
MICHIGAN ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Executive Committee Minutes

January 17, 2023

10 am – 11 am

MEDC – Lake Michigan Conference Room – 300 N. Washington Sq. Lansing, MI
Or Virtually via Zoom

Members Present & Location of Virtual Attendance:

Kyle Caldwell	Chris MacInnes, Whistler, BC
Tom Lutz, Westland, MI	Bob McMahan, Flint, MI
Beth Ardisana, Columbus, OH	Phil Shaltz, Orchid Island, FL
Bobby Hopewell	Fay Beydoun, Dearborn, MI
Ryan Waddington, Webster Township, MI	Awenate Cobbina, Detroit, MI
Krista Flynn, Grand Rapids, MI	Mike McLaughlan, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI
Dave Meador, Oakland County, MI	Bill Pink, Big Rapids, MI

Members Absent:

April Clobes	LaJune Montgomery Tabron
Sheldon Neeley	

Staff Present:

Amiee Evans	Christin Armstrong
Steve Bakkal	Brad Heffner
Lynne Feldpausch	Michele Wildman
Natalie Chmiko	Quentin Messer
Jen Nelson	Aileen Bovan
Amy Rencher	Kerry Ebersole
Michelle Grinnell	Jill Trepkoski

I. Call to order

Mr. Cobbina called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. He requested that Ms. Armstrong provide any necessary communications. The Committee was provided a draft contract for discussion at the meeting. A roll call was performed to determine attendance. A quorum was declared present. The meeting was held at the Michigan Economic Development Corporation at 300 N. Washington Sq. Lansing, MI 48913. Members of the Executive Committee, MEDC staff, and the general public could also participate virtually via Zoom.

Mr. Cobbina invited public comment, there was none.

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II. Chairman's Report

Mr. Cobbina asked if there were any questions, changes, or corrections to the November 15, 2022 minutes. There were none. *Beth Ardisana moved to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2022 meeting and Krista Flynn supported the motion. A vote was taken with 13 aye votes, 0 nay votes. The motion passed unanimously.*

At 10:09 am, Dr. Bill Pink joined the meeting.

III. Finance Subcommittee FY2024 Budget Timeline

Ms. Ardisana provided a quick overview of the items recommended for approval from the finance subcommittee. She requested that Ms. Jill Trepkoski provide an overview of the budget time schedule as well as the amendment to the fiscal year 2023 budget. Ms. Trepkoski provided an overview of the budget time schedule. Ms. MacInnes *moved to approve the fiscal year 2024 budget time schedule and Mr. McLauchlan supported the motion. A vote was taken with 13 aye votes, 0 nay votes. The motion passed unanimously.*

Amendment to the FY2023 Budget

Additionally, Ms. Trepkoski provided an overview of the request to amend the fiscal year 2023 budget to adjust up to \$37,000,000 to allocate additional funding to provide a grant to the Marshall Area Economic Development Alliance to purchase a large portion of the Marshall mega site. *Mr. Caldwell moved to amend the fiscal 2023 corporate budget and Dr. McMahan supported the motion. A vote was taken with 13 aye votes, 0 nay votes. The motion passed unanimously.*

IV. Personnel & Compensation Subcommittee

Mr. Cobbina reported that in November a review of Mr. Messer's performance. From that discussion and following the performance review the subcommittee is recommending extending a four-year agreement with Mr. Messer. Mr. Cobbina requested that Ms. Lynne Feldpausch provide an overview of the details of the new agreement. *Beth Ardisana moved to approve, and Bobby Hopewell supported the motion. A vote was taken with 13 aye votes, 0 nay votes. The motion passed unanimously.*

V. Open Discussion

Mr. Cobbina opened up the floor for any open discussion. Mr. Caldwell wanted to provide recognition of the progress that the organization has made over the last year.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:42 a.m.