

**KALAMAZOO COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

MEETING DATE: Thursday, April 24, 2022
PLACE OF MEETING: Electronic meeting via Zoom
TIME: After BRA Regular and Annual Meetings

DRAFT ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Present: Ken Peregou, Christopher Carew, Jared Lutz, Gary Barton, Dale Shugars, Andrew Wenzel

Members Excused: Jodi Milks, Connie Ferguson, and Wei Wang

Vacancies: none

Kalamazoo Township: none

Oshtemo Township: none

Staff: Rachael Grover, Macy Rose Walters

Consultant: Jeff Hawkins, Envirollogic

Recording Secretary: Macy Rose Walters

County Commissioners: Dale Shugars

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1. **Call to Order:** Chair Wenzel called the meeting to Order at 4:41 p.m. and noted that the meeting is being recorded.
 2. **Members Absent:** Jodi Milks, Connie Ferguson, and Wei Wang were excused. Kenneth Peregou attended the meeting virtually in accordance with ADA accommodations consistent with 2022 OAG 7318. Six voting members of nine Board of Directors were present.
 3. **Approval of the Agenda:**
Chair Wenzel provided a brief description of what the EDC does, as an introduction to the new members on the board, and why the county keeps the EDC active.
Lutz moved to approve item 3, the Agenda, Commissioner Shugars seconded. 5 yes, none opposed.
 4. **Approval of Minutes:** Barton moved to approve item 4, the EDC Annual meeting minutes of April 22, 2021, and the 2021 Special Meetings which occurred on July 22, 2021, December 16, 2021, and February 24, 2021. Carew seconded, 5 yes, none opposed.
 5. **Public Comments:** None
 6. **Election of Officers** – To serve through April 27, 2023
 - a. **Slate**
 - i. Chair – Andy Wenzel
 - ii. Vice Chair – Ken Peregou
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- iii. Secretary – Christopher Carew
- iv. Treasurer – Gary Barton

b. **Other nominations** - Any seat with more than one nomination will call for a secret ballot
Chair Wenzel asked for any additional nominations.

No additional nominations were made.

c. **Close nominations**

Commissioner Shugars moved to approve the slate of officers as presented, and to close nominations. Lutz seconded. 5 yes, none opposed.

7. Discussion and/or Action Calendar

a. **Discussion/Action:** Approve Meeting Calendar for 2023

Commissioner Shugars moved to approve item 7, the calendar for 2023, Peregon seconded. 5 yes, none opposed.

8. Staff Update

9. Other

10. Board Member Comments

Chair Wenzel updated the board on their attendance of the MEDC Annual Partnership Meeting, where they updated the attendees with current activities of the EDC, and the EDC's efforts in supporting the KCBRA and Kalamazoo County.

Director Carew reminded the board of previous discussion within subcommittee of having an official motion to specify the Secretary and Treasurer roles are referred to BRA and County staff.

Carew moves to defer the duties of the treasurer and secretary to Kalamazoo County BRA staff and County Accounting staff as appropriate. Barton supports, 5 yes, none opposed.

Commissioner Shugars stated, for the purpose of the annual meeting minutes, that the County Commission approved the proposed changes to the EDC bylaws in 2021. Among the proposed changes was the reduction of board members from 11 to 9, as mandated by state statute.

11. Adjournment **Barton motions to adjourn at 4:27 p.m., Commissioner Shugars supports. None opposed.**

Next Meeting: April 27, 2023

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