

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

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**MEETING DATE:** Thursday, July 22, 2021  
**PLACE OF MEETING:** Electronic Meeting via Zoom  
**TIME:** 3:00 PM – Immediately before the BRA

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***July 22, 2021 Final MINUTES – Special Meeting – Approved at 4/28/2022 Annual Meeting***

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**Present:** Andy Wenzel, Chris Carew, Connie Ferguson, Gary Barton, Habib Mandwee, Jodi Milks, Ken Peregon, Wei Wang

**Members Excused:** Travis Grimwood

**Kalamazoo Township:** Sherine Miller

**Staff:** Rachael Grover, Macy Rose Walters

**Consultant:** Jeff Hawkins

**Recording Secretary:** Macy Rose Walters

**Community:** 0

1. **Chair Wenzel called the electronic meeting to Order at 3:06 p.m. and noted that the meeting is being recorded.**

Attendance Roll - Directors Present and location of Remote Attendance:

Wenzel – City of Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo County, Michigan  
Carew – City of Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo County, Michigan  
Ferguson – City of Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo County, Michigan  
Mandwee – City of Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo County, Michigan  
Milks – City of Portage, Kalamazoo County, Michigan  
Wang – City of Portage, Kalamazoo County, Michigan  
Peregon – City of Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo County, Michigan  
Barton – Kalamazoo County, Michigan

2. Members Excused: Travis Grimwood, 2 vacancies on the board

**Coleman and Bauer have resigned, currently no county commission voting liaison.**

3. Approval of the Agenda: **Peregon motioned and Milks seconded the approval of the agenda. Agenda is approved and accepted, none opposed.**
  4. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of April 28, 2021, Annual Meeting to be available the next meeting.
  5. Citizens Comments: **none**
  6. Discussion/Action Calendar:
    - i. Bylaws  
Changes to the bylaws include:
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A reduction of board members, due to state statute, and the addition of language referencing the new legislation. To reduce the number of board members currently in office, County legal counsel recommends the reduction of nine through willing resignation or term expiration.

The addition of an ordinance from 1977 regarding the creation of the EDC.

The delineation of time was removed from the Annual Meeting time. Language to read the fourth Thursday in April, with the option to move the date to when the board can meet.

Public meeting information was changed to allow for remote or in person meetings, to comply with the Open Meetings Act.

An item regarding the duties performed by municipality assistance was changed to reflect current practices, referenced positions have previously been filled by the BRA staff that serves the board.

The EDC legislation from 1974, states that you can add language referencing a director serving as an officer employee of the county of Kalamazoo (public official) will have the term of the board of directors expire with the expiration of service as a public official.

**Fergusson moved to approve the bylaws as presented, and to recommend sending approval to the Board of Commissioners, contingent upon adding the ordinance numbers of 1977, Wang seconded. Motion carried with 8 Yes votes.**

**Peregon moves to authorize Chair Wenzel to coauthor a letter of communication from the EDC and KCBRA boards, summarizing the changes and why, to be presented along with the bylaws to the Board of Commissioners, Wang seconded. Motion carried with 8 Yes.**

7. Other

8. Board Member Comments

**Fergusson moves to adjourn, none opposed.**

9. Adjournment at 3:28 p.m.

***Next meeting - Annual meeting on April 28, 2022.***

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