

**City of Battle Creek
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

City Hall - 10 N. Division St.

Room 302A

Friday, December 12, 2025

8:30 am

AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. Welcome and introductions (as needed)
3. Public Comment
4. Approval of minutes
 - a. December 2, 2022
5. Election of directors and officers
 - a. Election of Officers
 - i. Tom Beuchler, President
 - ii. Anmar Achu, Vice President
 - iii. Ted Dearing, Secretary
6. Economic Development
 - a. Participant updates
7. Board Member Comments
8. Adjournment

Attachments:

- Agenda
- Minutes December 2, 2022
- EDC Roster

Economic Development Corporation Meeting
December 2, 2022
City Hall
Enterprise Video Conferencing
Battle Creek, MI
9:00 A.M.

Present: Ted Dearing, Rebecca Fleury, Tom Beuchler, Brenda Whited, Anmar Atchu, Erick Stewart and Mayor Mark Behnke

Absent: Stacy Flathau and Joe Sobieralski

Staff Present: Victoria Houser, City Clerk

Call to Order: Mr. Beuchler called the meeting to order at 9:03 A.M.

Welcome and Introductions: Members of the committee introduced themselves.

Public Comment: There were no public comments.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Mayor Mark Behnke, supported by Mr. Anmar Atchu, to approve the December 17, 2021 Economic Development Corporation meeting minutes. All yes, none opposed. Motion approved.

Election of Directors and Officers

1. Election of Officers:

- a. **Tom Beuchler, President**
- b. **Anmar Atchu, Vice President**
- c. **Ted Dearing, Secretary**
- d. **Rebecca Fleury, Treasurer**

A motion was made by Mayor Mark Behnke, supported by Mr. Erick Stewart, to unanimously approve the proposed slate of officers. All yes, none opposed. Motion approved.

Economic Development Participant Updates: Members gave updates about various projects, including progress on the McCamly Hotel site, New Holland, Hollander Workforce Development, Upholdings, 17 West Michigan, the Van Buren lot, the Dolliver Building, the River Restoration, along with programming and events, such as the Winter Wonderland. Committee members also emphasized the need for residential housing units, not rental units.

Board Member Comments: Mr. Stewart suggested the committee meet more than once a year to discuss projects and ensure momentum.

Adjournment: Mr. Beuchler asked if there were any further comments. Hearing none, the meeting was adjourned at 9:33 A.M.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Authorization:

Economic Development Corporation established under Act 338 of 1974 and pursuant to the Resolution adopting Ordinance dated May 11, 1976.

Appointing Authority:

Mayor and City Commission.

Liaison:

Ted Dearing, Assistant City Manager
TEDearing@battlecreekmi.gov

Purpose:

To alleviate unemployment conditions and assist in industry retention and, in general, to promote the general welfare of the City of Battle Creek.

Membership:

Nine (9) member Board of Directors, not more than three (3) of whom shall be an officer or employee of the City of Battle Creek, and at least two (2) of whom shall be representative of the neighborhood residents likely to be affected by the activities of the Corporation.

Term:

Six years. If a vacancy is created by resignation or death, a successor shall be appointed within 30 days for the remainder of the term.

Restrictions:

A Director who has a direct interest in any matter before the Corporation shall disclose his interest prior to the Corporation taking any action with respect to the matter.

Cannot be expanded.

Compensation:

None.

Meeting Schedule:

As Needed.

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NAME	ORGANIZATION	TERM EXPIRES
Joe Sobieralski	Battle Creek Unlimited	01/14/2028
Erick Stewart	Lagniappe Community Advocacy	01/14/2028
Tom Beuchler	Resident	01/16/2030
Anmar Atchu	Hinman Company	01/08/2031
VACANT – 2 seats		
COMMISSION MEMBERS		
Mark Behnke	City of Battle Creek	2024-2026 Term
CITY MEMBERS		
Ted Dearing	City of Battle Creek	01/16/2030
Amanda Zimmerlin	City of Battle Creek	TBD

Appointments are made of Project Area Representatives to the EDC, as necessary, when specific projects are being developed for industries.