



**Detroit Promise Board Meeting
Minutes**

June 23, 2021

4:30pm – 5:30pm

Zoom: <https://cityofdetroit.zoom.us/j/88439096087>

I. Welcome and Roll Call

- a. The meeting was called to order at 4:33
- b. 4 out of 5 current board members were present:
 - i. Charlie Beckham (present)
 - ii. John Ziraldo (present)
 - iii. Penny Bailer (present)
 - iv. Floyd Allen (present)
 - v. Iris Taylor (absent)
- c. Other staff present included:
 - i. Kim Rustem, City of Detroit
 - ii. Jeanet Kulcsar, City of Detroit
 - iii. Greg Handle, Detroit Regional Chamber Foundation

II. Approval of Meeting Agenda and March Meeting Minutes

- a. See March meeting Minutes & MOU
 - i. Motion to approve the Agenda, March meeting minutes and MOU – Floyd Allen
 - ii. Second the motion – John Ziraldo

III. Review of Board Bylaws

- a. See summary of Detroit Promise Board Bylaws
 - i. Motion to approve the summary of the bylaws – Floyd Allen
 - ii. Second the motion – John Ziraldo
 - iii. Unanimous Approval

IV. Vote of Reinstatement of Board Members

- a. See Detroit Promise Board Members
 - i. Motion to reappoint the stated Board Members serving until May 2023 – John Ziraldo

- ii. Second the motion – Floyd Allen
- iii. Unanimous Approval

V. Vote of Board Chair and Vice Chair

- a. Motion to appoint Charlie Beckham the Chair and John Ziraldo as the Vice Chair – Floyd Allen
- b. Second the motion – Penny Bailer
- c. Unanimous Approval

VI. Vote on Resolution to Approve Transfer of Funds to the DRC Foundation

- a. See FY21 Budget and Resolution
- b. Motion to approve the resolution – Flyod Allen
- c. Second the motion – Penny Bailer
- d. Unanimous approval

VII. New Board Members Recommendations

- a. Greg Handle suggested the following individuals and agreed to reach out to them about their interest in serving on the board:
 - i. Ashley Johnson – Detroit College Access Network and now Kresge
 - ii. Peter Remington – MEAF
- b. John Ziraldo suggested the following:
 - i. Consumer representation from a parent or student
 - ii. Greg Handle agreed to follow-up with some names for the Board to review.
- c. Board to send suggestions to Charlie Beckham and Kim Rustem

VIII. Program Manager Recommendations

- a. Board to send suggestions to Charlie Beckham and Kim Rustem

IX. Set Schedule for 2021-2022 Board Meetings

- a. July 2021 meeting – Adoption of FY22 Budget
- b. Oct 2021, Jan 2022, April 2022, July 2022, October 2022
 - i. Motion to set the meeting schedule as described above – Floyd Allen
 - ii. Second the motion – Penny Bailer
 - iii. The motion was unanimously approved by the board.
- c. It was suggested that the board set exact dates and times at the July meeting.

X. Public Comment

- a. Nancy Willis – Her daughter was a recipient of the scholarship. She received her masters and is working at Wayne State University. The program is relevant to Detroit student, but she didn't know about the program. She suggested the Promise should send out flyers to the community.
 - i. Greg Handle responded that Detroit Promise Staff has been going out to the schools to work with graduating schools. About ¾ of those they

encountered did get enrolled in the program. The Promise recently hired an outreach person to work with earlier age groups – 8th grade and 5th grade. The Promise has also hired the 20/50 marketing firm to launch a community awareness campaign.

- b. Stacie Clayton – Recently joined Wayne State University as community outreach director. Heard about meeting through City of Detroit notice email. Glad to be here.
- c. Gladys Lynch – From community block club. Happy to be part of the meeting.

XI. Next Steps

- a. Release money to the chamber
- b. Adopt the FY22 Budget
- c. New board member recommendations
- d. New program manager recommendation
- e. Setting of board meeting dates and times
- f. Report from the Chamber on the Promise program.

XII. Adjourn

- a. Motion to adjourn the meeting - John Ziraldo
- b. Second the motion - Penny Bailer
- c. Unanimous approval