



BATTLE CREEK DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Authorization:

Created and authorized by the City Commission pursuant to Act 197 of the Public Acts of 1975 of the State of Michigan. (Resolution of January 23, 1979.)

Appointing Authority:

City Manager with approval by City Commission.
New appointees must be sworn in.

Liaison:

Ted Dearing, Assistant City Manager
TEDearing@battlecreekmi.gov

Purpose:

To correct and prevent deterioration in the downtown development district; To encourage historic preservation; To authorize the creation and implementation of development and financial plans in the district; To promote economic in the district; To own, operate, and maintain the Kellogg Center and other facilities in the downtown deployment district; and To authorize the acquisition and disposal of interest in real and personal property.

Membership:

Eight (8) members plus Chief Executive Officer of municipality, with at least five (5) members having an interest in property located in the downtown district.

Term:

Four years, except in filling a vacancy, which term must be just for the unexpired time. (See By-Laws.)

Special Requirements:

None.

Compensation:

None, but reimbursement for actual expenses.

Meeting Schedule:

Quarterly and/or As Needed.

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MEMBERS

NAME	ORGANIZATION	TERM EXPIRES
Paul Conkey	Griffin Pub*	03/20/2026
Kara Beer	Battle Creek Area Chamber of Commerce	09/19/2026
Nelson Karre	Vandervoort, Christ & Fisher, P.C.*	03/20/2027
Cody Newman	Driven Design Studio*	03/20/2027
Ross Simpson	Clara's on the River*	03/20/2027
Edward Guzzo	Resident	03/20/2028
Kimberly Carter	Battle Creek Public Schools*	07/11/2029
Michael Patton	Southwestern Michigan Urban League*	08/19/2029
COMMISSION MEMBERS		
Carla Reynolds	City of Battle Creek	2024-2026 Term
Chris Simmons	City of Battle Creek	2024-2026 Term
CITY MEMBERS		
Amanda Zimmerlin	City of Battle Creek	Open-ended
ADVISORY MEMBERS		
Monique French	County Appointed	12/31/2026
Kelli Scott	Calhoun County Administrator	12/31/2026
Dr. Terance Lunger	Calhoun Intermediate School District	Tenure of Office

**Property Owners in the District*