



GRAND RAPIDS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES

**Thursday, October 23, 2025
4:00 PM**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a regular meeting of the Grand Rapids Economic Development Authority will be held in the City Council Chambers in the Grand Rapids City Hall, 420 North Pokegama Avenue, in Grand Rapids, Minnesota on Thursday, October 23, 2025 at 4:00 PM.

CALL TO ORDER

CALL OF ROLL

PRESENT

President Sholom Blake
Commissioner Wayne Bruns
Council Representative Rick Blake
Council Representative Dan Mertes

ABSENT

Commissioner Al Hodnik
Commissioner Bill Martinetto
Commissioner Jean MacDonell

STAFF

Rob Mattei
Aurimy Groom

SETTING OF THE REGULAR AGENDA - *This is an opportunity to approve the regular agenda as presented, or to add/delete an agenda item by a majority vote of the Commissioners present.*

Approved without addition.

APPROVE MINUTES

1. Consider approval of minutes from the October 9th, 2025 regular meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Mertes, second by Commissioner Bruns to approve the minutes from the October 9th, 2025 regular meeting. The following voted in favor thereof: Bruns, Mertes, S. Blake, R. Blake. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

APPROVE CLAIMS

2. Consider approval of claims in the amount of \$4,283.39

Motion by Commissioner R. Blake, second by Commissioner Bruns to approve claims in the amount of \$4,283.39. The following voted in favor thereof: R. Blake, S. Blake, Mertes, Bruns. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

UPDATES

Commissioner Martinetto joined the meeting at 4:03 p.m.

Downtown Alliance- A meeting was held led by Katrina Pierson of Pierson Henry it was a great turn out with 35 people in attendance. The articles of corporation have been filed and a posting for the Executive Director will be advertised in the next month.

Crystal Lake Estates 2nd Addition- The preliminary plat is completed and will go before the Planning Commission at their November Meeting. Staff will advertised for bids in early 2026 for demolition and utilities with work commencing in the spring.

GREDA Website- This is still a work in progress staff is working with a photographer to get new photos.

Blandin Foundation Grant- There is a budget of \$45,000 for the next three years to implement a communications plan which includes social media, press releases and promote GREDA programs.

2026 Workplan- The next meeting will focus on the development of the 2026 Workplan.

ADJOURN

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:11 p.m.

MEMBERS & TERMS

Dan Mertes - 12/31/2025 Council Representative

Rick Blake - 12/31/2025 Council Representative

Wayne Bruns - 3/1/31

Sholom Blake - 3/1/31

Al Hodnik - 3/1/27

Bill Martinetto - 3/1/29

Jean MacDonell – 3/1/30