



TO BE HELD In the Memorial Building Women's Club Room and via Zoom Meeting

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Economic Development Corporation Meeting Agenda

Amended March 10th 2026 at 200pm

1. Call to Order
2. Recording of the Roll.
3. Approval of the Minutes of February 4, 2026
4. Approval of the Agenda.
5. Citizens wishing to address the Corporation regarding Items on the Agenda (Three-minute limit).
6. Citizens wishing to address the Corporation regarding items not on the Agenda (Three-minute limit).
7. Items for Discussion and Consideration.
 - A. 2026 Goals
 1. Communication – promote what the EDC is and does.
 2. Promote workforce Development – Address contractor availability by promoting programming of UP Michigan Works, connecting with school programming, etc
 3. Work with Chamber and GCC Workforce Development– hospitality program (training in assets of the region)
 4. Collaborate with the Ironwood Tourism Council in promotion of the area.
 5. Work with vacation rentals to push assets through promotional materials (one page brochure and QR codes) promotional kit for Chamber members.
 6. Continue work towards regional Economic Development Organization
 7. Housing – Quantification of the difference between taxing in the City and other areas. (How housing TIF might be able to make the City more competitive)
 8. Work with Chamber of Commerce on planning for the future.
8. Other Business.
9. Next Meeting: April 1, 2026
10. Adjournment.



**Proceedings of the Economic Development Corporation Meeting
Wednesday, February 4, 2026**

A Regular Meeting of the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) was held on Wednesday, February 4, 2026, at 10:00 A.M. in the Women's Club Room.

1. Ackerman-Behr called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
2. Recording of the Roll.

MEMBER	Present		EXCUSED	NOT EXCUSED	TERM EXPIRATION
	YES	NO			
Vacant					10/31/2026
Simon Batu	X				10/31/2026
Vacant					10/31/2027
Corcoran, Kim	X				10/31/2027
Virshek, Danielle	X				10/31/2027
Ackerman-Behr, Glen	X				10/31/2027
Libby, Carolyn	X				10/31/2027
Lehto, Steve	X				10/31/2028
Raush, Ken	X				10/31/2029
Quorum	7	0	Quorum		

Also Present: Community Development Director Tom Bergman and Community Development Assistant Tim Erickson.

3. Approval of the December 3, 2025, Meeting Minutes.

Motion by Corcoran to accept the meeting minutes. Second by Raush. Motion Carried 6 to 0.

4. Approval of the Agenda.

Motion by Corcoran to approve the agenda. Second by Raush. Motion Carried 6 to 0.

5. Citizens wishing to address the Corporation regarding Items on the Agenda (Three-minute limit): None.
6. Citizens wishing to address the Corporation regarding items not on the agenda (Three-minute limit): Monica Bensen with Gogebic Community College addressed the Corporation with a digital communication workshop that is being conducted at the college. She talked about a career exploration event at GCC.

The Community Development Educator in Iron County discussed some of their programming. He talked about a bootcamp.

7. Items for Discussion and Consideration: The EDC introduced themselves to Simon who is a new member on the board.
 - A. Discuss and consider adoption of 2026 Goals: Corcoran asked if action items could be included. Libby asked about the comp plan survey could be used to add items to the EDC agenda. Inviting the ITC members to attend an EDC meeting is a possibility. Tom will give updates on the progress with the Regional EDO. Leveraging the EDC boards time to represent the EDC was discussed by Ackerman-Behr. Raush brought up the Chamber and the Daily Globe publications. Having an EDC member at City Commission meetings was discussed.

2026 is the year of Collaboration for the EDC!

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Motion by Lehto to approve the 2026 goals. Second by Corcoran. Motion Carried 7 to 0.

8. Other Business: Changing the meeting to March 11th was discussed.
9. Next Meeting: March 4, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.
10. Adjournment.

Motion by Corcoran to adjourn at 10:18 a.m. Second by Virshek. Motion Carried 7 to 0.

Ackerman-Behr, President

Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant