

Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2026, 3 p.m. | City Hall, 241 W. South Street

PRESENT: Curt Aardema, Mayor David Anderson, Trisha Kidd, Clarence Lloyd, Rick Searing, Jessica Thompson, Cheng Kidd Sun

EXCUSED: Jeff Breneman, Stanley Steppes

STAFF: Meghan Behymer (Downtown Coordinator), Maria Smith (Community Investment Administrative Assistant), Jessica Wood (Attorney), Bobby Boyd (Economic Development Supervisor)

A. CALL TO ORDER

DIRECTOR AARDEMA CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 4:54 P.M.

PRESENT: Curt Aardema, Mayor David Anderson, Trisha Kidd, Clarence Lloyd, Rick Searing, Jessica Thompson, Cheng Kidd Sun

EXCUSED: Jeff Breneman, Stanley Steppes

THE JANUARY 12, 2026 ATTENDANCE, INCLUDING EXCUSED AND UNEXCUSED ABSENCES, IS RECORDED.

B. ADOPTION OF FORMAL AGENDA

DIRECTOR SUN MOTIONED TO ADOPT THE JANUARY 12, 2026 DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AGENDA. DIRECTOR THOMPSON SECONDED. NO OBJECTIONS. MOTION CARRIED.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

DIRECTOR SUN MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD ON DECEMBER 15, 2025. MAYOR ANDERSON SECONDED. NO OBJECTIONS. MOTION CARRIED.

D. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

November 2025 Financial Summary

Meghan Behymer (Downtown Coordinator) presented the November 2025 Financial Report.

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In November, the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) received \$18,364.10 in tax revenue and \$52 in interest, bringing the year-to-date revenue to \$297,395.

November expenses totaled \$1,233. Key expense categories included Utilities (\$658) and Legal Services (\$575). Year-to-date expenses total \$136,302.

DIRECTOR SUN MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE NOVEMBER 2025 DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FINANCIAL REPORT. DIRECTOR THOMPSON SECONDED. NO OBJECTIONS. MOTION CARRIED.

E. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

None.

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

G. DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Director Kidd stated the Transformational Brownfield Plan was approved on December 22, 2025.

Mayor Anderson noted that an organized demonstration is planned to coincide with the January 26 City Commission meeting. The meeting agenda includes youth recognitions and a rezoning item, and higher-than-normal attendance is anticipated. Staff are preparing to accommodate increased public participation, including use of overflow rooms and acceptance of call-in public comment. Public comment will occur at the beginning of the meeting in accordance with standard procedure.

Director Lloyd stated that he has conversations about parking and people feel penalized because they were parked too long. He posed the question of how we focus on customers and not allow deterioration of businesses. Alignment is a critical component of what we do. He would like to keep the parking conversation alive. Behymer stated that there will be parking meetings every other month with city staff starting on January 21st to support communication and collaboration.

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Director Thompson encouraged everyone to join the Downtown Town Hall tomorrow. She said there's pressure on business owners to make it a great experience so when people get a ticket they will want to come back. She also noted the third annual Winter In The Zoo event is February 14, and that the Downtown Kalamazoo brand will be revealed with an ice sculpture.

Director Aardema would like the Board to continue to keep parking at the forefront and keep records of observations and conversations about parking. He thanked the Board for their work during the holiday season in Kalamazoo. He stated the Tree Lighting event was well attended and he would like to figure out how to get more people into the restaurants and businesses.

H. ADJOURNMENT

**DIRECTOR SUN MOTIONED TO ADJOURN, SUPPORTED BY DIRECTOR SEARING.
MOTION APPROVED WITH NONE OPPOSED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:14 P.M.