



Meeting Minutes

Kalamazoo County Land Bank Fast Track Authority
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – July 16th, 2026
Riverview Launch

The Thursday, July 16th, 2026 meeting of the Kalamazoo County Land Bank Authority Board of Directors was called to order by Board Chair Thomas Whitener at 11:39 a.m.

Members Present: Thomas Whitener, Barb Ogrin, John Taylor, Sharon Ferraro

Members Absent: Riley Lukomski

County Liaison: - N/A

Staff Present: Zac Bauer, I'yanna Wilson, Travie Meier, Arlo G., Henry F.
Community Members:

Approval of May Minutes

Ferraro made a motion for the May meeting minutes.
Taylor seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously

Additions to the Agenda

Taylor moved to approve the agenda
Ogrin seconded the motion

Motion carried unanimously

Citizens Time - N/A

Closed Session - Discussion of potential Future Real Estate Acquisition

**Taylor made a motion go into closed session to discussion real estate acquisition
Ferraro seconded the motion**

Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

Ferraro made a motion to exit closed session
Taylor seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion:

Taylor moved to authorize our Executive Director to negotiate the purchase of Milwood Estate and authorize the Director to execute to purchase property provided source of revenue for purchase comes from outside source and source also pays legal expenses up to \$800,000.

Seconded by Ferraro.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion:

Taylor moved to authorize the purchase of 729 E Vine, 455 E Stockbridge, 821 Clarence and 755 Portage St. provided purchase price up to \$700,000 with the Kalamazoo Community Foundation Loan.

Ogrin seconded the motion

Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Liaison Comments: - None

Regular Agenda

Staff Introduction, Summer Internships, Leadership Promotions

Authorized Signer

Motion:

Ferraro moves authorize the Executive Director to add Megan Buwalda, Deputy Executive Director, as an authorized signer on all signed on all existing and future Kalamazoo County Land Bank Authority banking, depository, investment, and and related financial accounts, including but not limited to accounts maintained with PNC Bank, Sturgis Bank, Trust Company, and Michigan Class, and any future restricted investment funds and to execute any documents necessary to effectuate this authorization.

Seconded by Ogrin.

Motion Carried unanimously.

Michigan Class Authorization

Motion:

Ferraro approved the resolution as presented.

Origin seconded.

Motion carried, 1 Abstention (Taylor)

Letter of Intent with Abonmarche for North Church/West Frank Infill Housing Development

Ogrin made the motion Executive Director to execute a Letter of Intent with Abonmarche once reviewed by legal counsel for the architectural and engineering services associated with the development of 21 parcels on North Church and West Frank for future construction.

Seconded by Taylor

Motion carried unanimously.

Reports & Presentations

Financial Report - SeberTans provided the Board of Director the financial and audit report on the KCLBA

Legal Counsel - N/A

Chair's Remarks - Chair Whitener welcomed the interns and the Director of Construction and Projects.

Executive Director's Report - Director Bauer provided remarks on the 30 for 2030 Strategic Plan Launch Event on July 20th.

Committee Reports - None

- a. Finance
- b. Policy
- c. Real Estate

Board Member Comments - None

Adjournment - Taylor made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Ogrin.

The meeting adjourned at 1:02 p.m.

