

HOLYOKE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INDUSTRIAL CORPORATION

August 24, 2023 Meeting Minutes
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Members Present:

Carl Eger
Joseph McGivern
Mark Cutting
Antonio Quinones
Michael Sullivan

Staff Present:

Aaron Vega, Executive Director
John Dyjach, Assistant Director
Marie Brazeau, Development Specialist

Others present:

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Carl Eger called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and stated that the meeting was being recorded and was being held remotely. A roll call followed:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Present</u>
Carl Eger, Jr.	Y
Joseph McGivern	Y
Rosa Pantoja	N
Antonio Quinones	Y
Mark P. Cutting	Y
Callie Flanagan	N
Michael Sullivan	Y

2. HEDIC Board business

a. HEDIC Board Minutes of June 29, 2023: A motion was made to approve the minutes of June 29, 2023 by Mark Cutting and seconded by Joseph McGivern.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Joseph McGivern	Y
Antonio Quinones	Y
Carl Eger, Jr.	Y
Mark P. Cutting	Y
Michael Sullivan	Y

The motion passed unanimously.

b. Board Reorganization: The Chair announced they will be voting for Treasurer and Clerk positions. The Chair entertained nominations for the Clerk position. Joseph McGivern nominated Antonio Quinones which was seconded by Mark Cutting. A vote followed:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Joseph McGivern	Y
Antonio Quinones	Y
Carl Eger, Jr.	Y
Mark P. Cutting	Y
Michael Sullivan	Y

The motion passed unanimously.

The Chair then entertained nominations for Treasurer. Michael Sullivan nominated Joseph McGivern which was seconded by Mark Cutting.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Mark P. Cutting	Y
Michael Sullivan	Y
Joseph McGivern	Y
Antonio Quinones	Y
Carl Eger, Jr.	Y

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Th Chair congratulated both on their appointments. Mr. Dyjach added that with ~~Holyoke, MA~~ appointments the bank account signers will need to be updated. Staff will be reaching out shortly to process paperwork.

3. **Hard Tech Event- Sponsorship Request:**

The Chair opened the floor for staff to present the request. Mr. Vega thanked the Chair and thanked the members of the Board who attended the Hard Tech Event at Fame Lounge. Mr. Vega said the event was a successful event and the organizers previously inquired about receiving a HEDIC sponsorship for the event. The event highlighted various resources in Holyoke available to tech companies which included HEDIC. The Chair echoed praise for the event and the work of the organizers. Mr. Sullivan said he also enjoyed the event and noted the number of companies from outside Holyoke that were present at the event to learn more about potentially growing their business here was impressive. A motion was made to sponsor the Hard Tech event up to \$500 was made by Mark Cutting and seconded by Joseph McGivern. Mr. McGivern added under discussion that he was happy to support the event but under state law they cannot sponsor any expenses related to the alcohol served at the event. A roll call followed:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Mark P. Cutting	Y
Michael Sullivan	Y
Joseph McGivern	Y
Antonio Quinones	Y
Carl Eger, Jr.	Y

The motion passed unanimously.

4. **HEDIC Loan Program Update:** The Chair opened the floor for updates from staff. Ms. Brazeau thanked the Chair and announced that staff worked with Katy Moonan to have all MakerLoan documents translated to Spanish. This expense totaled \$400 paid through the HEDIC credit card. This was done in preparation for the upcoming information session being held on September 13th at noon via zoom. To market the loan staff and Vice Chair Callie Flanagan will be doing an informational video with Holyoke Media. Ms. Brazeau closed in saying there has been no new preapplications, but staff is hoping the information session will lead to more movement.
5. **Other Business:** Mr. Vega stated that unfortunately HEDIC member Rosa Pantoja has been unable to participate in meetings and is looking to resign her position on the Board as her schedule no longer allows for it. Mr. Vega added that should she officially resign there has been some interest in the Board that staff will bring to the Board and the Mayor. Secondly, Mr. Vega announced that Clean Crop Technologies, an exciting new business, is expecting Rick Sullivan from the Economic Development Council of Western Mass to tour their facilities and has also extended the invitation to HEDIC. Staff will follow up with more details when confirmed. Michael Sullivan stated he also feels touring some of the properties that HEDIC owns would be a productive tour. He noted that the Whiting Farms Road land, which has been on the market for many years, would be ideal to walk and

discuss with HG&E. Staff noted there was a use study done on the land that can be sent out as a resource for the Board and that inviting HG&E to a meeting can happen in the near future.

6. **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Joseph McGivern to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Mark Cutting. A roll call followed:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Michael Sullivan	Y
Joseph McGivern	Y
Antonio Quinones	Y
Carl Eger, Jr.	Y
Mark P. Cutting	Y

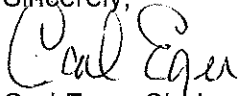
The meeting was adjourned at 5:30pm.

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Sincerely,



Carl Eger, Chairperson

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