



**Business Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
March 5, 2026**

Commission Members Present: David Anderson, Coty Dunten, Patrese Griffin (present at 4:30 pm), and Gwendolyn Hooker

Commission Members Absent: None

Kalamazoo County Commissioner Present: None

Kalamazoo County Staff Present: Mary Balkema

Administrative Service Provider and Recording Secretary Present: Holly Dean and Erica Patton

Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at the Kalamazoo County Building, Board Chambers, 201 West Kalamazoo Avenue by President Griffin at 4:36pm. (immediately following the annual meeting). Patton conducted the roll call.

Approve Meeting Agenda

The meeting agenda was approved as submitted.

Motion by Anderson

Support by Dunten

Motion approved

Approve Minutes of the February 5, 2026 Meeting

Griffin asked for approval of the meeting minutes from February 5, 2026. The minutes were approved as submitted.

Motion by Dunten

Support by Hooker

Motion approved

Public Comment on Agenda Items and Non-Agenda Items

None

Reports

Financial Reports

The February 2026 financial reports were distributed prior to the meeting and were summarized by Patton. A motion was made to accept the financial reports as submitted.

Motion by Anderson

Support by Dunten

Motion approved



Bethany House – A written report of activity was distributed prior to the meeting.

Veterans Initiative – A written report of activity was distributed prior to the meeting.

FUSE – A written report of activity was distributed prior to the meeting.

Sugarloaf – A verbal report was given by Ashleigh Tomak with HOPE thru Navigation and noted that there have not been any police contact for the last 60 days. She stated that one unit is vacant and a family from the HOPE Respite Shelter will be occupying that unit. Vice President Hooker pointed out that HOPE thru Navigation is on-site 32 hours per month. She asked that this be noted as it was written in last month's minutes that HOPE thru Navigation was on-site 32 hours per week.

Old Business

Liability Insurance Bethany House, FUSE, and Keystone – Anderson and President Griffin agreed to table this to next month's meeting.

Sugarloaf Rule or lease revision to allow for inspections – Vice President Hooker stated that a rule or lease revision is no longer necessary as outreach staff are proactively meeting with tenants.

Future of FUSE homes – President Griffin and the Board agreed to schedule a walkthrough of the FUSE houses for April 2, 2026, at 3:30pm.

New Business

Review contract between Kalamazoo County and KCPHC regarding Sugarloaf – Vice President Hooker stated that the Kalamazoo County Public Housing Commission's rules do not line up with the County's contract with HOPE thru Navigation and would like to know how to move forward. President Griffin said nothing has come back from Corporate Counsel yet on this issue.

Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

None

Commissioner Member Comments

Vice President Hooker pointed out that March is Women's History Month. She informed the Board that the 9th Annual Youth Connect will take place on April 1, 2026, at the Douglass Community Center.

Dunten stated that March 21, 2026, is the Kalamazoo Promise's 3 on 3 basketball tournament.

Meeting Adjourned: 5:05pm
Submitted by: Holly Dean