



Charter Township of Meridian
Meridian Economic Development Corporation
Township Municipal Building, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI
48864 Thursday, March 5, 2026- Minutes -APPROVED

Members

Present: Dave Ledebuhr, Adam Carlson, Nate Ide, Anthony Alvarado, and Trustee Kathy Sundland

Members

Absent: Joy Hazard, Adam Hodges, and David Fosdick

Others

Present: Economic Development Director Amber Clark and Executive Assistant Michelle Prinz

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Carlson called the meeting to order at 7:36am and Member Ide read the mission statement. New member Anthony Alvarado introduced himself.

2. **MISSION:** Set the standard in creating an entrepreneurial culture, be the example for revitalization of our business districts, and be the leaders in building sustainable public/private partnerships.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION BY MEMBER LEDEBUHR TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER ALVARADO. MOTION PASSES 5-0.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

a. Minutes-Meeting January 8, 2026

b. Development Projects

MOTION BY MEMBER LEDEBUHR TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER ALVARADO. MOTION PASSES 5-0.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

a. Greater Lansing Chinese Association Thank You

Director Clark shared thank you letter regarding sponsorship of annual Chinese New Year event.

6. PUBLIC REMARKS

None.

7. OLD BUSINESS

None.

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. 2026 EDC Authorized Signers

Director Clark stated the new Township Treasurer needs to be added to the account as a signer.

MOTION BY MEMBER LEDEBUHR TO ADOPT THE ATTACHED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADAM CARLSON, CHAIR; DAVID FOSDICK, VICE-CHAIR; LINDA BURGHARDT, TOWNSHIP TREASURER, AND TOWNSHIP MANAGER TIMOTHY DEMPSEY, WITH POWER TO SIGN CHECKS AND MAKE FINANCIAL DECISIONS RELATED TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BANK ACCOUNT. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER IDE. MOTION PASSES 5-0.

b. Visioning Session: Goals, Grants, and the Economic Development Strategy

Director Clark shared the Township Board and the Economic Development Department goals. There was discussion about the need to update the current incentive policy to aid business expansion and retention. It was suggested that the EDC update its goals to include collaboration with the MEDC, CIA, and DDA to fund and conduct a market study. The previous study was done in 2018 and up to date data would be beneficial in pursuing grant opportunities. Director Clark will research the cost to conduct a current market study. Also, the EDC expressed interest in the Parks Department providing an update on the Farmers' Market because construction was supported, in part, by the EDC.

9. COMMUNITY REPORTS

a. Meridian Mall Updates

None.

b. MABA

Member Alvarado reported the following:

- Monthly meetings are on the second Friday of the month
- 160 active members
- New website
- Third Thursday of the month evening social events
- Golf outing will be on June 12 at Meridian Sun

c. Township Board

Trustee Sundland stated the following:

- Held tribute to Patricia Herring Jackson
- Scheduled listening sessions for 5/12 at 242 Church, 7/28, at Central Park Pavilion and 10/27 at St. Luke's Church
- Local Road Program has increased its PASER rating from 4.4 to 6.2
- Pension debt is now 76% funded
- Authentix project has reduced units from 288 to 240 and increased the setback. The developer has invested \$50 million in the project.

10. OPEN DISCUSSION/BOARD COMMENTS

There was discussion about inviting the Township Manager to the next EDC meeting to discuss the incentive policy and his vision for economic development. The April EDC meeting will be canceled due to attendance. Director Clark will send the 2018 market study to EDC members for review.

11. PUBLIC REMARKS

None.

12. NEXT MEETING DATE

May 7, 2026 at 7:30am at the Township Municipal Building-Town Hall Room.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no objection, Chair Carlson adjourned the meeting at 8:18am.