
MICHIGAN ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Executive Committee Minutes

November 14, 2023

10 am – 12 pm

MEDC – Lake Michigan Conference Room – 300 N. Washington Sq. Lansing, MI

Or Virtually via Zoom

Members Present & Virtual Attendance:

Beth Ardisana	Sheldon Neeley
Awenate Cobbina	Bill Pink
April Clobes	Brian Rich
Krista Flynn	Phil Shaltz
Bobby Hopewell	Gina Jacquart Thorsen
Tom Lutz	Tony Tomczak
Mike McLauchlan	Ryan Waddington

Members Absent:

Fay Beydoun	LaJune Montgomery Tabron
Kyle Caldwell	Santa Ono
Bob McMahan	Beverly Walker-Griffea

Staff Present:

Christin Armstrong	Michelle Grinnell
Steve Bakkal	Tupac Hunter
Lavonne Blonde	Quentin Messer
Amiee Evans	Jen Nelson
Lynne Feldpausch	Jill Trepkoski

I. Call to order

Mr. Cobbina called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. He requested that Ms. Armstrong provide any necessary communications. There were no communications. A roll call was performed to determine attendance. A quorum of the Executive Committee 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 via Zoom.

II. Public Comment

Mr. Cobbina invited public comment. Ms. Brandi Sweet provided comments regarding the statewide mega site investments.

III. Chairman's Report

Mr. Cobbina asked if there were any questions, changes, or corrections to the September 19, 2023, minutes. There were none. *Sheldon Neeley moved to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2023, meeting and Bobby Hopewell supported the motion. A vote was taken with 14 aye votes, 0 nay votes. The motion passed unanimously.*

Mr. Cobbina mentioned 2024 Executive Committee schedule was included with your materials.

Mr. Cobbina asked Ms. Armstrong to provide an overview of the changes in the Public Comment Policy. Ms. Armstrong reviewed the changes and asked if there were any questions. There were none. *Beth Ardisana moved to approve the changes to the Public Comment Policy and Tony Tomczak supported the motion. A vote was taken with 14 aye votes, 0 nay votes. The motion passed unanimously.*

Ms. Armstrong then provided an overview of the amended and restated bylaws which will better accommodate and align with the hybrid and remote structure of these meetings. After discussion regarding accessibility and accommodations to ensure that disabled individuals are able to fully participate in public meetings of the Executive Committee, it was determined that this item will be tabled until January 2024 and the proposed amended and restated bylaws discussed at the next meeting of the Audit and Governance Subcommittee.

Phil Shaltz departed the meeting.

IV. Personnel & Compensation Subcommittee Report

Krista Flynn provided a brief overview of the subcommittee's action items, Corporate Employee Benefit Plans and Corporate Employee Variable Pay then handed it to Lynne Feldpausch. Lynne reviewed the changes in the Corporate Employee Benefit Plan and asked if there were any questions or comments on these changes. There were none. *Bobby Hopewell moved to approve the changes to the Corporate Employee Benefit Plan and Mike McLauchlan supported the motion. A vote was taken with 13 aye votes, 0 nay votes. The motion passed unanimously.*

Lynne provided an overview of the Corporate Employee Variable Pay request and opened it up for questions. There were none. *Mike McLauchlan moved to approve the Corporate Employee Variable Pay and Krista Flynn supported the motion. A vote was taken with 13 aye votes, 0 nay votes. The motion passed unanimously.*

V. CEO Report

Mr. Messer thanked the committee members for their leadership and continued service. He also provided a general organizational update and highlighted some key accomplishments for 2023.

VI. Finance Subcommittee Report

Beth Ardisana advised the subcommittee met recently and then briefly reviewed FY23, noting that overall, FY23 looks good.

VII. Audit & Governance Subcommittee Report

Tom Lutz provided an update on current audits, and advised we are expecting opinions mid to late January.

VIII. Open Discussion

Mr. Cobbina opened the floor for any open discussion. There was no open discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:59