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

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

Attendance/Voting Members: Tia Anderson, Paul Callighan, Dr. Lisa Freeman, Michael Hall, Derek Hiland, Rob Larkins, Bill Nicklas, Pramit Patel, Frank Roberts, Katherine McLaughlin (proxy – Strohacker), Dan Templin

Attendance/Ex-Officio Members: Jonelle Bailey (Sycamore Park District), Jessica Nall (CUSD #428)

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 Callighan and seconded by Nicklas. Meeting agenda approved.

Patel called for approval of the minutes from the previous Enterprise Zone Advisory Board meeting on December 18, 2025. Motion by Hiland and seconded by Nicklas. Meeting minutes approved. Noted there were no meeting minutes due to no quorum for March 16, 2026.

Patel opened the meeting to public comments. No comments.

Amedeo presented one property tax abatement Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for approval by the advisory board. Millhurst Manufacturing in DeKalb qualifies for a 5-year countywide property tax abatement. Motion to approve entering into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Millhurst Manufacturing was made by Freeman and seconded by Callighan.

Current enterprise zone project updates presented. On going work at Meta, Kraft-Heinz, Project Midwest, and Syngenta Grow House. New work at DeKalb Commerce Center that will support the future Pilot Travel Center. Awaiting application from Edged Endeavor.

DCEDC waiting on further application process and guidance from the State of Illinois to renew the DeKalb County Enterprise Zone. No action needed at this time.

Motion to adjourn by Anderson, seconded by Callighan. Meeting adjourned at 4:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Van Drew, Economic Development Specialist