



City of Northfield

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Meeting Minutes - Draft Economic Development Authority

Monday, August 25, 2025

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

6:00PM REGULAR AGENDA

President Yoder called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Present 6 - Enoch Blazis, Board Member Randy Yoder, Jessica Peterson-White, Sean Allen, Donald Stager, and Chad Beumer
Absent 1 - Andy Beaham

Also present: Ben Martig, City Administrator; Jake Reilly, Community Development Director; Nate Carlson, Economic Development Coordinator; Matt Bailey, Meeting Associate; Owen Jacobi, Youth Representative; Pablo Torres Bermudez, Youth Representative

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Economic Development Coordinator Nate Carlson introduced the new EDA Youth Representatives, Owen Jacobi and Pablo Torres Bermudez.

A motion was made by Board Member Beumer, seconded by Board Member Peterson-White, to approve the agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Blazis, Board Member Yoder, Peterson-White, Allen, Stager, and Beumer

CONSENT

A motion was made by Board Member Allen, seconded by Board Member Beumer, to approve the consent agenda containing the July 28, 2025 EDA Meeting Minutes and the July 2025 EDA Financials. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Blazis, Board Member Yoder, Peterson-White, Allen, Stager, and Beumer

1 [25-465](#) July 28, 2025 EDA Meeting Minutes

2 [25-466](#) July 2025 EDA Financials

PRESENTATIONS

3 [25-467](#) Latino Economic Development Center (LEDC) Presentation

Economic Development Coordinator Nate Carlson introduced Alma Flores, Executive Director of the Latino Economic Development Center (LEDC), who delivered a

presentation on what the LEDC does and its work with businesses in Northfield. Flores responded to questions and comments from the EDA.

Vote to continue working with LEDC as an economic partner.

A motion was made by Board Member Allen, seconded by Board Member Peterson-White, to approve moving forward with working with LEDC as an economic partner. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Blazis, Board Member Yoder, Peterson-White, Allen, Stager, and Beumer

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was received.

BOARD MEMBER AND COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- Commissioner Stager reported attending the Connecting Businesses Research Project*
- Commissioner Peterson-White reported on the Friends of Downtown Northfield working on a cost-sharing agreement for snow and trash removal in a special services district.*
- President Yoder called the EDA's attention to a new co-working space in Downtown Northfield.*
- Treasurer Blazis reported on the opening of the new downtown location of Tin Tea.*

REGULAR AGENDA

4 [25-468](#) Staff Updates on Outstanding EDA Items and City-Wide projects

City Administrator Ben Martig provided an update on hockey arena developments, including recent discussions with the City's partners on the project. Construction will begin shortly. Martig also provided an update on City Council and City staff discussions regarding the Fifth Street and Washington Street development and the economic importance of including housing in the project. Martig responded to questions and comments from the EDA.

Community Development Director Jake Reilly reported on the status of the petitions to City Council for the creation of a special services district downtown to coordinate trash and snow removal. Reilly also reported that his last day on City staff will be September 11, 2025.

Economic Development Coordinator Nate Carlson reported on his planning, with President Yoder, of a retreat for the EDA.

5 [EDA M2025-012](#) 2026 EDA Budget

Economic Development Coordinator Nate Carlson delivered a presentation on the 2026 EDA draft budget, reviewing the City's strategic plan, recent EDA initiatives, the EDA budget forecast, and available EDA funds. Carlson responded to questions and comments from the EDA.

A motion was made by Board Member Beumer, seconded by Board Member Peterson-White, to approve an extension of the meeting through the end of business. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Blazis, Board Member Yoder, Peterson-White, Allen, Stager, and Beumer

A motion was made by Board Member Allen, seconded by Board Member Stager, to Approved the EDA Motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Blazis, Board Member Yoder, Peterson-White, Allen, Stager, and Beumer

STAFF UPDATES

ADJOURNMENT

President Yoder adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m.