

**KALAMAZOO FOUNDATION FOR EXCELLENCE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

MINUTES

Meeting of December 20, 2021

A meeting of the Kalamazoo Foundation of Excellence (KFFE) Board on December 20, 2021 held by video conference in accordance with Public Act 254 of 2020 amending the Michigan Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.261 *et seq.* was called to order by President Calderone-Huezo at 2:30 pm.

Board members present: Ritsema, Anderson, Hess, Carrel, Calderone-Huezo, Lonberg, Miller, A. Taylor, C. Taylor, and Washington. Board members absent: Hoffman and Hopewell

City staff present were Legal Counsel/Recording Secretary Clyde J. Robinson, and Deputy City FFE Manager Steve Brown.

The minutes of the Board Meeting held October 25, 2021, were moved for approval by Director Lonberg and seconded by Director Washington. The motion to approve the minutes was adopted by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Brown provided information on a proposed amendment to add \$650,000 to the proposed 2022 budget to assist the City in efforts to engage in predevelopment housing project efforts.

The City had, based on available information, allocated \$650,000 in anticipated federal AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) OF 2021 monies for predevelopment expenses associated with two housing projects. However, it was subsequently determined that the expenses did not qualify for ARPA monies. The Foundation for Excellence is being requested to amend its 2022 budget to fund this work which will be used for Housing Predevelopment (\$250,000) to bring housing development projects (with the end goal of rental) to fruition, including things like environmental studies, assessment, planning, and the Lawrence Properties (\$400,000) to transform this obsolete housing development that the City now owns and redevelop the property for resale as affordable housing.

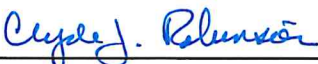
Motion to amend the 2022 Budget Transmittal Memo to reflect the addition of \$650,000; moved by Director Hess and seconded by Director A. Taylor. Upon unanimous voice vote the motion was adopted.

President Calderone-Huezo inquired as to whether any Public Comments had been received; she was informed that there were none. President Calderone-Huezo asked if there were any Board Member Comments. There were none.

President Calderone-Huezo adjourned the meeting at 2:45 pm

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Minutes Approved: *Feb 15, 2022*


Clyde J. Robinson, Recording Secretary