

**MICHIGAN STRATEGIC FUND  
FINAL MEETING MINUTES  
February 26, 2019**

**Members Present**

Jeremy Hendges  
Stephen Hicks  
Andrew Lockwood (on behalf of Treasurer Eubanks)  
Terrence J.L. Reeves  
Greg Tedder (on behalf of Chairman Mason)  
Wayne Wood

**Member joined by phone**

Carl Camden

**Members Absent**

Paul Gentilozzi  
Larry Koops  
Terri Jo Umlor  
Shaun Wilson

Mr. Tedder called the meeting to order at 10:04 am.

Mr. Tedder introduced the following legislators and legislative staff: Representative Jon Hoadley speaking in support of the Kzoo Hotel Partners LLC project in Kalamazoo; Representative Julie Alexander speaking in support of the Jackson Downtown Partners LLC project in Jackson; Heidi Lowen Zabik on behalf of Representative Jim Ellison speaking in support of the RPM Freight Systems LLC project in Royal Oak; and Natalie Purser on behalf of Senator Sean McCann speaking in support of the Kzoo Hotel Partners LLC project in Kalamazoo.

**Public Comment:** Mr. Tedder asked that any attendees wishing to address the Board come forward at this time.

Ned Staebler, President and CEO of Tech Town, recounted the state's declining financial support of TechTown. He outlined the organization's diversity and inclusion efforts, indicating that 70 percent of grants went to entrepreneurs of color and that 20 percent were awarded to women. He advocated for increased funding.

**Communications:** None

**A. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Resolution 2019-015 Approval of Consent Agenda Items**

Mr. Tedder asked if there were any questions from the Board regarding the items under the Consent Agenda. There being none, Jeremy Hendges motioned for the approval of the following:

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Moran Iron Works Inc. – MBDP Award Forbearance Request – **2019-016**

University of Michigan First Customer Program – Extension and Refunding – **2019-017**

Spartan Michigan LLC – Agricultural Processing Renaissance Zone Amendment – **2019-018**

Morley Companies, Incorporated – MBDP Grant Amendment – **2019-019**

Stoneridge, Inc. – MBDP Grant Amendment – **2019-020**  
The Kroger Company of Michigan – MBDP Grant Amendment – **2019-021**  
250 W. Larned, LLC – MCRP Equity Investment Consent Recommendation – **2019-022**  
Diamond Place, LLC – MCRP Administrative Correction Approval Request – **2019-023**  
MyLocker Properties, LLC – MBGF Loan Participation/Servicing Loan Award Amendment – **2019-024**

Terrence J.L. Reeves seconded the motion. **The motion carried: 7 ayes; 0 nays; 0 recused.**

## **B. BUSINESS INVESTMENT**

### **B1. Business Growth**

#### **Resolution 2019-025 RPM Freight Systems, LLC – MBDP Grant**

*Matthew Chasnis, Business Development Project Manager, provided the Board with information regarding this action item.* Following brief discussion, Andrew Lockwood motioned for the approval of Resolution 2019-025. Jeremy Hendges seconded the motion. **The motion carried: 7 ayes; 0 nays; 0 recused.**

#### **Resolution 2019-026 US Roof, LLC – MBDP Grant**

*Jeremy Webb, Senior Business Development Project Manager, provided the Board with information regarding this action item.* Following brief discussion, Wayne Wood motioned for the approval of Resolution 2019-026. Jeremy Hendges seconded the motion. **The motion carried: 7 ayes; 0 nays; 0 recused.**

### **B2. Entrepreneurship**

#### **Resolution 2019-027 FY 2019 Business Incubator RFP – Award Recommendations**

*Nadia Abunasser, Federal & Development Projects Director, provided the Board with information regarding this action item.* Following discussion summarized below, Wayne Wood motioned for the approval of Resolution 2019-027. Andrew Lockwood seconded the motion. **The motion carried: 6 ayes; 0 nays; 0 recused; 1 abstained.**

Terrence J.L. Reeves went on the record to express support for TechTown and urged the MSF to reconsider increasing funding to the organization. He complimented TechTown for its diversity and inclusion efforts but indicated that the MSF could not constitutionally give out funding for diversity purposes. He made a motion to amend the resolution to increase TechTown funding from \$100,000 to \$150,000 so long as it met requirements of the RFP.

During deliberation, the consensus of the Board was in support for increased funding to TechTown, but members had reservations about undermining the RFP process. They expressed a desire to see increased funding through another process.

The motion died from lack of support.

Fred Molnar, MEDC Vice President of Entrepreneurship & Innovation, expressed commitment to exploring additional funding opportunities for TechTown.

#### **Resolution 2019-028 Wayne State University - MTRAC Advanced Computing Innovation Hub Approval and Funding Allocation**

*Denise Graves, University Relations Director, provided the Board with information regarding this action item.* Following brief discussion, Wayne Wood motioned for the approval of Resolution 2019-028. Jeremy Hendges seconded the motion. **The motion carried: 7 ayes; 0 nays; 0 recused**

### **C. COMMUNITY VITALITY**

**Resolutions 2019-029 & 2019-030 Kzoo Hotel Partners, LLC / City of Kalamazoo Brownfield Redevelopment Authority – MCRP Loan Participation Award and Act 381 Work Plan Approval**  
*Michelle Audette-Bauman, Community Assistance Team Specialist, provided the Board with information regarding these action items.* Following brief discussion, Wayne Wood motioned for the approval of Resolutions 2019-029 & 2019-030. Jeremy Hendges seconded the motion. **The motion carried: 7 ayes; 0 nays; 0 recused.**

**Resolutions 2019-031 & 2019-032 Jackson Downtown Partners, LLC / City of Jackson Brownfield Redevelopment Authority – MCRP Loan Participation Award and Act 381 Work Plan Approval (The 200 Redevelopment Project)**  
*Paula Holtz, Community Assistance Team Specialist, provided the Board with information regarding these action items.* Following brief discussion, Carl Camden motioned for the approval of Resolutions 2019-031 and 2019-032. Jeremy Hendges seconded the motion. **The motion carried: 7 ayes; 0 nays; 0 recused.**

**Resolution 2019-033 City of Grand Rapids Brownfield Redevelopment Authority – Act 381 Work Plan Approval (Michigan Meadows Project)**  
*Lindsay Viviano, Community Assistance Team Specialist, provided the Board with information regarding this action item.* Following brief discussion, Andrew Lockwood motioned for the approval of Resolution 2019-033. Jeremy Hendges seconded the motion. **The motion carried: 7 ayes; 0 nays; 0 recused.**

**Resolution 2019-034 Nailah Commons, LLC – Denial of Request for Waiver of MSF Brownfield MBT Amendment Policy**  
*Rob Garza, Brownfield and MCRP Senior Program Specialist, provided the Board with information regarding this action item.* Following brief discussion, Wayne Wood motioned for the approval of Resolution 2019-034. Jeremy Hendges seconded the motion. **The motion carried: 6 ayes; 0 nays; 0 recused; 1 abstained.**

Mr. Tedder adjourned the meeting at 11:55 am.



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STATE TREASURER

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Ms. Rhonda Bishop  
Board Relations Liaison  
Michigan Strategic Fund Office  
300 N. Washington Square  
Lansing, MI 48913

Re: Michigan Strategic Fund Board Meeting Designee for Treasurer Eubanks

Dear Ms. Bishop:

I hereby designate Andrew Lockwood to attend all Michigan Strategic Fund meetings that I am unable to attend in 2019.

If you need anything additional, please contact Kara Kabia at (517) 241-2624.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rachael Eubanks".

Rachael Eubanks  
State Treasurer

Cc: Eric Bussis  
Andrew Lockwood

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RE: Designation of Greg Tedder

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to MCLA 16.51, I hereby confirm my designation of Greg Tedder as the person authorized and empowered to act in my stead as a member of the Michigan Strategic Fund board for scheduled meetings I am not unable to attend.

Sincerely,



Jeff Mason  
President & Chairman, MSF  
Chief Executive Officer, MEDC