



**MICHIGAN ECONOMIC**  
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

**Executive Committee Minutes**

**Special Meeting**

May 12, 2025

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

**Members Present:**

Beth Ardisana  
Brooke Beebe  
Awenate Cobbina  
Krista Flynn  
Sarah Gonzalez  
Kelly Hall  
Bobby Hopewell  
Tom Lutz

Bob McMahan  
Sheldon Neeley  
Bill Pink  
Bob Sutherland  
La June Montgomery Tabron  
Michael C. Taylor  
Carla Walker-Miller

**Members Absent:**

Fadwa Hammoud  
Mike McLauchlan  
Renee Tomina

**Staff Present:**

Christin Armstrong  
Lavonne Blonde  
Christina DeGrow

Markie Justice  
Quentin Messer  
Hannah Rethamel

**I. Call to order**

Mr. Cobbina called the meeting to order at 3:03pm. 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. Mr. Cobbina welcomed new member, and Sterling Heights Mayor, Michael C. Taylor. Mayor Taylor addressed the committee and expressed his excitement in joining and is looking forward to getting to know everyone. Mr. Cobbina requested that Ms. DeGrow provide any necessary communications. There were no communication.

*Mr. Sutherland joined the meeting at 3:08pm.*

**II. Public Comment**

Mr. Cobbina invited public comment. There was no public comment.

**III. Chairman's Report**





Mr. Cobbina asked if there were any edits or changes to the meeting minutes from March 11, 2025. There were none. *Beth Ardisana moved to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2025, meeting and Krista Flynn supported. A vote was taken with 15 aye votes, 0 nay votes, 0 abstained. The motion passed unanimously.*

Mr. Cobbina advised that our current Treasurer, Jill Trepkoski, has departed from the MEDC for a new position with the MI Dept. of Treasury. As a result, MEDC Staff recommends Hannah Rethamel be appointed the new Treasurer. Mr. Cobbina asked if there were any comments or questions on this recommendation. Being none, *Sheldon Neeley moved to approve the resolution to appoint Hannah Rethamel as Treasurer and Bobby Hopewell supported. A vote was taken with 15 aye votes, 0 nay votes, 0 abstained. The motion passed unanimously.*

Mr. Cobbina indicated with the departure of Jill Trepkoski and retirement of Lynne Feldpausch it is imperative to appoint new co-trustees for the MEDC Corporate retirement plans as well as delegate authorities for plan administration. The Personnel & Compensation Subcommittee recommends the designation of the CFO, COO and VP of People Services as Plan Trustees for the corporation retirement plans and the designation of the CEO, CFO, COO and/or VP of People Services as delegated authorities for the purpose of plan administration. Mr. Cobbina asked if there were any comments or questions on this recommendation. *Bobby Hopewell moved to approve the resolution to appoint co-trustees and Michael C. Taylor supported. A vote was taken with 15 aye votes, 0 nay votes, 0 abstained. The motion passed unanimously.*

Mr. Cobbina noted that Dr. Santa Ono has departed from the MEDC Executive Committee, and we are hopeful of having his position re-appointed shortly. Mr. Cobbina will be making subcommittee appointments at the July retreat. If any members would like to serve on a different subcommittee than their current appointment, please let Mr. Cobbina know, ccing Christina DeGrow and Lavonne Blonde, prior to the July retreat.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:19pm.