



## East Dearborn Downtown Development Authority MINUTES

East DDA Board Meeting  
January 22, 2025; 10:00 AM

Dearborn Administrative Center, City Council Chambers  
16901 Michigan Ave, Dearborn, MI 48124

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Abdullah Hammoud, Director Amanda Bright McClanahan, Director Jennifer Lorenz, Vice-Chair Zaineb Hussein, Director Debra Guido-Allen, Director Jay Kruz, Director Kamal Turfeh

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Secretary-Treasurer Carl Marusak, Director Hamzah Nasser

**NON-MEMBERS PRESENT:** CITY OF DEARBORN: Angela Fortino (ED), Laura Aceves- Sanchez (ED), Bradley Mendelsohn (Legal), Courtney Skora (Finance), Amanda Sancen (ED), Adel Al-Adlani (ED)

**GUESTS:** None

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Abdullah Hammoud called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.

### 2. ROLL CALL

A role call for Board Members was called. A quorum was present.

### 3. APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MINUTES December 18th, 2024

A motion to approve the East DDDA meeting minutes of December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 was made by Mayor Abdullah Hammoud, seconded by Director Amanda Bright McClanahan. The motion passed unanimously. Minutes approved.

### 4. REVIEW AND FILING OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Courtney Skora from Finance (City) reviewed the financial statement dated December 31, 2024. Revenue to date totaled \$508,194. Total expenditures were \$353,361. The current cash position equals \$1,862,179 and it is estimated the EDDDA's cash position at the end of the fiscal year will be \$1,312,627.

### 5. EAST DDA ACTION ITEMS

- a. **Resolution ED 25-01-01** was introduced to accept and approve the resignation of board member Carl Marusak. The motion was made by Mayor Abdullah Hammoud and seconded by Vice-Chair Zaineb Hussein. A voice vote passed unanimously. Motion approved.
- b. **Resolution ED 25-01-02** was introduced to approve the following Executive Committee nominations:
  - Mayor Abdullah Hammoud as a chair. Motion was made by Vice-Chair Zaineb Hussein and seconded by Director Kamal Turfeh.
  - Jay Kruz as a vice-chair. Motioned by Vice-Chair Zaineb Hussein and seconded by Director Kamal Turfeh.



- Debra Guido-Allen as a Secretary-Treasurer. Motioned by Director Kamal Turfeh and seconded by Zaineb Hussein. A voice vote passed unanimously. Motion approved.

**6. DDDA ACTIVITY UPDATES:**

- a. Business Liaison, Adel AlAdlani, provided updates about two new businesses at East Downtown Dearborn, Friendship Factory and a clothing store for ladies adjacent to the suit company business. The business Liaison is still working with some businesses on coordinating grand openings.
- b. Special Events and Outreach Manager Amanda Sancen provided updates about upcoming events and social media.

**7. CITY UPDATES:**

- a. Samir Deshpande from the Department of Public Health provided an update about energy efficiency tax credits.

**8. CALL TO THE BOARD**

None at this time

**9. CALL TO AUDIENCE**

None.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mayor Abdullah Hammoud at 10:25AM and seconded by Director Jay Kruz. A voice vote was passed unanimously. Motion was approved and the meeting was adjourned.