

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

MEETING DATE: Thursday, May 28, 2026
PLACE OF MEETING: 201 W Kalamazoo Ave. Kalamazoo, MI 49007 Room 207-A
Hybrid option available – see link below for public information
TIME: 3:00 p.m.

May 28, 2026 MINUTES – Approved 6-25-26 Meeting

Present: Christopher Carew, Lana Escamilla, Chad Goodwill, Chas Hammond, Kenneth Peregon, and Andrew Wenzel

Members Excused: Jared Lutz, Jodi Milks, and Commissioner Morales

Vacancies: none

Kalamazoo Township: Craig Sherwood

Oshtemo Township: Jodi Stefforia (Virtual)

Staff: Macy Rose Walters, Brownfield Redevelopment Administrator

Consultant: Therese Searles, Fishbeck

Recording Secretary: Macy Rose Walters

County Commissioners: none

Community: 6

1. Call to Order: **Chair Wenzel called the meeting to Order at 3:01 p.m. and noted that the meeting is being recorded.**
2. Members Absent: **Jared Lutz, Jodi Milks, and Monteze Morales, were excused. Six voting members of nine board of directors were present.**
3. Approval of the Agenda:
Director Escamilla moved to add Item 6d, the presentation of Bonding 101 by Tom Colis, amending the agenda as presented, Director Peregon seconded. A Roll Call Vote was taken. The motion carried with six (6) Yes and zero (0) No.
4. Approval of Minutes:
None (Annual Meeting Minutes of April 23, 2026, to be approved at next Annual Meeting to be held on April 22, 2027)
5. Public Comments: **None**
6. Discussion and/or Action Calendar
 - d. **Discussion:** EDC Bonding 101 – Tom Colis with Miller Canfield

Discussion ensued related to the bonding process and Tax-Exempt Qualified 501(c)(3) Bonds.

a. **Discussion:** EDC DRAFT Project Application Template Update

Staff provided an update that County Legal Counsel and the Planning Director have finalized the draft applications, which will be ready for review by the EDC at the next meeting.

b. **Discussion/Action:** EDC Project Application Fee

Discussion ensued related to charging a minimum application fee of \$500. The board would like to see examples of application fees from EDCs in the area before deciding on the application fee amount. Mr. Colis will provide examples of fee schedules and issuance fees for the board to consider at the next meeting. **No action was taken.**

c. **Action:** Schedule the next Special Meeting on June 25, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.

Director Hammond moved to schedule a meeting of the EDC on June 25, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. immediately before the Regular Meeting of the Kalamazoo County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, Director Carew seconded. None opposed, motion carried.

7. Staff Update none

8. Other none

9. Board Member Comments none

10. Adjournment **Director Goodwill moved to adjourn at 3:33 p.m. Director Hammond seconded, the meeting adjourned.**

***Next Meeting: June 25, 2026, or as Necessary, and Annual Meeting on April 22, 2027
Room 207a, County Admin Bldg - Or alternatively, held electronically or via
teleconference. Please see the KCBRA website at www.kalcountybrownfield.com
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