MICHIGAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Executive Committee Minutes

May 12, 2026
Michigan Economic Development Corporation
300 N. Washington Square
Lansing, MI 48913
or via Zoom

Members Present:

Beth Ardisana
David Coulter
Krista Flynn
Sarah Gonzalez
Christina Grossi
Kelly Hall
Mike McLauchlan
LaJune Montgomery-Tabron*
Sheldon Neeley
Amanda Pontes
Bob Sutherland
Michael C. Taylor
Carla Walker-Miller

Members Absent:

Fadwa Hammoud
Bobby Hopewell
Tom Lutz
Bob McMahan
Renee Tomina

Staff Present:

Christin Armstrong
Lavonne Blonde
Natalie Davenport
Christina DeGrow
Michelle Grinnell
Markie Justice
Ian McCorvie
Quentin Messer
Calvin Myers

I. Call to order

Chair Grossi called the May 12, 2026, MEDC Executive Committee ("Committee") meeting to order at 10:04 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. Chair Grossi welcomed Members and requested that Ms. DeGrow provide any necessary communications. Communications were sent to the committee via email on April 30, 2026, May 6, 2026, May 7, 2026, and May 11, 2026.

*LaJune Montgomery-Tabron joined the meeting at 10:07am**

**Ms. Montgomery-Tabron's Oath of Office was not filed with the Office of the Great Seal prior to the Committee meeting. Her attendance was not counted towards quorum and she did not participate in any deliberation or voting.*

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II. Public Comment

Chair Grossi invited public comment. Ms. DeGrow facilitated and public comment was had. Based on public comment, Chair Grossi asked for the Michigan Israel Business Accelerator (MIBA) contract to be added to the next Finance Subcommittee agenda for review.

III. Chairperson's Report

Vice Chair Flynn advised members that the MEDC By-Laws allow a Chair to serve a 2-year term and, Vice Chair Flynn proposed reappointing Ms. Grossi as Chair for a term ending July 22, 2027, to complete the 2-year term given Ms. Grossi's reappointment to the full Executive Committee. *Sheldon Neeley moved to reappoint Christina Grossi as Chair for a term ending July 22, 2027; Mike McLauchlan supported. A vote was taken with 11 aye votes, 0 nay votes, 0 abstained.** The motion passed unanimously.*

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Beth Ardisana, David Coulter, Krista Flynn, Christina Grossi, Kelly Hall, Mike McLauchlan, Sheldon Neeley, Amanda Pontes, Bob Sutherland, Michael C. Taylor, Carla Walker-Miller; Nays: None; Abstained: None

***Ms. Gonzalez participated via electronic communication and lost connection at approximately 11:00am. Pursuant to Section 5.09(d), she is considered to have left the meeting and the number of members for quorum was reduced.*

Chair Grossi asked if there were any edits or changes to the meeting minutes of March 10, 2026. There were none. *Beth Ardisana moved to approve the minutes of March 10, 2026, meeting; Krista Flynn supported. A vote was taken with 11 aye votes, 0 nay votes, 0 abstained.** The motion passed unanimously.*

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Beth Ardisana, David Coulter, Krista Flynn, Christina Grossi, Kelly Hall, Mike McLauchlan, Sheldon Neeley, Amanda Pontes, Bob Sutherland, Michael C. Taylor, Carla Walker-Miller; Nays: None; Abstained: None

*** Ms. Gonzalez's communication was re-established at approximately 11:05-11:10am via visual participation and voting.*

IV. State of the MEDC

Mr. Messer addressed the Committee, thanking them for their continued service and highlighting recent wins for Team Michigan with Chobani/La Colombe and fairlife expansion as well as updates on strategic roadshows visits in Flint and Grand Rapids

V. Finance Subcommittee Report

Ms. Ardisana advised the Finance Subcommittee met in May to discuss state budget updates, MEDC budget timeline, financial audit results, and potential future policy updates. The Subcommittee supported approval of the proposed MEDC budget development timeline. The Subcommittee also discussed the results of the MEDC fiscal year 2025 audit, noting that the MEDC received a clean opinion and no findings related to financial reporting and internal controls. The Subcommittee also received programmatic and administrative updates.

Chair Grossi asked for any additional comments or questions regarding the proposed budget timeline. Being none, *a motion was made by Krista Flynn to approve the resolution of the budget time schedule; David Coulter supported. A vote was taken with 12 aye votes, 0 nay votes, 0 abstained. The motion passed unanimously.*

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Beth Ardisana, David Coulter, Krista Flynn, Sarah Gonzales, Christina Grossi, Kelly Hall, Mike McLauchlan, Sheldon Neeley, Amanda Pontes, Bob Sutherland, Michael C. Taylor, Carla Walker-Miller; Nays: None; Abstained: None

VI. Organizational Governance Subcommittee Report

Ms. Flynn indicated the Organizational Governance Subcommittee met in April and discussed proposed governance frameworks related to personnel and organizational governance related policies. Information was also received on programmatic updates, transition planning matters, the strategic plan refresh, and the State of Michigan ("State") budget status and timelines.

VII. Strategic Planning Subcommittee Report

Ms. Pontes provided an update from the Strategic Planning Subcommittee's April meeting where it discussed the progress on the strategic plan update for fiscal year 2027. Discussion will continue within Subcommittee with the goal of bringing to the full Committee for recommendation in July. Updates were also received regarding programmatic, administrative, potential future policy changes for organizational governance, and the State budget.

VIII. Closed Session

Chair 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 for purposes of discussing attorney-client privileged matters; Carla Walker-Miller supported. A vote was taken with 12 aye votes, 0 nay votes, 0 abstained. The motion passed unanimously.*

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Beth Ardisana, David Coulter, Krista Flynn, Sarah Gonzales, Christina Grossi, Kelly Hall, Mike McLauchlan, Sheldon Neeley, Amanda Pontes, Bob Sutherland, Michael C. Taylor, Carla Walker-Miller; Nays: None; Abstained: None

Closed Session began at 11:18am and ended at 11:43am.

Mayor Neeley left the meeting at 11:18am and rejoined at 11:23.

All Members present aside from Chair Grossi and Mr. McLauchlan left the meeting at 11:43am.

Mr. McLauchlan left the meeting at approximately 11:45.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50am.