



MLK CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY MEETING AGENDA

DATE: Thursday, October 30, 2025

TIME: 5:30 p.m.

LOCATION: King Recreation Center, 1107 Adrian St., Jackson, MI 49203

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Adoption of the Agenda
- IV. Citizen Comments (3-Minute Limit)
- V. Approval of Meeting Minutes from the September 25, 2025 Board Meeting (Exhibit A)
- VI. Presentation
 - a. Heather Smith, State of Michigan- Dept. Of Environment, Great Lakes & Energy (EGLE)
 - b. Superintendent Jeremy Patterson, Jackson Public Schools
- VII. Financial Report
- VIII. Old Business
 - a. Marketing and Communications Update- JTV
 - b. Entrepreneurial Fund- Future Rounds Discussion
- IX. New Business
 - a. RDG Fundraising Feasibility Study
 - b. Land Acquisition Proposal
 1. AME Church
 2. Restaurant Incubator
- X. Staff Report
- XI. Director's Comments
- XII. Adjournment



MLK CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES

September 25, 2025

CALL TO ORDER:

The Martin Luther King Corridor Improvement Authority (MLK CIA) Board of Directors met in-person at the King Center Recreation Center, 1107 Adrian St., Jackson, MI 49203. The meeting was called to order at 5:36 pm by Daniel Mahoney.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Anthony Parker, Daniel Mahoney, Diane Washington, Arlene Robinson, John Willis, James Johnson, Philicia Richmond, Mindy Bradish-Orta

ABSENT: Thaddeus Williams

ALSO PRESENT: Malik Goodwin- GWJ, David Barker- JTV, Clint Neesmith- RDG Consulting, Monica Moser- Jackson Community Foundation

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

A motion was made by Monday Bradish-Orta to adopt the agenda. John Willis seconded the motion. The Motion carried.

PRESENTATION:

Clint Neesmith, RDG Consulting made a presentation to the Board regarding its fundraising services.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Citizen comments were heard and the meeting continued.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The staff summarized the financial report. Daniel Mahoney made a motion to accept the financial report provided by the staff. John Willis seconded the motion. The Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Diane Washington to approve the minutes from the August 28, 2025 Board of Directors Meeting. Daniel Mahoney seconded the motion. The Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

David Barker provided an update on MLK CIA marketing, communications, and upcoming events. Monica Moser, JCF summarized the approval process and provided the grant review committee list of recommended MLK CIA Entrepreneur Fund Round 4 grant awardees to the Board for approval. The Board approved the following grant awards:

- Daniel Mahoney made a motion to approve a grant award in the amount of \$25,000 to support proposed improvements to Phoenix Learning Center. Diane Washington seconded the motion. The Motion carried.

- Daniel Mahoney made a motion to approve a grant award in the amount of \$50,000 to support proposed improvements to The Neighborhood Store. Diane Washington seconded the motion. The Motion carried.
- Daniel Mahoney made a motion to approve a grant award in the amount of \$35,000 to support the proposal from Chelsea Cakes. Mindy Bradish-Orta seconded the motion. The Motion carried.
- Daniel Mahoney made a motion to approve a grant award in the amount of \$50,000 to support the proposal from Mommy Maid Cleaning, LLC. John Willis seconded the motion. The Motion carried.
- Daniel Mahoney made a motion to approve a grant award in the amount of \$50,000 to support property improvements proposed by Angel of Mine Home Health Care, LLC. Diane Washington seconded the motion. The Motion carried.
- Daniel Mahoney made a motion to approve a Technical Assistance grant award in the amount of \$5,000 to support the business planning needs of Meech and Muff Heavenly Foods. John Willis seconded the motion. James Johnson abstained from voting. The Motion carried.
- Daniel Mahoney made a motion to approve a Technical Assistance grant award in the amount of \$5,000 to support the business planning needs of Shorties Sweet Eats & Treats. Diane Washington seconded the motion. The Motion carried.
- Daniel Mahoney made a motion to approve a Technical Assistance grant award in the amount of \$5,000 to support the business planning needs of Slappin' Foods. Diane Washington seconded the motion. The Motion carried.
- Daniel Mahoney made a motion to approve a Targeted Investment grant award in the amount of \$25,000 to support proposed improvements to The Neighborhood Store LLC. John Willis seconded the motion. The Motion carried.
- Daniel Mahoney made a motion to approve a Targeted Investment grant award in the amount of \$50,000 to support proposed improvements to Sauk Trail Memorial Post. James Johnson seconded the motion. The Motion carried.
- Daniel Mahoney made a motion to approve a Targeted Investment grant award in the amount of \$30,000 to support proposed ADA improvements to Segue. Philicia Richmond seconded the motion. The Motion carried.

Daniel Mahoney made a motion to hold a check presentation ceremony on October 7, 2025, at 6 pm at the King Recreation Center. Philicia Richmond seconded the motion. The Motion carried.

Mindy Bradish-Orta made a motion to direct the staff of the MLK CIA and the Jackson Community Foundation to begin developing a schedule for a future round of the MLK CIA Entrepreneurial Fund and a business resource fair, to coincide and commence tentatively sometime in January 2026. Diane Washington seconded the motion. The Motion carried.

Daniel Mahoney made a motion to have the Board adopt city personnel hiring policies and approve \$17,500 towards the cost of hiring an Administrative Assistant to support MLK CIA business **Personnel-Policy-612025-approved**. The motion was seconded by Anthony Parker. The Motion

carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Daniel Mahoney made a motion to develop an ad-hoc committee to examine current and help guide and budget future targeted investment initiatives. Committee members would include John Willis, James Johnson, Daniel Mahoney. Philicia Richmond seconded the motion. The Motion carried.

Daniel Mahoney made a motion to develop an additional ad-hoc committee to help plan for the future grocery/ commercial development proposed at the Copper St./Biddle St. parcel. Committee members would include Daniel Mahoney, Anthony Parker, Arlene Robinson & John Willis. Diane Washington seconded the motion. The Motion carried.

STAFF REPORT:

Malik Goodwin provided a report on the progress of various MLK CIA program activities.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:

All Board members offered comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

No further business being offered, a motion to adjourn was made by John Willis. Vote was done by voice with all in favor. Board Chair Parker adjourned the meeting at 7:31 pm.