



**Detroit Promise Board Meeting
Minutes**

October 21, 2021

4:30pm – 5:30pm

Zoom: <https://cityofdetroit.zoom.us/j/82121995699>

I. Welcome and Roll Call

- a. Meeting called to order at 4:39pm
- b. Board members present:
 - i. Peter Remington
 - ii. Iris Taylor
 - iii. Floyd Allen
 - iv. Charlie Beckham
 - v. Ashley Johnson
 - vi. John Ziraldo
- c. Board members not present:
 - i. Preston Wilburn
 - ii. Penny Bailer
- d. Other staff present:
 - i. Kim Rustem, City of Detroit
 - ii. Greg Handel, Detroit Regional Chamber
 - iii. Wytrice Harris, Detroit Promise

II. Approval of Meeting Agenda and August Meeting Minutes

- a. Motion to approve agenda: Iris Taylor
 - i. Second: Floyd Allen
 - ii. All in favor
- b. Kim Rustem to send the board members the August meeting minutes for approval at the next board meeting.

III. Board Members

- a. Oaths for new board members
 - i. Kim updated the board that all new board members should have received an official letter of appointment from the Mayor's Office and instructions from the Clerk's office regarding taking the oath of office
- b. New board member recommendations
 - i. Board members to email Kim Rustem at kimberly.rustem@detroitmi.gov know whoever else they would like to see on the board.

IV. Detroit Promise Program Orientation

- a. Greg Handel and Wytrice Harris provided an overview of the past, present and future of the Detroit Promise.

V. DPZA Development Plan Proposed Revisions

- a. Chuck Wilburn reviewed the proposed revisions and detailed next steps for submitting development plan revisions to Treasury for an informal review.
- b. Several board members had questions about the proposed revisions, including:
 - i. How much of tax capture should be used for programming vs. scholarship?
 - ii. What is best practice for graduation time limits for students attending 2 year and 4 year colleges?
 - iii. What other Michigan promises provide a middle vs. last dollar?
 - iv. Should the Detroit Promise be expanded to 4 year universities? Or should it focus on 2 year college support?

VI. Next Board Meeting

- a. Motion by Peter Remington to hold a special board meeting 30 days from the date of this meeting to discuss the development plan revisions and review some analysis regarding the revisions.
 - i. Second: John Ziraldo
 - ii. All in favor
- b. Board members should send the questions they want answered/analysis they would like to see in the next board meeting to Kim Rustem at kimberly.rustem@detroitmi.gov. Please title the subject line Detroit Promise.
- c. Next regularly scheduled board meeting is on January 20, 2022 at 4:30pm.

VII. Public Comment

- a. No public comment

VIII. Adjourn

- a. Motion to adjourn: Iris Taylor
 - i. Second: John Ziraldo
 - ii. All in favor
- b. Meeting was adjourned at 6:11pm