

James Gardner
President
Appointed by Organized Laborer
Jan. 1, 2024 to Dec. 31, 2027

Jeff Whisler
Secretary
Appointed by Board
Development Committee
Jan. 1, 2024 to Dec. 31, 2027

Arvis Dawson
Member
Appointed by Board
Development Committee
Jan. 1, 2024 to Dec. 31, 2027

Mike Huber
Member
Appointed by Mayor
Jan. 1, 2024 to Dec. 31, 2027



ELKHART URBAN ENTERPRISE ZONE

MANAGED BY ELKHART URBAN ENTERPRISE ASSOCIATION

Kristen Smole
Member
Appointed by Chamber
Jan. 1, 2024 to Dec. 31, 2027

Therese Geise
Vice President
Appointed by Council
Jan. 1, 2024 to Dec. 31, 2025

Bill Lavery
Treasurer
Appointed by Board
Development Committee
Jan. 1, 2024 to Dec. 31, 2025

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

August 18, 2025 at 3:00 pm – City Annex Building Conference Room

Present: James Gardner, Therese Geise, Arvis Dawson, Mike Huber, Sherry Weber (Recording Secretary) and Drew Wynes

Present via Webex: None

Call to Order

This meeting was held in-person and via Webex. Mr. Garner called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Gardner asked for a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes for July 21, 2025. Moved by Mr. Huber and seconded by Mr. Dawson. Voice vote, all in favor. Minutes approved.

Financials

Mr. Huber made a motion to approve July 31, 2025, INOVA financial statements and July 31, 2025, Community Foundation financial statements. Seconded by Mr. Dawson. Voice vote, all in favor. Motion approved.

Old Business

Mr. Dawson updated the board on the request from Black Expo for Small Business Training Initiative in the amount of \$7,500. Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve the \$7,500 request from Black Expo Funding. Seconded by Mr. Huber. Voice vote, all in favor. Motion approved.

Mr. Mike Huber and Drew Wynes updated the board on the outstanding EZ-2 investment deduction. The board will consider sending reminder letters to businesses about their eligibility for tax deductions and payment obligations.

Adjournment:

Mr. Gardner asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Moved by Mr. Dawson. Seconded by Mr. Huber. Voice vote, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 3:28 p.m.

James Gardner, President