



**MINUTES OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
HJEMKOMST CENTER AUDITORIUM - 202 1ST AVE N
MARCH 2, 2026 - 11:45 AM**

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Acting Chair Schlotfeldt called the meeting to order and roll call was taken.

Roll call of the members was made as follows:

Present (7): Evan Balko, Chris Howell, Sheri Larson (Virtual), Emily Moore, Kim Schlotfeldt, Rob Sobolik, Deb White

Absent (3): Siham Amedy, Amy Anderson, Derrick LaPoint

2. Agenda Amendments

Amy Thorpe requested that the agenda be amended to move "Item 6A. Presentation on 2026 Legislative Priorities" to a future meeting.

Motion to Approve made by Deb White and seconded by Emily Moore.

For 7: Evan Balko, Chris Howell, Sheri Larson, Emily Moore, Kim Schlotfeldt, Rob Sobolik, Deb White

Against 0: None

Abstain/Recuse 0: None

Motion Passed

3. Approval of Minutes

A. February 2, 2026, Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve made by Deb White and seconded by Chris Howell.

For 7: Evan Balko, Chris Howell, Sheri Larson, Emily Moore, Kim Schlotfeldt, Rob Sobolik, Deb White

Against 0: None

Abstain/Recuse 0: None

Motion Passed

4. Citizens To Be Heard

There were no citizens present to address the board.

5. Commissioners' Report

Commissioner White encouraged the board members and the community at large to support Moorhead's small businesses and "shop local" during these difficult economic times.

Commissioner Schlotfeldt attended the Greater Fargo Moorhead Economic Development Corporation (GFMEDC) "Un-Annual Meeting" and shared a printed section of the annual report which showed the [economic impact](#) of new capital investment and jobs on the local market.

6. Presentations

A. 2026 Legislative Priorities - Lisa Bode, Governmental Affairs

This item was moved to a future meeting under Agenda Amendments.

B. 2025 Annual Development Report - Matt Leiseth, DMI/Economic Development

Matt Leiseth, DMI/Economic Development, presented highlights from the 2025 Annual Development Report. Key points included new residential, commercial, and industrial development projects, as well as upcoming public projects supporting downtown redevelopment. He noted the spring opening of The Loop | Moorhead Library, which will also house the Spark Center for Entrepreneurship.

Commissioner White commented on the overall affordability of housing in Moorhead and noted that the city's new housing choices remain competitive within the MSA.

City Manager Dan Mahli added remarks on affordable housing, emphasizing the importance of preserving homes in older neighborhoods.

7. Business Items

A. Election of Officers

After discussion, a motion to approve a full slate of officers was made as follows: Derrick LaPoint, Chair; Kim Schlotfeldt, Vice Chair, and Evan Balko, Secretary.

Motion to Approve made by Rob Sobolik and seconded by Deb White.

For 7: Evan Balko, Chris Howell, Sheri Larson, Emily Moore, Kim Schlotfeldt, Rob Sobolik, Deb White

Against 0: None

Abstain/Recuse 0: None

Motion Passed

B. Economic Development Report

Matt Leiseth, DMI/Economic Development, provided an overview of the Economic Development Report and highlighted key items included in packet materials.

8. Information/Update

A. Spark Center for Entrepreneurship - [Link to Spark Center](#)

B. Downtown Moorhead Vision - [Link to More to Moorhead Website](#)

C. The Loop | Moorhead Public Library — [Link to The Loop](#)

D. Building & Housing Updates - [Link to Reports](#)

E. 11th Street Underpass Project - [Link to MnDOT Project Details & Updates](#)

9. Adjourn

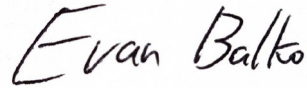
The meeting adjourned at 12:34 pm.

APPROVED BY:



Derrick LaPoint
EDA Chair

ATTEST:



Evan Balko
EDA Secretary

The proceedings of this meeting are digitally recorded and are available for public review.