

Agenda

Downtown Economic Growth Authority

Board of Directors



City of Kalamazoo

Monday, April 20, 2026

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 March 16, 2026(**Action: Motion to approve**)

D. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Financial Report - February 2026 (**Action: Motion to accept the February 2026 Downtown Economic Growth Authority financial statement**)
2. Presentation: Institute for Public Scholarship (Michelle Johnson)

3. Imagine Kalamazoo 2035 - Downtown Engagement (Christina Anderson)
4. Downtown Report

E. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- 1.
2. **Committee Governance Model (Action: Motion to adopt the Committee Governance Policy, including the establishment of a committee application process and Executive Committee recommendation framework for committee membership, and to establish the committee structure as presented.)**
3. **Committee Membership Recommendations (Action: Motion to approve the committee membership recommendations as presented)**
4. **Bates Alley Parklet Recommendation (Action: Motion to authorize the Downtown Economic Growth Authority to enter a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Kalamazoo to complete one-time repairs to the Bates Alley parklets, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000, and to formally exit any future ownership, maintenance, or operational responsibilities upon completion of those repairs.)**
5. **Landscape Forms South Kalamazoo Mall Proposal (Action: Motion to approve acceptance of an in-kind donation of site furnishings from Landscape Forms, valued at up to \$100,000, for installation on the South Kalamazoo Mall; to authorize the Placemaking Committee to finalize product specifications, installation locations, and installation approach; and to authorize the Board Chair to execute any necessary documentation, in consultation with legal counsel, to implement the project, with any decisions carrying budget implications to be brought back to the Board for approval.)**
6. Downtown Kalamazoo Website

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS

G. DIRECTOR COMMENTS

H. ADJOURNMENT