

**Allegan County
Economic
Development
Commission**



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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION – MINUTES

ROLL CALL:

The Economic Development Commission met in The Next Center, 65 E 7th St., Holland, MI 49423, on April 16, 2025, at 2:02 P.M.; Chair Balgoyen presiding. Upon roll call the following members answered

Nora Balgoyen, Mike VanDenBerg, Michael Kiella, Stephanie Calhoun, Michelle Krcatovich, Joe Novakoski, Matt Smith, and Craig Van Beek.

AGENDA – ADOPTED AS PRESENTED:

Moved by VanDenBerg, seconded by Kiella, to approve the agenda as presented. The Motion carried by voice vote. Yeas: 8 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Moved by VanDenBerg, seconded by Kiella, to approve the December 4, 2024, meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried by voice vote. Yeas: 8 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – NO COMMENTS:

Chair Balgoyen opened the meeting to public participation and as there were no comments from the public, she closed the meeting to public participation.

PRESENTATIONS:

Broadband Project Manager Jill Dunham presented a broadband update.

REVIEW CURRENT POSITION STATUS:

Moved by VanDenBerg, seconded by Krcatovich, to recommend to the Board of Commissioners the removal of Randall Smith for lack of attendance and to seek a new At-Large sector representative. Motion carried by voice vote. Yeas: 8 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORT – FEBRUARY 11, 2025:

Chair Balgoyen reviewed notes from the February 11, 2025 Meeting. The next virtual ad-hoc meeting is scheduled for June 4, 2025, at 9:30 A.M.

ECONOMIC LEADERSHIP AWARD:

Moved by VanDenBerg, seconded by Calhoun, to establish the award. Motion carried by voice vote. Yeas: 8 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Sector Updates – Commission representatives provided an update.

Lakeshore Advantage – Mandy Cooper presented 2025 1st Quarter Lakeshore Advantage Report.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

The following topics were requested for future agenda: Restaurant Representative and Allegan Area Educational Service Agency Update.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by VanDenBerg, seconded by M. Smith to adjourn until July 16, 2025, 2:00 P.M. The motion carried by voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 4:06 P.M. Yeas: 8 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Hailey Pearson.