

City of Flint Downtown Development Authority
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Board of Directors
March 25, 2026
502 Church Street, Flint, Michigan

Board Member	Present	Absent
Mayor Sheldon Neeley, Chairperson	X	
Davina Donahue, Secretary	X	
Loyst Fletcher, Jr., Vice Chairperson		X
John Gazall, Design Chair	X	
Louis Hawkins,		X
Casey Lester, Marketing & Promotions Chair		X
Robert Kittel	X	
Montel Meniffee	X	
Greg Viener, Treasurer and Personnel & Finance Chair		X
Rodney Lontine	X	
Mama Sol	X	
Emily Doerr	X	

Others Attending: Brandy Curtis, Operations Director, City of Flint DDA; Sheri Sprygada, CPA, Taylor & Morgan; and, Damion Frasier, Esq.

A. Call to Order: Mayor Neeley, Chairperson, declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 7:37 a.m.

B. Opportunity for Public to Address the Board: None.

C. Approval of Minutes:

Upon motion by Robert Kittel, supported by Rodney Lontine, the DDA Board of Directors unanimously approved the minutes for the February 25, 2025 meeting of the Board of Directors.

D. Personnel and Finance Committee:

Sheri Sprygada provided the DDA's February financial report, and reported the DDA's finances are on target with the budget. Sheri presented the proposed budget for fiscal year 2026-2027. Discussion on the proposed budget, inclusive of the profitability of electric vehicle charging stations in the Kearsley Street flat lot, tax increment finance revenues and dispute, and DDA property tax collections from its personal property millage, was held.

Upon motion by Robert Lontine, supported by John Gazall, the DDA Board unanimously approved the 2026-2027 Budget, a copy of which is attached, as presented.

E. Operations Report (Mayor Neeley left meeting and John Gazall served as acting chairperson):

Brandy reported on discussions with URC on parking violators with numerous tickets and the DDA plan to use Denver Boot on vehicles with multiple violations. The DDA is working with the City of Flint and University of Michigan Flint to schedule policing levels during events.

The Board held a discussion on Mott Foundation grants for events and in connection with that it reviewed policy considerations for rental of the Kearsley Street flat lot. After that discussion, upon motion by Davina Donahue, supported by Emily Doerr, the DDA Board approved moving \$5,000.00 of DDA budget funds from Christmas Tree Lighting for the Fourth of July Celebration, with the \$5,000.00 being treated as an in-kind donation of the use of the Kearsley Street flat lot for the event, with all Rodney Lontine abstaining based on a conflict of interest and all others voting in favor of the motion.

The Board requested that legal counsel develop a proposed policy regarding use of the Kearsley Street flat lot for festivals and events to establish better guidelines for DDA staff to determine what events to allow.

Brandy reported that the DDA office will be closed on April 16, 2026 because of the need for staff to testify at a hearing involving the harassment of one of the DDA's parking enforcement officers.

F. Marketing and Promotions Committee: None.

G. Design Committee:

John Gazall led a discussion on the condition of Saginaw Street

H. Economic Development: None.

I. Correspondences: None.

J. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:35 a.m.

Davina Donahue, Secretary