

**DeKalb County Enterprise Zone Advisory Board Meeting**  
**Thursday, September 18, 2025**  
**4:00 PM**

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

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

**Attendance/Ex-Officio Members:** Cohen Barnes (City of DeKalb), Randy Bourdages (Afton Township), Armir Doka (CUSD #428), Kim Halsey (Sycamore Library), Mary Hess (DeKalb Township), Nelson Hillquist (Afton Road & Bridge), Amy Nykasa (Village of Waterman), Nicole Stuckert (CUSD #427)

**Staff:** Melissa Amedeo, Andrea Van Drew

**MINUTES**

Roll call at 4:07 PM. Quorum met.

Patel called for approval of the meeting agenda. Motion by Templin and seconded by Callighan. Meeting agenda approved.

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

Patel opened the meeting to public comments. No comments.

Current enterprise zone project updates presented. Five projects opened in 2025 to date with additional prospects in the pipeline. Current projects for 2025 include Marriott hotel, ComEd substation, Anytime Fitness in Sycamore, and J6 Polymers. Potential plastics manufacturer in Sycamore in early-stage discussion.

The boundary expansion application is progressing smoothly. Approval from IL Department of Agriculture received for zone expansion and land-use change. DCEDC staff are currently scheduling ordinance approvals with local governing bodies. Expected to complete local approvals by early-to-mid October. No issues anticipated.

Noted that the DeKalb County Enterprise Zone expires in 2030. Renewal paperwork with State of Illinois can begin in 2029 with prep in late 2028.

Motion to adjourn by Anderson, seconded by Konan. Meeting adjourned at 4:18 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
*Andrea Van Drew, Economic Development Specialist*