



Charter Township of Meridian  
Meridian Economic Development Corporation  
Township Municipal Building, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI  
48864 Thursday, January 8, 2026- Minutes -APPROVED

**Members**

**Present:** Dave Ledebuhr, Adam Carlson, Joy Hazard, David Fosdick, Adam Hodges, Nate Ide, and Trustee Kathy Sundland

**Members**

**Absent:**

**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 7:31am and Member Hazard read the mission statement.

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 FOSDICK TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER HODGES. MOTION PASSES 7-0.**

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes-Meeting November 6, 2025
- b. Development Projects

**MOTION BY MEMBER LEDEBUHR TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER FOSDICK. MOTION PASSES 7-0.**

5. COMMUNICATIONS

None.

6. PUBLIC REMARKS

None.

7. OLD BUSINESS

None.

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. Lunar New Year Celebration Contribution

Director Clark presented the annual request of support for the Lunar New Year celebration at the Meridian Mall. This year's event is scheduled for February 15, 2026. There was consensus to continue to support this event.

**MOTION BY CHAIR CARLSON TO RECUSE MEMBER HODGES FROM THE VOTE OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR SPONSORSHIP. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER LEDEBUHR. MOTION PASSES 6-1 (OBSTAIN).**

**MOTION BY MEMBER FOSDICK TO APPROVE SPONSORSHIP OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION AT MERIDIAN MALL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,500. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER LEDEBUHR. MOTION PASSES 6-1 (OBSTAIN).**

b. Façade Improvement Grant Reimbursement Agreement

Director Clark shared the draft reimbursement agreement for the project at Ideal Mortgage Services. There was consensus to support the agreement with the following edits: removing the two additional "e"s in the word Services and update the zip code for 1257 Haslett Road from 48864 to 48840.

**MOTION BY MEMBER LEDEBUHR TO RECUSE MEMBER IDE FROM THE VOTE ON THE REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER HAZARD. MOTION PASSES 6-1 (OBSTAIN).**

**MOTION BY MEMBER LEDEBUHR TO APPROVE THE DRAFT FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MERIDIAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND IDEAL MORTGAGE SERVICES. SUPPORTED BY CHAIR CARLSON. MOTION PASSES 6-1 (OBSTAIN).**

9. COMMUNITY REPORTS

a. Meridian Mall Updates

- Working with the Township on water main replacements
- Farmers' Market has expanded down an additional wing at the Mall
- Working with the Township Green Team to schedule another fashion show

b. MABA

- Next meeting will be tomorrow morning
- MABA is looking for meeting space to relocate monthly meetings to the Township
- Membership is growing; up to 150 members

c. Township Board

- Rezoning of the Authentix Project on Central Park Drive is on hold
- Reviewing the Haslett Road Corridor Study proposal

- Discussing using the Nokomis Learning Center site for the Meridian Senior Center
- Approved the Haslett Village Square Brownfield amendment #2
- Discussed 2026 goals

10. OPEN DISCUSSION/BOARD COMMENTS

Director Clark reported that the Haslett Village Square Brownfield Project did receive a denial from MSHDA on the first submittal because of the number of housing units. The housing units were updated and a second version will be submitted this week. Director Clark is hopeful the updated version will be approved.

11. PUBLIC REMARKS

None.

12. NEXT MEETING DATE

- February 5, 2026 at 7:30am at the Township Municipal Building-Town Hall Room.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no objection, Chair Carlson adjourned the meeting at 7:56am.