

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
KALAMAZOO AREA BUILDING AUTHORITY
KALAMAZOO, MI
September 19, 2023**

Chairperson, Randy Thompson called the regular meeting of the Kalamazoo Area Building Authority (KABA) Board to order at approximately 2:00 P.M., at the KABA Offices, 2322 Nazareth Road.

Present: Randy Thompson, Chairperson / Representative from Comstock Township
Robin Madaras / Representative from City of Parchment
Don Smith / Representative from Pine Grove Township
Lysanne Harma, Secretary / Representative from Richland Township
Gail Koporetz / Alternate Representative from Village of Richland

Absent: Steve Leuty, Treasurer / Representative from Kalamazoo Township
Vik Bawa, At-Large Board Member

Also present were Building Official, Mike Alwine; KABA Alternate Attorney, Jason ter Avest; and Office Coordinator/Board Liaison, Penny Cassidy.

Approval of Agenda – A motion was made by Smith to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Harma, and motion carried.

Approval of Consent Agenda – A motion was made by Madaras to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Smith, and motion carried.

Citizen Comments – There were no citizens in attendance.

Business –

5. a. Cost of Living Increase – A handout was provided. After discussion, Harma motioned to approve a 8.7% cost-of-living wage increase for the 2024 calendar year, seconded by Koporetz, carried with a vote 5-0.

5. b. Medical/Dental/Vision Insurance Renewal / In Lieu of Medical – The annual premium has a 9.4% increase from last year's premium. Harma motioned to approve the medical, dental and vision insurance renewal and maintain the current In Lieu of Medical stipend, seconded by Smith, and carried with a vote 5-0.

5. c. Resolution of Opt Out of PA 152 – Harma motioned to adopt the Resolution to Opt Out of PA 152 for the 2024 benefit year, seconded by Smith, and carried with a roll call vote 5-0.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Smith, Madaras, Harma, Koporetz, and Thompson
 Nays: None

5. d. KABA Budget 2024 – Madaras motioned to approve the proposed 2024 Budget, with the addition for the cost-of-living increase, seconded by Harma, and carried with a vote 5-0.

KABA Board Member Comments – Madaras commented that the proposed budget was very conservative.

KABA Staff Comments – Alwine thanked the board for all their support. Cassidy updated the board members on the I.T. improvements.

There was no further business. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:35 P.M.

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Approved:

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