



Dix-Vernor Business District Improvement Authority

Board Meeting Minutes

May 20, 2026; 4:15 pm EST

Dearborn Administrative Center, Council Chambers

16901 Michigan Ave, Dearborn, MI 48124

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Brigitte Fawaz-Anouti, Director Patrick Rugiero, Director Ronald Berry, Vice-Chair Imad Asoufy, Secretary-Treasurer Amie Kerek, Director Mahdi Ali, Mayor Abdullah Hammoud, Director Mohammed Abdullah

MEMBERS ABSENT: Director Lucius Anthony.

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT: Courtney Skora (Finance), Saeid Alawathi (ED), Amanda Atwy (Legal), Laura Aceves- Sanchez (ED)

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Brigitte Fawaz-Anouti called the meeting to order at 4:21 pm.
2. **ROLL CALL:** A roll call for board members was called. A quorum was present.
3. **APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES January 26, 2026**

Chair Brigitte Fawaz-Anouti presented the meeting minutes of March 30, 2026. A motion was made to approve the regular meeting minutes of March 30, 2026 by Director Ronald Berry and was seconded by Director Mohammed Abdullah. Motion passed unanimously. Motion approved.

4. **RECEIVING AND FILING OF TREASURER'S REPORT**

Courtney Skora from the Finance Department presented the monthly financial statement for the months of March & April 2026. Chair Brigitte Fawaz-Anouti acknowledged receiving and filing the financial statements.

5. **ACTION ITEMS**

- a. Resolution number DV-26-05-01 was introduced to authorize DVBDIA staff members (Business Liaison, Program Manager, and Economic Vitality Manager) to attend the International Placemaking Conference held in Detroit, Michigan, from June 24-26, 2026, and to cover the necessary and reasonable expenses associated with attendance, including registration, mileage, and parking. A motion was made for this resolution by Vice-Chair Imad Asoufy and seconded by Director Ronald Berry. A voice vote passed 7-0 (Mayor Hammoud was absent for the vote). Motion approved.
- b. Resolution number DV-26-05-02 was introduced to approve the funding of all high-scoring facade improvement projects within the next 24 months, contingent upon the availability of CDBG funds. The resolution also authorizes the Director of the Economic Development Department to execute necessary contracts and agreements subject to review. A motion was made for this resolution by Vice-Chair Imad Asoufy and seconded by Director Ronald Berry. A voice

vote passed 7-0 (Mayor Hammoud was absent for the vote). Motion approved.

- c. Resolution number DV-26-05-03 was introduced to approve the 2027 calendar of meeting days and times, as presented by Economic Development Department staff. A motion was made for this resolution by Director Mohammed Abdullah and seconded by Director Ronald Berry. A voice vote passed 7-0 (Mayor Hammoud was absent for the vote). Motion approved.

6. DVBDIA ACTIVITY UPDATES

a. Business Liaison Update

Business Liaison Saeid Alawathi provided the following updates:

- The Southend Corridor Clean-Up event was held on May 16th. Saeid expressed gratitude to board members for attending, to ACCESS and American Moslem Society for their partnership, and for DPW, Miles Powerwashing, and the Dix-Vernor contractor, Parrott Landscaping, for their support.
- The Peace Park South Grand opening is on June 3rd from 5-7pm and that board members should have received an invitation to the event. Some board members stated requests for lighting to be turned off at night (currently 24 hours a day) and for signage to be added indicating park closure times.
- The Dix-Vernor Mix and Mingle will be held on June 10th at Roman Village from 11:30am-1:30pm. It is encouraged for all board members to attend, as well as other business owners in the corridor.
- The Nasser Family Imports CARES Act HVAC project is progressing and is anticipated to be completed before June 30, 2026.

7. CALL TO THE BOARD

None at this time

8. CITY UPDATES

None at this time.

9. CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

None at this time

10. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Vice-Chair Imad Asoufy and was seconded by Director Ronald Berry. A voice vote was passed unanimously. Motion was approved and the meeting was adjourned at 5:03 pm.