



**DOWNTOWN DETROIT BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT ZONE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**REGULAR MEETING**

Tuesday, February 27, 2024

9:00 a.m.

1420 Broadway

Suite 101

Detroit, MI 48226

**MEETING MINUTES**

Proposed Minutes

Approved Minutes

Regular

Special

**I. Call To Order**

The meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 9:06 a.m. by Steve Ogden, Chairperson of the Board of Directors.

Chairman Ogden welcomed members of the Detroit Police Department (DPD) to the meeting and thanked them for their collaboration with the BIZ and the Downtown community: Captain Dana Russell, Lt. Pride Henry, Sgt. Denise Wallet, Sgt. Scott Barrick, and Neighborhood Police Officers Steven Engebretson and Jason Briggs.

Vice Chairperson Homic Hoge added that the BIZ Board is interested in understanding what Members and other property and business owners can do to support DPD and Downtown safety.

Capt. Russell led a conversation with the BIZ Board about her team's work as it relates to the BIZ.

## II. Roll Call

George Barnes, Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Charlie Beckham, Director	<input type="checkbox"/> Present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent
David Di Rita, Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Linda Forte, Director	<input type="checkbox"/> Present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent
Regina Gaines, Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Rainy Hamilton, Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Kenneth Hayward, Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Debra Homic Hoge, Vice Chairperson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Richard Hosey, Director	<input type="checkbox"/> Present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent
Michael McLauchlan, Secretary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Christos Moises, Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Steve Ogden, Chairperson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Athina Papas, Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Dwight Phillips, Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Tony Tomczak, Treasurer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent

12 members of the Board of Directors were present, 3 members absent, and a quorum present.

Downtown Detroit Partnership staff and vendor attendees included:

Eric Larson, Downtown Detroit Partnership  
Gina Cavaliere, Downtown Detroit Partnership  
Krissy Johnson, Downtown Detroit Partnership  
Joshua Long, Downtown Detroit Partnership  
Anjana Schroeder, Downtown Detroit Partnership  
DeShawn Singleton, Downtown Detroit Partnership  
Jessica Tate, Downtown Detroit Partnership  
Crystal Coles, Downtown Detroit Partnership  
Kitty Whitfield, Downtown Detroit Partnership  
Maryann Listman, Downtown Detroit Partnership  
KaTaya Beverly, Downtown Detroit Partnership  
Cabbon Winston, Block by Block  
Barri Biederman, Outreach Specialist, Block by Block  
Cari Easterday, Downtown Detroit Partnership  
Steve Liedel, Dykema

Other attendees included:

Denise Wallet, Seargent, Detroit Police Department; Steve Engebretson, Neighborhood Police Officer, Detroit Police Department; Captain Dana Russell, Detroit Police Department; Jason Briggs, Neighborhood Police Officer, Detroit Police Department; Scott Barrick, Seargent, Detroit Police Department; Lieutenant Pride Henry, Detroit Police Department.

Chairperson Ogden called for a motion to excuse the absent member.

Moved by: Christos Moises, Director

Supported by: Michael McLauchlan, Secretary

Yes: *All* No: *None*

### **III. Approval of Agenda**

The Chairperson asked for a motion to adopt the proposed agenda.

Moved by: Debra Homic Hoge, Vice Chairperson

Supported by: Athina Papas, Director

Yes: *All* No: *None*

The agenda was adopted.

### **IV. Approval of Minutes**

Chairperson Steve Ogden asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2023, Regular Meeting, Annual Meeting of Owners of Assessable Property and Special Meeting of Owners of Assessable Property.

Moved by: Kenneth Hayward, Director

Supported by: Tony Tomczak, Treasurer

Yes: *All* No: *None*

The minutes were approved.

### **V. Administrative Report**

Gina Cavaliere provided the Administrative Report and advised the Board of Directors to reference the Board packet for additional BIZ Highlights and updates. Cavaliere introduced Downtown Detroit Partnership new accountant Crystal Coles to the BIZ Board Members. Ambassador of the year video was shown to the BIZ Board members and Cabbon Winston, Ambassador of the Year for 2023, was congratulated for all his hard work. Josh Long spoke about Downtown Detroit datascape results. Kitty Whitfield mentioned the job fair coming to Downtown Detroit on March 20, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. at the Fox Theater. Krissy Johnson discussed the BIZ financials with the Board members.

### **VI. Audits (None)**

### **VII. Executive Committee Report**

Executive Committee Meeting of February 6, 2024:

Chairperson Steve Ogden referenced the written report of the Executive Committee Meeting on February 6, 2024. He asked for a motion to accept the Executive Committee report.

Moved by: Athina Papas, Director

Supported by: Tony Tomczak, Treasurer

*Yes: All      No: None*

The report of the Executive Committee was accepted into the record of the Board.

### **VIII. Old Business**

There was no old business.

### **IX. New Business**

#### **a. Resolution 2024-01: Request for Collection of Delinquent Assessments in the Same Manner as Delinquent Taxes**

The Chairperson asked for a motion to approve the proposed resolution to request that unpaid assessments be collected in the same manner as delinquent property taxes.

Moved by: Kenneth Hayward, Director

Supported by: Rainy Hamilton, Director

*Yes: All      No: None*

Resolution 2024-01 was adopted.

### **X. Public Comment**

There were no comments from the public.

### **XI. Other Business**

Director Athina Papas announced upcoming NFL Greektown events coming to Downtown Detroit April 25, 26, and 27, 2024. For more information, visit the Greektown Neighborhood website at <https://www.greektowndetroit.org/events>. Eric Larson thanked the Board of Directors and everyone for coming to the meeting.

### **XII. Adjournment**

Chairperson Steve Ogden asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Moved by: Tony Tomczak, Treasurer

Supported by: Michael McLauchlan, Secretary

*Yes: All      No: None*

The meeting adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

**Certification of Minutes**

Proposed minutes respectfully submitted,



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Michael McLauchlan  
Secretary

February 27, 2024

Date

Approved by the Board of Directors at a regular meeting held on May 14, 2024.



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Michael McLauchlan  
Secretary

May 14, 2024

Date