

**GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

January 12, 2023, Organizational Meeting Minutes

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Kevin Endres called the meeting to order at 8:03 AM

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kevin Endres, Keef Morgan, Dennis Arouca, Mi Stanley, Merek Roman, Beth Friend

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jesse Wolff, Nate Alger, Gary Howe

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Chris Forsyth

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**  
None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**MOVED** by Morgan seconded by Arouca to approve the agenda as presented.  
**APPROVED**, unanimously

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOVED** by Arouca, seconded Flynn to approve the December 8, 2022 meeting minutes as presented.  
**APPROVED**, unanimously

Members of the board introduced themselves.

**REPORT/ACTION ITEMS:**

- a) Memo regarding Organizational Meeting Tasks  
Chris Forsyth discussed the memo provided in the packet and directed the board to take action on outlined items.
  - 1) Appoint Corporate Officers

**MOVED** by Flynn, seconded Roman to nominate Endres as Chair  
Roll Call Vote  
YAYS – Flynn, Friend, Endres, Morgan, Arouca, Roman  
NAYS -  
**APPROVED** unanimously

**MOVED** by Roman, seconded by Flynn to nominate Morgan as Vice Chair  
Roll Call Vote  
YAYS – Roman, Arouca, Morgan, Endres, Flynn, Friend  
NAYS -  
**APPROVED** unanimously

**MOVED** by Morgan, seconded by Endres to nominate Arouca as Secretary  
Roll Call Vote  
YAYS – Friend, Endres, Morgan, Arouca, Roman, Flynn  
NAYS  
**APPROVED** unanimously

**MOVED** by Flynn, seconded by Friend to nominate Roman as Treasurer

Roll Call Vote

YAYS – Flynn, Friend, Endres, Morgan, Arouca, Roman

NAYS

**APPROVED** unanimously

2) Set Meeting Schedule

**MOVED** by Friend, seconded by Morgan to approve the meeting schedule as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday in January and the second Thursday in August.

Roll Call Vote

YAYS – Friend, Endres, Morgan, Arouca, Roman, Flynn

NAYS

**APPROVED** unanimously

3) Appoint 4th member to the Executive Committee

**MOVED** by Endres, seconded by Roman to appoint Mi Stanley as the 4<sup>th</sup> member of the Executive Committee.

Roll Call Vote

YAYS – Arouca, Roman, Flynn, Friend, Endres, Morgan

NAYS

**APPROVED** unanimously

Forsyth shared an overview of the EDC Strategic Plan

Arouca suggested providing a set of orientation documents, such as the EDC bylaws, the Traverse Connect Contract, and a background of the EDC board.

Forsyth stated he would be glad to put that together.

Arouca volunteered to help.

Forsyth further discussed the strategic plan and re-start of Northern Nexus

Friend suggested Forsyth provide a presentation to the MTA board for EPIC GT. Forsyth commented he would be willing to do that.

**SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT (Refer to Rules under Public Comment/Input above)**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 AM