

MICHIGAN FILM OFFICE ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES

December 13, 2024

Michigan Life Sciences Innovation Center

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Plymouth, MI 48170

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Microsoft Teams Open Virtual Meeting

1. Call to Order/Welcome from the Chairman

The meeting of the Michigan Film Office Advisory Council (MFOAC) was called to order at 1:04 p.m. by Chairman Bill Ludwig. The following Council members were in attendance: Bill Ludwig, Niki Adams, Dan Lemieux, Andriy Pereklita, Terry Terry, Brian Winn, and Selam Ghirmai.

2. Adopt Agenda

There was a motion to approve the agenda, which was seconded; motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes of November 7, 2024 meeting

There was a motion to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2024, MFOAC meeting; which was seconded; motion passed unanimously.

4. Director's Report / Presentation – Selam Ghirmai

a. Legislative - Michigan Multimedia Jobs Act

- i. [House Bill 4907](#) and [House Bill 4908](#), introduced in July 2023 by Representative Jason Hoskins and Representative John Roth, respectively
- ii. [Senate Bill 438](#) and [Senate Bill 439](#), introduced in June by Senator Dayna Polehanki and Senator Jeremy Moss respectively
- iii. [Summary](#) of legislation by Michigan Film Industry Association
- iv. **Update:** The co-sponsor of The Multimedia Jobs Act has indicated the incentive packages will not move forward in this legislative session. The Michigan Film & Digital Media Office will continue its work to retain and grow Michigan's creative talent and industries as important contributors to Michigan's economy and vibrant places.

b. Film Office events & speaking engagements since last meeting on November 7

- i. **December 3** - Film Office spoke to a group of University of Michigan students about the film industry in Michigan
- ii. **December 7** – Film Office partnered with Accelerate4KIDS Foundation again for D Hack 2024, which is a 12-hour Hackathon for Detroit students to learn about computer science, marketing, and entrepreneurship. Event flyer shared. This included keynote speakers:
 - a. Alycia Meriweather, Detroit Public Schools Community District, Deputy Superintendent
 - b. Lieutenant Governor Garlin Gilchrist II

c. Michigan Film Office Advisory Council meetings

- i. 2025 meeting dates TBD

5. Public Comments

None

6. Old Business

There were no items discussed under Old Business.

7. New Business

There were no items discussed under New Business.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business, there was a motion to adjourn the meeting, that was seconded; motion passed unanimously.