

RIVERTOWN BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT ZONE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

9:30 a.m.
Thome Rivertown Senior Apartments
260 McDougall
Detroit, MI 48207

MEETING MINUTES

☐ Proposed Minutes ☒ Approved Minutes

MEETING TYPE: ☒ Regular ☐ Special

I. Call To Order

The meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 9:36 a.m. by Chairman Chip Rohde.

II. Roll Call

Leonard Barnes	Present
Roger Basmajian	Present
Christopher Brownell	Absent
Brian Carnaghi	Present
Josh Elling	Present
Aamir Farooqi	Present
Franz Herbert	Present
Vince Little	Present
Robert Maxey	Present
Arthur "Chip" Rohde	Present
Nadia Sesay	Present
Tonja Stapleton	Present
Ryan Sullivan	Present
Jacqueline C. Young	Absent

12 members of the Board of Directors were present, 2 members were absent, and a quorum present.

Downtown Detroit Partnership staff and vendor attendees included:

KaTaya Beverly, Gina Cavaliere, Abigail Haag, Josh Long, and Anjana Schroeder.

Deputy City Clerk, Andre Gilbert; Hannah Buzolits, Dykema; Sati Smith, CEO, DMCU; Kathy Sitek, Vice President of Business Development, DMCU; Commander Jevon Johnson, DPD 7th Precinct; David Lilly, Jefferson East Inc.

Gina Cavaliere asked for a motion to excuse the absent members.

Moved by Vincent Little.

Supported by Lenny Barnes.

Yes: all No: none

III. Approval of Agenda

Gina Cavaliere asked for a motion to adopt the agenda as presented.

Moved by Brian Carnaghi.

Supported by Lenny Barnes.

Yes: all No: none

The agenda was adopted as presented.

IV. New Business

a. Certification of the 2026 Assessment (Proposed Resolution 2026-12)

Josh Long, Data Program Director, gave the board an explanation of how the assessment was calculated and the process of verifying the calculation.

Gina Cavaliere asked for a motion to adopt the resolution certifying the Rivertown Business Improvement Zone 2026-2027 assessment in the amount of \$783,672.92.

Moved by Josh Elling.

Supported by Brian Carnaghi.

Yes: all No: none

Resolution 2026-12 was adopted.

b. Setting Strategic Priorities with Becky Davenport, Strategiz

Becky Davenport, Strategiz, led a strategic planning session with the Board that detailed overarching goals and informed project priorities.

V. Public Comment

There we no members of the public wishing to comment.

VI. Other Business

The next Meeting of the Rivertown Business Improvement Zone Board of Directors will take place May 27 at 9:30 a.m. at the Thome Rivertown Senior Apartments at 260 McDougall Street.

Josh Elling informed the board of an independent Rivertown Economic Improvement Group that is being hosted by Jefferson East Inc. at the request of the City to help property owners with vacant or underdeveloped property.

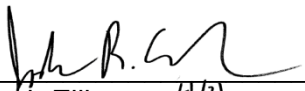
Chip Rohde also informed the Board of the April 22 Rivertown Detroit Association Meeting at University Prep on Franklin Street; the City Director of Neighborhoods will be in attendance.

Chip Rohde also informed the Board of the Rivertown Fishing Fest for Kids which will take place on the Riverfront on May 2, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

VII. Adjournment

Chairperson Arthur "Chip" Rohde asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:59 a.m.

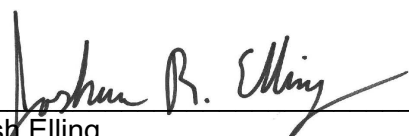
Proposed minutes respectfully submitted,



Josh Elling 4/21
Secretary

Date: April 21, 2026

Approved by the Board of Directors at a regular meeting held on May 27, 2026:



Josh Elling
Secretary

Date: May 29, 2026