
MICHIGAN ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Executive Committee Minutes

January 30, 2024

2:30 pm – 3:30 pm

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

Members Present & Virtual Attendance:

Fay Beydoun
April Clobes
Krista Flynn
Bobby Hopewell
Mike McLauchlan
Bob McMahan

LaJune Montgomery Tabron
Bill Pink
Brian Rich
Gina Jacquart Thorsen
Tony Tomczak
Ryan Waddington

Members Absent:

Beth Ardisana
Kyle Caldwell
Awenate Cobbina
Tom Lutz

Sheldon Neeley
Santa Ono
Phil Shaltz
Beverly Walker-Griffea

Staff Present:

Christin Armstrong
Steve Bakkal
Lavonne Blonde
Aileen Bovan
Amiee Evans
Lynne Feldpausch

Michelle Grinnell
Tupac Hunter
Quentin Messer
Matt McCauley
Jill Trepkoski

I. Call to order

Ms. Flynn called the meeting to order at 2:37 p.m. She 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

Ms. Flynn invited public comment. There was no public comment.

III. Chairman's Report

Ms. Flynn asked if there were any questions, changes, or corrections to the November 14, 2023, minutes. There were none. *Bobby Hopewell moved to approve the minutes of*

the November 14, 2023, meeting and Mike McLaughlan supported the motion. A vote was taken with 12 aye votes, 0 nay votes. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Audit & Governance Subcommittee Report

Brian Rich provided an overview of the amended and restated bylaws which will better accommodate and align with the hybrid and remote structure of these meetings. Ms. Flynn asked if there were any questions. There were none. *Bobby Hopewell moved to approve the amended and restate bylaws and Brian Rich supported the motion. A vote was taken with 12 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 provided key highlights from Governor Whitmer's State of the State address focusing on People, Places and Projects. Michelle Grinnell joined Quentin, introducing the "You Can in Michigan" Campaign. Michelle will distribute, to the Executive Committee Members, the MEDC's social handles and hashtags to be used when distributing on their social channels to amplify the message. Quentin also asked for members to continue to educate partners, reach out to legislators to support these three areas.

VI. Personnel & Compensation Subcommittee Report

Krista Flynn and Lynne Feldpausch provided an overview of the CEO evaluation process and timeline, encouraging participation from Executive Committee Members, MSF Board, EOG, and others. Feedback will be reviewed and discussed at the March 19, 2024, Executive Committee meeting.

VII. Open Discussion

Ms. Flynn opened the floor for any open discussion. There was no open discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25pm