



**Executive Committee Minutes**

January 20, 2026

Michigan Economic Development Corporation  
300 N. Washington Square  
Lansing, MI 48913  
or via Zoom

**Members Present:**

Beth Ardisana  
Brook Beebe  
David Coulter  
Krista Flynn  
Sarah Gonzales  
Christina Grossi  
Kelly Hall

Fadwa Hammoud  
Mike McLaughlan  
Sheldon Neeley  
Bob Sutherland  
Michael C. Taylor  
Carla Walker-Miller

**Members Absent:**

Bobby Hopewell  
Tom Lutz  
Bob McMahan

Lajune Montgomery-Tabron  
Renee Tomina

**Staff Present:**

Christin Armstrong  
Linda Ascitutto  
Lavonne Blonde  
Rebecca Craig  
Natalie Davenport  
Christina DeGrow

Michelle Grinnell  
Brad Heffner  
Markie Justice  
Ian McCorvie  
Quentin Messer  
Hannah Rethamel

**I. Call to order**

Ms. Grossi called the meeting to order at 10:02 am. A roll call was performed to determine attendance. A quorum was present. The meeting was held at Michigan Economic Development Corporation, 300 N. Washington Square, Lansing, MI 48913. Ms. Grossi welcomed Members and expressed appreciation for Member's presence acknowledging all Members are busy with their full-time jobs. Ms. Grossi added Dr. Pink's resignation caused an evaluation of the structure and membership of our subcommittees. Additional information is anticipated to be provided at the March meeting. Finally, Ms. Grossi reminded Members of the email received from Ms. DeGrow with meeting materials and the process for completing the annual conflict of interest disclosure form. Ms. Grossi requested Ms. DeGrow recirculate the email and asked Members to prioritize completing the conflict-of-interest disclosure form as soon as possible. Ms. Grossi



requested that Ms. DeGrow provide any necessary communications. Communications were sent to the committee via email on January 15, 2026.

**II. Public Comment**

Ms. Grossi invited public comment. There was no public comment.

**III. Chairperson's Report**

Ms. Grossi asked if there were any edits or changes to the meeting minutes of November 18, 2025. There were none. *Krista Flynn moved to approve the minutes of November 18, 2025, meeting and Brooke Beebe supported. A vote was taken with 12 aye votes, 0 nay votes, 0 abstained. The motion passed unanimously.*

*10:10am Sheldon Neeley joined the meeting*

**IV. Strategic Planning Subcommittee Report**

Mayor Taylor advised the Strategic Planning Subcommittee met in January to discuss Fiscal Year 2026 scorecard targets. The Subcommittee is recommending approval of the proposed targets. The Subcommittee also discussed the upcoming CEO evaluation process, general audit updates, work projects, data centers, transition planning as well as attorney-client matters. Mayor Taylor invited MEDC staff, Michelle Grinnell and Rebecca Craig, to present the FY26 scorecard targets. Ms. Grinnell spoke about the MEDC's approach to these recommendations with both an eye towards the economic conditions and the real-world environment the MEDC is operating in while layering in aspirational benchmarks. Ms. Grinnell stressed the importance of this balance as it acknowledges impacts of forces the MEDC cannot control and underscores the MEDC's commitment to the broader vision of making Michigan's economy the nation's fastest growing, most equitable, and most resilient through median household income growth, job growth and target industries, net talent migration and shared prosperity across the State. Ms. Craig walked through the Fiscal Year 2026 proposed target for each strategic focus area: People, Places and Projects. Ms. Grossi thanked everyone for the discussion and asked for any additional questions. Being none, *Krista Flynn moved to approve the FY26 Scorecard targets as presented, and Michael C. Taylor supported. A vote was taken with 13 aye votes, 0 nay votes, 0 abstained. The motion passed unanimously.*

**V. Personnel & Compensation Subcommittee Report**

Ms. Flynn indicated the Personnel & Compensation (P&C) Subcommittee met in January and discussed the annual CEO performance evaluation process and timeline. The P&C Subcommittee also reviewed proposed scorecard targets and were provided general updates on other organizational matters including audits, transition planning, and attorney-client matters. The CEO Performance Evaluation will be initiated by the P&C Subcommittee and will utilize a 360-degree feedback process to gather input from Executive Committee Members, Michigan Strategic Fund Board Members, Regional Partners, Executive Office of the Governor, as well as Quentin's direct reports for



completion. The survey is planned to open on February 2, 2026, with all necessary instructions, and will close on February 16, 2026. All responses will be compiled and presented at the March 10, 2026, meeting.

**VI. Finance Subcommittee Report**

Ms. Ardisana reported that the Finance Subcommittee met with Interim CEO, Hannah Rethamel, in January. Ms. Ardisana noted it is early in the fiscal year to discuss financial reviews; however, the Subcommittee discussed upcoming CEO evaluation, as well as updates on several items including the audit work projects, data centers, attorney-client matters, as well as the beginning discussions on the transition planning process. Ms. Armstrong added that MEDC's new Chief Financial Officer, Calvin Myers, started today. Ms. Armstrong thanked Hannah for her dedication as interim Chief Financial Officer. Ms. Ardisana added appreciation to Hannah and is looking forward to working with the new Chief Financial Officer.

**VII. Audit & Governance Subcommittee Report**

Mr. Sutherland provided the Audit & Governance Subcommittee update, advising it met in January to discuss the ongoing reporting and financial audits conducted by Office of Auditor General (OAG). The Subcommittee was also provided updates on the CEO Evaluation process, scorecard targets, data centers, attorney-client privileged information as well as transition planning.

**VIII. Closed Session**

Ms. Grossi advised that closed session was proposed to discuss information or records subject to attorney-client privilege. *A motion was made by Krista Flynn to approve the resolution authorizing closed session, Fadwa Hammoud supported. A vote was taken with 13 aye votes, 0 nay votes, 0 abstained. The motion passed unanimously.*

*Closed Session began at 10:27am and ended at 11:28am.*

**IX. CEO Report**

Mr. Messer provided an update on key Make It In Michigan wins highlighting Michigan's rise to #4 in Site Selection's Workforce Development rankings, State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) federal grants, the Revitalization and Placemaking (RAP) grant program, and Michigan Talent Partnership program. Mr. Messer discussed a few key takeaways on macro trends from recent events and talked briefly on the Fiscal Year 2027 budget.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40am.