

# **COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**May 12, 2026**

**C – Minutes from the April 21, 2026 meeting**

**MINUTES**  
**COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**Tuesday, April 21, 2026 – 10:00 a.m.**

**Hearing Room 704, Guardian Building, 500 Griswold, Detroit, MI 48226 and on  
Zoom.us**

A. Roll Call 10:06 a.m.

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| Glenn S. Anderson (C)       | – Present          |
| Allen R. Wilson (VC)        | – Present          |
| Sam Baydoun                 | – EDS (10:23 a.m.) |
| Jonathan C. Kinloch         | – Present          |
| Angelique Peterson-Mayberry | – Present          |
| Monique Baker McCormick     | – Present          |
| Joseph Palamara             | – Present          |

B. Chair's Remarks

C. Peterson-Mayberry/  
Baker McCormick

**Approved.** The April 9, 2026 meeting minutes.  
Motion Carried.

Yeas -- Commissioners Anderson, Wilson,  
Kinloch, Peterson-Mayberry, Baker  
McCormick, Palamara -- 6

Not voting – Commissioner Baydoun -- 1

D. Unfinished Business

E. New Business

1. Kinloch/Peterson-Mayberry

**Forwarded to Full Board to receive and file.**  
Communication from Mark Schrupp,  
Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority Executive  
Director, forwarding a report on Detroit/Wayne  
County Port Authority projects and initiatives  
proposed throughout Wayne County for the  
2025-2026 Fiscal Year, pursuant to Enrolled  
Ordinance No. 2025-659, page 12, item 62.  
(2026-69-024) Motion Carried.

Mark Schrupp provided an overview.

There was a discussion about the Port  
Authority being financially stable, adding a  
bollard, and presenting job opportunities and  
training to students. They also discussed Great  
Lakes Maritime Academy students getting

guaranteed jobs and other union jobs available to non-Academy students after graduation.

Yeas -- Commissioners Anderson, Wilson, Kinloch, Peterson-Mayberry, Baker McCormick, Palamara – 6

Not voting – Commissioner Baydoun -- 1

The Committee moved items E.2-6 together.

2. Palamara/Kinloch **Forwarded to Full Board to receive and file.** Communication from Anthony Cartwright, Interim Director, Economic Development Department, through the Economic Vitality Division, forwarding a report on Economic Development Corporation projects and initiatives for Fiscal Years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025, pursuant to Enrolled Ordinance No. 2025-659, page 25, item 5. (2026-96-061) Motion Carried.
3. Palamara/Kinloch **Forwarded to Full Board to receive and file.** Communication from Anthony Cartwright, Interim Director, Economic Development Department, through the Economic Vitality Division, forwarding a report on Economic Development Corporation projects and initiatives for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, pursuant to Enrolled Ordinance No. 2025-659, page 25, item 6. (2026-96-062) Motion Carried.
4. Palamara/Kinloch **Forwarded to Full Board to receive and file.** Communication from Anthony Cartwright, Interim Director, Economic Development Department, through the Economic Vitality Division, forwarding a status report on the Detroit Region Aerotropolis and former Pinnacle Race Course property, pursuant to Enrolled Ordinance No. 2025-659, page 25, item 7. (2026-96-063) Motion Carried.

Anthony Cartwright provided an overview.

There was a discussion about other businesses coming into that area, retiring County debt on the former Pinnacle Race Course property and Christopher Girdwood coming to a future meeting to provide a Detroit Region Aerotropolis overview.

5. Palamara/Kinloch

**Forwarded to Full Board to receive and file.**

Communication from Anthony Cartwright, Interim Director, Economic Development Department, through the Economic Vitality Division, forwarding a report on the status of American Rescue Plan Act of 2021-funded projects through Fiscal Year 2024-2025, pursuant to Enrolled Ordinance No. 2025-659, page 25, item 16. (2026-96-069) Motion Carried.

Anthony Cartwright provided an overview.

There was a discussion about \$11 million not being earmarked.

6. Palamara/Kinloch

**Forwarded to Full Board to receive and file.**

Communication from the City of Dearborn forwarding notice that its City Council scheduled a meeting on April 14, 2026 to consider adoption of the brownfield plan and reimbursement agreement for 15625 Lundy Parkway, in accordance with Public Act 381 of 1996, as amended. (2026-69-027) Motion Carried.

Yeas -- Commissioners Anderson, Wilson, Baydoun, Kinloch, Peterson-Mayberry, Baker McCormick, Palamara -- 7

7. Baker McCormick/  
Peterson-Mayberry

**Approved.** Modification No. 8 to a grant agreement between the Charter County of Wayne and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, reallocating \$460,000 of Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus funds from COVID administration to Focus:HOPE (of Detroit), and extending the terms and exercising delegated authority under the 2019 Annual Action Plan to Focus:HOPE and Operation Refuge (of Inkster) to continue and expand food distribution to support families and seniors in need; the terms are extended through December 31, 2026; the term of the Action Plan remains from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020; the total amount of the Action Plan remains \$17,211,342; the revenue will continue to be deposited into Account No.

29801 899009 5220010 (Covid 19 CDBG 20 CARES). (2019-20-059M8) Motion Carried.

Stephanie Cayce provided an overview.

There was a discussion about Focus:HOPE distributing food at 18 sites.

Yeas -- Commissioners Anderson, Wilson, Baydoun, Kinloch, Peterson-Mayberry, Baker McCormick, Palamara -- 7

8. Kinloch/Peterson-Mayberry

**Contingent Approval.** A two-year grant services contract between the Charter County of Wayne and Renaissance of Hope, Inc. (of Detroit) not to exceed \$3,000,000 for the rehabilitation of Adlai Stevenson School for the development of a Resource Hub; it will subcontract 100%/\$3,000,000 to Prater Commercial Carpentry (of Detroit) for exterior and interior buildout of the Resource Hub; the term will commence upon Commission approval for two years; the cost will be charged to Account No. 10110 174120 9590020 (Renaissance of Hope Resource Hub Development). (2026-96-015) Motion Carried.

Anthony Cartwright and David Merritt provided an overview.

There was a discussion about Commission staff concerns, adding the property owner into the contract, speaking with the Office of Corporation Counsel about proposed changes, and public use of the facility and Commissioners visiting the site.

The item was approved contingent upon revisions being made to the contract.

Yeas -- Commissioners Anderson, Wilson, Baydoun, Kinloch, Peterson-Mayberry, Baker McCormick, Palamara -- 7

F. Such other matters as may be submitted before the Committee.

G. Public Comments

Jason Dixon provided comments.

H. Adjournment

Kinloch/Palamara  
Adjournment at 10:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
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