

Agenda

Downtown Economic Growth Authority

Board of Directors



City of Kalamazoo

Monday, September 15, 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 August 18, 2025. (**Action: Motion to approve**)

D. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Financial Report - July 2025 (**Action: Motion to accept the July 2025 Downtown Economic Growth Authority financial statement**)
2. Downtown Report - September 2025

3. Downtown Economic Vitality Study Presentation (Meghan Behymer)

E. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. 2026 DEGA Budget
2. Ambassador Program - Q4 2025 Recommendation (**Action: Motion to approve the allocation of the \$39,064 budget variance to expand Ambassador Program services during October–December 2025 under the new Block by Block contract.**)
3. Michigan Talent Partnership Program - Letter of Support (**Action: Motion to authorize the Board Chair to submit a letter of support on behalf of the Downtown Economic Growth Authority for the City of Kalamazoo’s grant application to the Michigan Talent Partnership Program**)

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS

G. DIRECTOR COMMENTS

H. ADJOURNMENT