

DeKalb County Enterprise Zone Advisory Board Meeting
Thursday, June 26, 2025
4:00 PM

Meeting Location:
DCEDC Conference Room
2179 Sycamore Road; Unit 102
DeKalb, IL

Attendance/Voting Members: Tia Anderson, Rena Cotsones (proxy – Dr. Freeman), Jill Fletcher (proxy - Dr. Borowicz), Bill Nicklas, Pramit Patel, Frank Roberts, Cortney Strohacker, Dan Templin

Attendance/Ex-Officio Members: Armir Doka (CUSD #428), Mary Hess (DeKalb Township)

Staff: Melissa Amedeo, Andrea Van Drew

MINUTES

Roll call at 4:00 PM. Quorum met.

Patel called for approval of the meeting agenda. Motion by Nicklas and seconded by Anderson. Meeting agenda approved.

Amedeo called for approval of the minutes from the previous Enterprise Zone Advisory Board meeting on June 4, 2025. Motion by Nicklas and second by Strohacker. Meeting minutes approved.

Patel opened the meeting to public comments. No comments.

Current enterprise zone project updates presented. Open project in Genoa at J6 Polymers for a tank farm expansion at their current location. A potential project with ComEd is in the pipeline with an application for a new substation just south of the Meta Campus, which is expected to support future development activities. Additional future projects include the Marriott hotel development and potential projects in Sandwich.

A boundary expansion is in progress to accommodate future growth on the south side of DeKalb, with the Department of Agriculture review sent out for approval. DCEDC staff are working on the remaining application steps.

New DCEDC website has made it easier for navigating inquiries about the Enterprise Zone. Marketing ads are running with the Daily Chronicle.

Motion to adjourn by Anderson, seconded by Templin. Meeting adjourned at 4:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Van Drew, Economic Development Specialist