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URBAN ENTERPRISE ASSOCIATION

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MEETING MINUTES FOR
MICHIGAN CITY URBAN ENTERPRISE ASSOCIATION

Present:
Tristan Smith, President (Mayoral Appointment; 1/1/24 - 12/31/27)
Antonio Conley, Vice President (Mayoral Appointment; 1/1/26 - 12/31/29) — *via Zoom*
Dakota Euler, Secretary (Council Appointment; 12/17/24 - 12/31/28)
Bruce De'Medici, Member (Mayoral Appointment; 1/1/24 - 12/31/28)
Wendy Willis, Member (Council Appointment; 12/17/24 - 12/31/28)
Nick Pollock, Member (Council Appointment; 12/17/24 - 12/31/28)
Joseph Nelson, Member (Council Appointment; 1/1/2026 - 12/31/26) — *via Zoom*

Absent:
Jim Clarida, Member (Mayoral Appointment; 1/1/24 - 12/31/28)
D'Marcus Briscoe, Member (Mayoral Appointment; 12/31/24 - 12/31/27)

CALL TO ORDER: Board President Tristan Smith called to order the M.C. Urban Enterprise Association regular board meeting at 6:00 p.m. Board President Tristan Smith called the roll. It was noted for the record that Jim Clarida and D'Marcus Briscoe were absent. A quorum was established and the meeting proceeded.

NEW BUSINESS:

Election of Officers Board President Tristan Smith opened the floor for nominations for each officer position. The following officers were elected:

- President: Tristan Smith
- Vice President: Antonio Conley
- Treasurer: Nick Pollock
- Secretary: Dakota Euler

Each position was nominated, seconded, and approved by the board.

Mr. Smith, as newly confirmed President, proceeded to conduct the remainder of the meeting.

CLH Contract Board President Tristan Smith opened the floor for discussion on the CLH contract. Brief clarification was provided regarding the terms of the contract. With no further discussion, Dakota Euler, Secretary, motioned to table the CLH contract until the next meeting. Antonio Conley, Vice President, seconded the motion.

Mr. Smith asked for a vote: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Abstained: 0 Absent: 2 Vacant: 3

Motion carried. The CLH contract was tabled until the next meeting.

BAC Marketing Contract Board President Tristan Smith opened the floor for presentation and discussion of the BAC Marketing contractual agreement. Carlton Bishop of BAC Marketing presented his proposal to the board, outlining services his firm would provide to the Urban Enterprise Association, including business outreach, grant compliance, and economic development support within the district. Discussion followed among board members regarding the scope of services, contract terms, office hours, resident accessibility, and other applicants who had previously submitted applications for a related position.

Joseph Nelson, Member, motioned to table the BAC Marketing contract. Wendy Willis, Member, seconded the motion.

Mr. Smith asked for a vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 2 Abstained: 0 Absent: 2 Vacant: 3

Motion carried. The BAC Marketing contract was tabled.

Bruce De'Medici, Member, then motioned that the BAC Marketing contract not be tabled past the next meeting. Nick Pollock, Member, seconded the motion.

Mr. Smith asked for a vote: Ayes: 6 Nays: 1 Abstained: 0 Absent: 2 Vacant: 3

Motion carried. The BAC Marketing contract was tabled to the next regular meeting only.

Office Rental Lease Agreement Board President Tristan Smith opened the floor for discussion on the office rental lease agreement. Discussion was held regarding the current month-to-month status of the lease and the need to take action. Members noted the importance of retaining a space for record storage and office operations.

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Nick Pollock, Member, motioned to approve continuation of the office rental lease agreement. Antonio Conley, Vice President, seconded the motion.

Mr. Smith asked for a vote: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Abstained: 0 Absent: 2 Vacant: 3

Motion carried. The office rental lease agreement was approved for continuation.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Public comment was received. Comments from attendees addressed topics including the proposed BAC Marketing contract, resident accessibility and services within the Urban Enterprise zone, and the importance of balancing business development with community support for residents.

DIRECTORS' COMMENTS: Board members shared brief comments. Discussion touched on the importance of remaining focused on serving community residents, the value of accessibility and transparency as a public board, the need to review remaining applicants for the executive assistant position, and appreciation for Carlton Bishop's presentation.

ADJOURNMENT: With no other matters for discussion, Bruce De'Medici, Member, motioned to adjourn. Wendy Willis, Member, seconded the motion.

Mr. Smith asked for a vote: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Abstained: 0 Absent: 2 Vacant: 3

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned.

Tristan Smith, President Tristan Smith

Dakota Euler, Secretary

EXAMINED AND APPROVED BY MCUEA BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON: 8/17/26