstein, Susan Tellier, Cindy Warner; Nays: None; Recused: None  
**The motion carried: 11 ayes; 0 nays; 0 recused.**

### **Resolution 2020-059 Bagley Development Group, LLC (United Artist Building Project) – MCRP Loan**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Ayes: Britany L. Affolter-Caine, Paul Ajegba, Ronald W. Beebe, Mark Burton, Jeff Donofrio, Paul Gentilozzi, September Hargrove, Andrew Lockwood (on behalf of Treasurer Eubanks, designation attached), Charles P. Rothstein, Susan Tellier, Cindy Warner; Nays: None; Recused: None  
**The motion carried: 11 ayes; 0 nays; 0 recused.**

*Cindy Warner, recused from the next item, temporarily left the meeting; a recusal letter is attached to the minutes.*

### **Resolutions 2020-060 & 2020-061 Queen Lillian II LLC / City of Detroit Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (The Woodward at Midtown Project) – MCRP Loan Participation Award and Brownfield Act 381 Work Plan Amendment**

**ROLL CALL VOTE (Resolution 2020-060):** Ayes: Britany L. Affolter-Caine, Paul Ajegba, Ronald W. Beebe, Mark Burton, Jeff Donofrio, Paul Gentilozzi, September Hargrove, Andrew Lockwood (on behalf of Treasurer Eubanks, designation attached), Charles P. Rothstein, Susan Tellier; Nays: None; Recused: Cindy Warner

**The motion carried: 10 ayes; 0 nays; 1 recused.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE (Resolution 2020-061):** Ayes: Britany L. Affolter-Caine, Paul Ajegba, Ronald W. Beebe, Mark Burton, Jeff Donofrio, Paul Gentilozzi, September Hargrove, Andrew Lockwood (on behalf of Treasurer Eubanks, designation attached), Charles P. Rothstein, Susan Tellier; Nays: None; Recused: Cindy Warner

**The motion carried: 10 ayes; 0 nays; 1 recused.**

*Cindy Warner rejoined the meeting.*

#### **D. ADMINISTRATIVE**

##### **Resolution 2020-062 CDBG Program Year 2019 Action Plan – Amendment**

*Chris Whitz, CDBG Program Director, provided the Board with information regarding this action item.* Following discussion, Andrew Lockwood motioned for the approval of Resolution 2020-062. Charles P. Rothstein seconded the motion. **The motion carried: 11 ayes; 0 nays; 0 recused.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Ayes: Britany L. Affolter-Caine, Paul Ajegba, Ronald W. Beebe, Mark Burton, Jeff Donofrio, Paul Gentilozzi, September Hargrove, Andrew Lockwood (on behalf of Treasurer Eubanks, designation attached), Charles P. Rothstein, Susan Tellier, Cindy Warner; Nays: None; Recused: None

*Susan Tellier left the meeting at 12:30 p.m.; Jeff Donofrio left the meeting at 12:32 p.m.*

Mr. Burton, MSF board chairperson, advised board members that the order of agenda items was being modified again due to time constraints. The items under Entrepreneurship were moved up on the agenda.

#### **E. ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

*Britany L. Affolter-Caine, recused from the next four items, temporarily left the meeting; a recusal letter is attached to the minutes.*

##### **Resolution 2020-063 Advanced Computing MTRAC Innovation Hub (Wayne State University) – Grant Amendment**

*Denise Graves, University Relations Director, provided the Board with information regarding this action item.* Following discussion, Andrew Lockwood motioned for the approval of Resolution 2020-063. Charles P. Rothstein seconded the motion. **The motion carried: 8 ayes; 0 nays; 1 recused.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Ayes: Paul Ajegba, Ronald W. Beebe, Mark Burton, Paul Gentilozzi, September Hargrove, Andrew Lockwood (on behalf of Treasurer Eubanks, designation attached), Charles P. Rothstein, Cindy Warner; Nays: None; Recused: Britany L. Affolter-Caine

##### **Resolution 2020-064 Advanced Materials MTRAC Innovation Hub (Michigan Technological University) – Grant Amendment**

*Denise Graves, University Relations Director, provided the Board with information regarding this action item.* Following discussion, Paul Ajegba motioned for the approval of Resolution 2020-064. Andrew Lockwood seconded the motion. **The motion carried: 8 ayes; 0 nays; 1 recused.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Ayes: Paul Ajegba, Ronald W. Beebe, Mark Burton, Paul Gentilozzi, September Hargrove, Andrew Lockwood (on behalf of Treasurer Eubanks, designation attached), Charles P. Rothstein, Cindy Warner; Nays: None; Recused: Britany L. Affolter-Caine

##### **Resolution 2020-065 Ag Bio MTRAC Innovation Hub (Michigan State University) – Grant Amendment**

*Denise Graves, University Relations Director, provided the Board with information regarding this action item.* Following discussion, Andrew Lockwood motioned for the approval of Resolution 2020-065. Charles P. Rothstein seconded the motion. **The motion carried: 8 ayes; 0 nays; 1 recused.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Ayes: Paul Ajegba, Ronald W. Beebe, Mark Burton, Paul Gentilozzi, September Hargrove, Andrew Lockwood (on behalf of Treasurer Eubanks, designation attached), Charles P. Rothstein, Cindy Warner; Nays: None; Recused: Britany L. Affolter-Caine

**Resolution 2020-066 Life Sciences MTRAC Innovation Hub (University of Michigan Medical School) – Funding Allocation**

*Denise Graves, University Relations Director, provided the Board with information regarding this action item.* Following discussion, Paul Gentilozzi motioned for the approval of Resolution 2020-066. Andrew Lockwood seconded the motion. **The motion carried: 8 ayes; 0 nays; 1 recused.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Ayes: Paul Ajegba, Ronald W. Beebe, Mark Burton, Paul Gentilozzi, September Hargrove, Andrew Lockwood (on behalf of Treasurer Eubanks, designation attached), Charles P. Rothstein, Cindy Warner; Nays: None; Recused: Britany L. Affolter-Caine

*Britany L. Affolter-Caine rejoined the meeting.*

**D. ADMINISTRATIVE (continued)**

**Resolution 2020-067 International Trade – MI-STEP Eligibility Guidelines Change**

*Natalie Chmiko, Vice President of PMBC & International Trade, provided the Board with information regarding this action item.* Following discussion, Paul Gentilozzi motioned for the approval of Resolution 2020-067. September Hargrove seconded the motion. **The motion carried: 9 ayes; 0 nays; 0 recused.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Ayes: Britany L. Affolter-Caine, Paul Ajegba, Ronald W. Beebe, Mark Burton, Paul Gentilozzi, September Hargrove, Andrew Lockwood (on behalf of Treasurer Eubanks, designation attached), Charles P. Rothstein, Cindy Warner; Nays: None; Recused: None

**Resolution 2020-068 International Trade – MI-PEP Eligibility Guidelines Change**

*Natalie Chmiko, Vice President of PMBC & International Trade, provided the Board with information regarding this action item.* Following discussion, Paul Ajegba motioned for the approval of Resolution 2020-068. Andrew Lockwood seconded the motion. **The motion carried: 9 ayes; 0 nays; 0 recused.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Ayes: Britany L. Affolter-Caine, Paul Ajegba, Ronald W. Beebe, Mark Burton, Paul Gentilozzi, September Hargrove, Andrew Lockwood (on behalf of Treasurer Eubanks, designation attached), Charles P. Rothstein, Cindy Warner; Nays: None; Recused: None

Mr. Burton adjourned the meeting at 12:51 p.m.



STATE OF MICHIGAN  
DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY  
LANSING

GRETCHEN WHITMER  
GOVERNOR

RACHAEL EUBANKS  
STATE TREASURER

January 16, 2020

Ms. Rhonda Bishop  
Board Relations Liaison  
Michigan Strategic Fund Office  
300 N. Washington Square  
Lansing, MI 48913

Re: Michigan Strategic Fund Board Meeting Designee for Treasurer Eubanks

Dear Ms. Bishop:

I hereby designate Andrew Lockwood to attend all Michigan Strategic Fund meetings that I am unable to attend in 2020.

If you need anything additional, please contact Kara Kabia at (517) 241-2624.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rachael Eubanks".

Rachael Eubanks  
State Treasurer

Cc: Eric Bussis  
Andrew Lockwood



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May 18, 2020

Mark A. Burton, Chairman  
Michigan Strategic Fund  
300 N. Washington Square  
Lansing, MI 48913

Dear Chairman Burton:

I am writing to indicate my support of the proposal to award Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for the Senior Center Public Facilities Development project in Ishpeming.

It is my understanding the Michigan Strategic Fund board will consider a request from Ishpeming for \$1,896,342 for this project, which will allow the City of Ishpeming and the Greater Ishpeming Commission on Aging to continue to provide services and opportunities to senior citizens who reside in the city and the surrounding townships, while expanding services at a newly developed facility. The project is also expected to increase private investment within the downtown because of the relocation and expansion of the senior center.

Specific plans for the project include demolition of the blighted and obsolete facility on Pine Street, and development of a new senior center facility on Greenwood Street. The city and city senior center have been carefully planning this proposal for the past five years to address problems, such as poor access and building condition as well as limited parking. The CDBG funding will be used for demolition of the old building, construction of the new site, and grant administration from a CDBG Certified Grant Administrator.

I strongly support Ishpeming's grant proposal as it will undoubtedly result in better service to the community's senior citizens and it will allow for improvements to the city's downtown. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Sen. Ed McBroom  
38<sup>th</sup> Senate District



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MICHIGAN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**TYRONE A. CARTER**

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

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AND HOMELAND SECURITY

May 18, 2020

Mark Burton  
President & CEO  
Michigan Economic Development Corporation  
300 N. Washington Square  
Lansing, MI 48913

Mr. Burton,

I am pleased to offer my support for the Bagley Development Group's loan participation award request to support the United Artist Building project in downtown Detroit.

The United Artist Building project will aid in restoring a historic, eighteen-floor building consisting of both commercial and residential space. To better serve mixed-income residents of the area, a portion of the housing units will be leased at manageable rates based on 80% of the Area Median Income. Located in downtown Detroit, this development project will revitalize the physical upkeep of a significant, long-standing building while offering additional housing opportunities at an affordable price and creating a commercial space that lends itself to local economic growth. In addition, the construction of the United Artist Building will offer 25 full-time jobs for workers in the area.

As a member of the State House of Representatives, I encourage the Michigan Strategic Fund board to grant the Bagley Development Group its desired Michigan Community Revitalization Program loan participation award. This minority-owned business boasts 230 years of combined experience across multiple developmental industries such as construction, property management, and real estate. The granting of this award represents a renewed commitment to the rehabilitation of building sites in downtown Detroit. If you have further questions, feel questions, please contact my office at 517-373-0823.

Sincerely,

Tyrone Carter  
State Representative, 6<sup>th</sup> District





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**TYRONE A. CARTER**

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

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May 18, 2020

Mark Burton  
President & CEO  
Michigan Economic Development Corporation  
300 N. Washington Square  
Lansing, MI 48913

Mr. Burton,

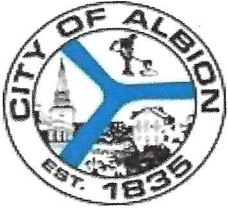
I am pleased to offer my support for Queen Lillian II's request for a Michigan Community Revitalization Program loan participation award.

Queen Lillian II LLC's project will construct a five-story building at a vacant site located at the Woodward corridor in Midtown Detroit. The projected building will consist of 204 residential units, with a portion dedicated to serving low-income residents, as well as ground floor retail and public works projects in the vicinity of the building, namely Woodward and Stimpson Street.

As a member of the State House of Representatives, I strongly recommend the Michigan Strategic Fund Board grant a Michigan Community Revitalization Program loan participation award to Queen Lillian II, LLC. This project encourages inclusive development across Detroit neighborhoods by a company with vast real estate experience that has been supported by and worked with MSF in the past. The construction site will give low-income residents of Detroit more affordable housing options while also stimulating local economic activity through its retail spaces. The public improvement works will also revitalize Midtown and encourage further development projects in the area. If you have further questions, feel free to contact my office at 517-373-0823.

Sincerely,

Tyrone Carter  
State Representative, 6<sup>th</sup> District



## CITY OF ALBION

◆ 112 West Cass Street ◆ Albion, MI 49224

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May 8, 2020

Ms. Audette-Bauman:

The City of Albion requests the Michigan Strategic Fund immediately adopt and implement the recently expanded Community Development Block (CDBG) grant guidelines issued by HUD April 6th as part of the federal CARES Act.

The expanded HUD guidelines provide opportunities for communities to implement flexible solutions to support local COVID-19 response efforts. These more flexible CDBG guidelines present potential opportunities and resources for flexible - innovative solutions to effectively, safely deal with COVID-19 challenges.

COVID-19 presents a whole host of new challenges which strike small rural communities such as Albion particularly hard. However, these expanded CDBG guidelines represent diverse growth opportunities for minority owned microbusinesses to quickly implement enhanced, safer community health procedures during this COVID-19 pandemic and continue into the developing "new normal."

Albion has been fortunate to have benefitted from extensive support and collaboration with you personally and the full MEDC organization for years. Adoption of the expanded CDBG guidelines with rapid implementation, will provide more opportunities for MEDC to work closely with Albion to meet the social and economic challenges ahead. These new challenges facing our community and every community across our state, also represent new opportunities for local microbusiness to gain a lasting foothold in our economy.

Sincerely,

Honorable Dave Atchison  
Mayor City of Albion



**ALBION  
ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT**

May 7, 2020

Ms. Michelle Audette-Bauman  
Michigan Economic Development Corporation  
300 N. Washington Sq., Lansing, MI 48913  
RE: FY 2020 MEDC Adoption and Expansion of HUD CDBG Guidelines

Dear Ms. Audette-Bauman:

On behalf of the Albion Economic Development Corporation, Albion Tax Increment Financing Authority and Albion Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, we are requesting that the Michigan Strategic Fund adopt and accommodate the new HUD expansion guidelines for CDBG grants. The guidelines were issued April 6<sup>th</sup> as part of the federal Cares Act.

It is to my understanding the MEDC has not yet adopted the expanded guidelines and that the MSF is considering them at an upcoming meeting. The guidelines mitigate some items of interest to Albion that would support local COVID-19 response efforts. These more flexible CDBG guidelines present potential opportunities and resources for growth in minority owned businesses in our community, as well as safer procedures during Covid-19.

The AEDC realizes that new CDBG guidelines are applicable and beneficial to many of its businesses. AEDC is looking to utilize in particular "Provision to Microenterprises" that would allow expansion and technical assistance, grants, loans and other financial assistance to establish stabilize and expand microenterprises that provide medical, food delivery, cleaning, and other services to support home health and quarantine. Albion has enjoyed remarkable support and collaboration with MEDC for many years. Your assistance in getting the MSF Board to immediately adopt and implement these expanded guidelines will open more options for MEDC to further work with and assist the Albion community.

The AEDC fully supports the expansion and looks forward to using the grant funds to help support microbusinesses for the mutual benefit of local entrepreneurs and our local community.

Sincerely,



Amy Deprez  
President & CEO



## Albion Branch NAACP

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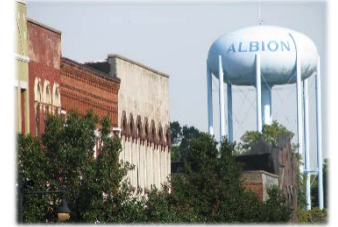
**Robert Dunklin, President**

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April 6, 2020

Ms. Michelle Audette- Bauman  
Michigan Economic Development Corporation  
300 N. Washington Sq.,  
Lansing, Michigan 48913

Dear Ms. Audette-Bauman:

Greetings to everyone! I am Robert Dunklin, president of the Albion Branch NAACP. I am also an active and supportive community member. The Covid-19 has placed us in a daunting and unpredictable environment. It has provided additional challenges to the community of Albion. Prior to Covid-19, the Albion community had begun to make improvements and will continue to work collaboratively on those changes as we are able to move back to our **NEW NORMAL**. We are confident we will get through this difficult and challenging time by working **TOGETHER**.

Covid-19 has affected this community in numerous ways. The proportionally poverty level, unemployment (lack of medical care); lack of access to virtual education (computers and broadband); lack of educational support in homes (not because of neglect but because of the ability to understand the curriculum) all have tremendous impact on our community as a whole.

Therefore, it is important that we, the Albion NAACP Executive Committee, its membership, and community population request your assistance in getting the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) to immediately support the expansion of the new guidelines for CDBG grants. The microenterprises that provide medical, food delivery, cleaning and many other services that support needs affected by this COVID-19 are greatly needed in the Albion community. The guidelines adopted through Federal Cares Act would be supportive to the Albion community.

The MEDC and Albion have remarkable collaborations. Your support and assistance in working with the MEDC in adopting and implementing these expanded guidelines will be an additional gateway for more opportunities for MEDC to further Provision to Microenterprises in collaborating and assisting the Albion Community.

Sincerely,

Robert Dunklin, President  
Albion Branch NAACP

Cc: Amy Deprez  
Representative Jim Haadsma  
Senator John Bizon

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May 13, 2020

MSF Fund Manager  
MEDC  
300 N. Washington Square Lansing, Michigan

Dear Fund Manager,

This is to advise that I am recusing myself from voting and excuse myself during the discussion of the following items on the Michigan Strategic Fund Board Meeting Agenda on Tuesday, May 19, 2020:

- 1) CONSENT AGENDA MATERIALS: *Amazon.com*
- 2) COMMUNITY VITALITY: *Queen Lillian II LLC/The Woodward at Midtown Redevelopment (MCRP Award and Brownfield Act 381 Work Plan Amendment)*

The reason for my recusal of Agenda Item #1, is due to the fact I am an executive of this company and it would be a direct conflict of interest to vote on any actions pertaining to my employer. The reason for my recusal of Agenda Item #2, is due to the fact that I personally know an investor in this project, Peter D. Cummings. It would be a conflict of interest to vote on any actions pertaining to this investor.

Sincerely,

*Cindy L. Warner*

Cindy L. Warner  
MSF Board Member



May 13, 2020

MSF Fund Manager  
MEDC  
300 N. Washington Square  
Lansing, Michigan

Dear Fund Manager,

This is to advise that I am recusing myself from voting and excuse myself during the discussion of the following items on the Michigan Strategic Fund Board Meeting Agenda on Tuesday, May 19, 2020.

- Advanced Computing MTRAC Innovation Hub – Grant Amendment
- Advanced Materials MTRAC Innovation Hub – Grant Amendment
- Ag Bio MTRAC Innovation Hub – Grant Amendment
- MTRAC Life Sciences Innovation Hub – Funding Allocation

The reason for my recusal is that I have a potential conflict of interest with respect to the grantees of the MTRAC program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Britany Affolter-Caine".

Britany Affolter-Caine  
Executive Director  
Michigan's University Research Corridor