



City of Northfield

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Meeting Minutes - Final Economic Development Authority

Monday, September 29, 2025

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

6:00PM REGULAR AGENDA

President Yoder called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

- Present** 5 - Enoch Blazis, Board Member Randy Yoder, Sean Allen, Donald Stager, and Chad Beumer
- Absent** 2 - Jessica Peterson-White, and Andy Beaham

Also present: Nate Carlson, Economic Development Coordinator; Emery John, Community Development Intern; Matt Bailey, Meeting Associate; Owen Jacobi, Youth Representative

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Board Member Beumer, seconded by Board Member Stager, to approve the agenda as amended to remove item 5, the Communications Department Presentation to the EDA. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Blazis, Board Member Yoder, Allen, Stager, and Beumer

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. [25-533](#) August 25, 2025 EDA Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Board Member Stager, seconded by Board Member Allen, to approve the August 25, 2025 EDA Meeting Minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Blazis, Board Member Yoder, Allen, Stager, and Beumer

PRESENTATIONS

No presentations were given.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was received.

BOARD MEMBER AND COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Member Beumer informed the EDA that the City Council will be assuming the responsibilities of the Housing & Redevelopment Authority (HRA) in 2026.

REGULAR AGENDA

2. [25-534](#) August 2025 EDA Financials
Economic Development Coordinator Nate Carlson reviewed the August 2025 EDA Financials. Carlson responded to questions and comments from the EDA.
3. [EDA M2025-014](#) Review of Micro-Grant Application for Verbena Vinyl, LLC.
Economic Development Coordinator Nate Carlson introduced Vicki Scott, the owner of Verbena Vinyl, applicant for a micro-grant for Verbena Vinyl, LLC. Scott responded to questions and comments from the EDA.
A motion was made by Board Member Allen, seconded by Board Member Beumer, to approve the Micro-Grant Application for Verbena Vinyl, LLC. The motion carried by the following vote:
Yes: 5 - Blazis, Board Member Yoder, Allen, Stager, and Beumer
4. [EDA M2025-015](#) Review of Micro-Grant Application for Elsa Kraus, LLC dba Relationship Therapy and Consultation.
A motion was made by Board Member Allen, seconded by Board Member Beumer, that the EDA increase the amount dedicated to micro-grants for the remainder of the year from \$15,000 to \$30,000, with funds coming from EDA reserves. The motion carried by the following vote:
Yes: 5 - Blazis, Board Member Yoder, Allen, Stager, and Beumer
Economic Development Coordinator presented the application for a micro-grant for Elsa Kraus, LLC d.b.a. Relationship Therapy and Consultation. Carlson responded to questions and comments from the EDA.
A motion was made by Board Member Allen, seconded by Board Member Stager, to approve the Micro-Grant Application for Elsa Kraus, LLC dba Relationship Therapy and Consultation. The motion carried by the following vote:
Yes: 5 - Blazis, Board Member Yoder, Allen, Stager, and Beumer
5. [25-535](#) Communications Department Presentation to the EDA.
This item was removed from the agenda.
6. [EDA M2025-016](#) Latino Economic Development Center (LEDC) Contract Approval.
Economic Development Coordinator Nate Carlson reported on the draft contract with Latino Economic Development Center (LEDC) and asked the EDA to approve it. Carlson responded to questions and comments from the EDA.
A motion was made by Board Member Beumer, seconded by Board Member Allen, to approve the 2025-2026 Latino Economic Development Center (LEDC) Contract. The motion carried by the following vote:
Yes: 5 - Blazis, Board Member Yoder, Allen, Stager, and Beumer
7. [25-536](#) Staff Updates on Outstanding EDA Items and City-Wide Projects.

Economic Development Coordinator Nate Carlson presented updates from City staff and reviewed the EDA's future meeting schedule. Carlson responded to questions and comments from the EDA, and the EDA discussed their upcoming retreat on October 13, 2025.

STAFF UPDATES

ADJOURNMENT

President Yoder adjourned the meeting at 6:52 p.m.