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

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

Attendance/Voting Members: Tia Anderson, Paul Callighan, Mike Kokott, LaCretia Konen (proxy - Dr. Borowicz), Rob Larkins, Bill Nicklas, Pramit Patel, Cortney Strohacker, Dan Templin

Attendance/Ex-Officio Members: Randy Bourdages (Afton Township), Armir Doka (CUSD #428), Amy Nykasa (Village of Waterman)

Staff: Melissa Amedeo, Andrea Van Drew

MINUTES

Roll call at 4:11 PM. Quorum met.

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

Patel called for approval of the minutes from the previous Enterprise Zone Advisory Board meeting on September 18, 2025. Motion by Anderson and second by Callighan. Meeting minutes approved.

Patel opened the meeting to public comments. No comments.

Current enterprise zone project updates presented. Ending the year with eight projects opened in 2025. DCEDC notified of additional potential prospects in DeKalb for 2026.

Amedeo presented two property tax abatements for approval by the advisory board. Project Vector in DeKalb qualifies for a 20-year High Impact Project Interstate Competition Market Capital-intensive Knowledge-Based property tax abatement. Motion to approve entering into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Project Vector was made by Nicklas and seconded by Larkins.

Project Midwest in DeKalb qualifies for a 10-year Interstate Competition Market Enterprise Zone Industrial Development Property Tax Abatement for Logistics and Distribution. Motion to approve entering into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Project Midwest was made by Anderson and seconded by Callighan.

Van Drew submitted the boundary expansion application to the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) at the end of November. By statute, DCEO has 90 days to approve or deny the application. DCEDC staff do not anticipate any issues and a timely response well before the 90-day window based on prior applications.

Motion to adjourn by Konen, seconded by Kokott. Meeting adjourned at 4:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Van Drew, Economic Development Specialist