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ELKHART URBAN ENTERPRISE ZONE

MANAGED BY ELKHART URBAN ENTERPRISE ASSOCIATION

Elkhart Urban Enterprise Association Board Meeting
City Hall Annex Building (201 South Second) Conference Room
Monday, October 27, 2025 @ 3:00 pm

THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD IN PERSON AND ELECTRONICALLY
To join, go to

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Enter 2313 008 2494 as the event number and "EUEA" as the password
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AGENDA

- Call to Order
- Approval of August 18, 2025, Regular Meeting minutes
- Approval of 2026 EUEA Meeting Schedule
- Financial
 - a) INOVA statement of 8/31/25 and 9/30/25
 - b) Community Foundation statement of 8/31/25 and 9/30/2025
- Old Business
 - a) EZ-BR Deductions Updates
- New Business
 - a) Center for Community Justice Grant Request
 - b) Receivership Updates
 - c) Organizational Updates
- Adjournment

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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



City of Elkhart

2026
ELKHART URBAN
ENTERPRISE ASSOCIATION
MEETING DATES

The Elkhart Urban Enterprise Association meets the third Monday of each month at 3:00 PM and will broadcast from the Annex Large Conference Room, Annex Building, 201 S. Second Street, Elkhart, Indiana

January	19	Tuesday 20 / Monday 26
February	16	Tuesday 17 / Monday 23
March	16	
April	20	
May	18	
June	15	
July	20	
August	17	
September	21	
October	19	
November	16	
December	21	

Red is City holiday adjustment

Review and adopted by the Elkhart Urban Enterprise Association at its regular meeting on October 20, 2025

Rod Roberson
Mayor

Michael Huber
Director of Development Services



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EZ-BR Remittance Update—October 27, 2025

- **Background and Submission Requirements**

- Companies must submit an EZ-2 to apply for the deduction. The Auditor's Office certifies the deduction and sends the company a confirmation letter with the amount. The process does not involve the EUEA Board. An EZ-BR is submitted the following year as a tax savings summary. There is no state level enforcement mechanism for EZ-BR submission, however, EUEA can invoice companies who do not submit a timely EZ-BR, as City Ordinance 447 (99-0-13) requires companies to pay 25% of their savings to the Elkhart Urban Enterprise Association.

- **Companies with Outstanding EZ-BR payments**

- Recycling Works/Mason605 Corporation had a real property and personal property deduction. Recycling Works received a deduction in 2025 without turning in an EZ-BR. Mason605 Corporation received a deduction in 2024 and 2025 without turning in an EZ-BR. City staff is planning to invoice them for \$22,067.35. The Auditor's Office informed us Recycling Works was approved for a deduction for 2024, but it was not applied to their tax bill. The deduction they would have received in 2024 will be issued as a refund check or applied to a future tax bill. Once received, the City can invoice Recycling Works for \$11,918.88
- Lippert Components was receiving the Employment Expense Credit, which has expired. In 2024 and 2025 they submitted EZ-BRs to the Association of Indiana Enterprise Zones, but not to the City. We are billing them for 25% of their savings, \$19,111.