

Agenda

Downtown Economic Growth Authority

Board of Directors



City of Kalamazoo

Monday, August 18, 2025

3:00 PM

Main Conference Room at Community Planning and Economic Development

A. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

1. Purpose Statement:

The purpose of this Downtown Development Authority is to halt property value deterioration and promote economic growth within its business district, to increase property value.

The purpose of this Downtown Economic Growth Authority is to correct and prevent deterioration in residential, commercial, and industrial areas, to authorize the acquisition and disposal of interests in real and personal property; to authorize the creation and implementation of development plans and development areas.

The Kalamazoo DDA and DEGA, acting in concert, have set forth the strategic objective of focusing its resources on improving “The First 16 Feet”, a three-dimensional volume of space including buildings ground floor façade, the frontage that exists between the façade and the common space, and the common space that provides access to and through the district.

B. ADOPTION OF FORMAL AGENDA

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of the minutes from the meeting of the Downtown Economic Growth Authority Board on July 21, 2025. (**Action: Motion to approve**)

D. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Notre Dame Downtown Kalamazoo West Gateway Report Presentation (Deputy City Manager Rebekah Kik)
2. Financial Report - May and June 2025

3. Downtown Report - August 2025
4. Committee Reports

E. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Acceptance of Board Member Resignation (**Action: Motion to accept the resignation of Kwame Gyimah from the Board of Directors of the Downtown Economic Growth Authority, effective the date a successor is sworn in, with gratitude for their service and contributions to the organization**)
2. Recommendation of DEGA Board Member Nomination to Mayor and City Commission (**Action: Motion to approve the nomination of Cheng Kidd Sun for appointment to the Downtown Economic Growth Authority Board and forward the recommendation to the Mayor and City Commission**)
3. DEGA Board Member Attendance Policy (**Action: Motion to adopt the Downtown Economic Growth Authority Board Attendance Policy as presented, to take effect immediately upon approval**)
4. 2026 Events and Marketing Sponsorship Policy (**Action: Motion to adopt the 2026 Downtown Economic Growth Authority Events and Marketing Sponsorship Policy as presented, effective immediately**)
5. DDA/DEGA Strategic Plan 2025-2027 (*Action: Motion to Approve*)
6. 2026 DEGA Draft Budget

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS

G. DIRECTOR COMMENTS

H. ADJOURNMENT