

Agenda

Downtown Economic Growth Authority

Board of Directors



City of Kalamazoo

Monday, July 13, 2026

3:00 PM

City Commission Chambers – 241 West South Street

A. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

1. Purpose:

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 June 15, 2026. (**Action: Motion to approve**)

D. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Financial Report - May 2026 (**Action: Motion to accept the May 2026 Downtown Economic Growth Authority financial statement**)
2. Step-Aside Request - Rose Phase 3 Development Presentation

3. **Downtown Report - July 2026**

E. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. 2027 DEGA Draft Budget Review
2. Strategic Retreat Facilitator Recommendation [**ACTION: Motion to approve the engagement of Dams & Associates, Inc. to provide strategic planning and retreat facilitation services as outlined in the attached proposal, for a total cost not to exceed \$4,200**]
3. Ambassador Program Grant Acceptance [**Action: Motion to accept a \$15,000 grant from the Jim Gilmore Jr. Foundation to support enhancements to the 2026 Downtown Ambassador Program, with specific service enhancements to be developed by the Placemaking Committee in partnership with the Foundation**]
4. Farmer's Alley Fencing Grant Acceptance [**Action: Motion to accept a \$25,000 grant from the Jim Gilmore Jr. Foundation to support the Farmer's Alley placemaking project through the installation of new fencing adjacent to the project area**]

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS

G. DIRECTOR COMMENTS

H. ADJOURNMENT