



City of Madison

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Meeting Minutes - Approved ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

*Consider: Who benefits? Who is burdened?
Who does not have a voice at the table?
How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?*

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

5:00 PM

Virtual

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CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Economic Development Committee meeting was called to order at 5:03pm. Madison moved to elect Bah to chair this meeting. Gombar seconded. The motion passed by voice vote. The meeting was chaired by Bah.

Others present: Rohlich, Makinen, Ouk, Miller, Mikolajewski

Present: 7 - Melissa Gombar; Nasra Wehelie; Jeffrey J. Lignon; Nicholas J.C. Paris; Kabah Bah; John W. Duncan and Sabrina V. Madison

Excused: 4 - Afra S. Smith; Susan M. Bulgrin; Wayne R. Harris and Seth W. Lentz

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Paris and seconded by Madison to approve the minutes from the February 21, 2024 meeting. The motion passed by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. [82512](#) Public Comment - EDC 3/20/24

Attachments: [EDCRegistrantsReport-3-20-24.xlsx](#)

This Miscellaneous was Discuss and Finalize

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

NEW BUSINESS

2. [82448](#) Authorizing the Selection of the Madison Region Economic Partnership, Inc (MadREP) as the Administrator to Manage the Business Ready (BizReady) Program - a Training, Technical Assistance, and Micro-Enterprise Funding Initiative Focused on supporting entrepreneurs in the City of Madison.

Attachments: [BizReady Scope of Services.pdf](#)
[The Learning Opportunities.pdf](#)
[The Proposed Mix of Participants in the BizReady Program.pdf](#)
[Updated-RFP # 12051-0-2023-BP Form D- Cost Proposal.pdf](#)

Ouk introduced MadREP and they gave an overview of the program followed by questions from members. A motion was made by Madison and seconded by Duncan to recommend approval. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. [82513](#) Update regarding work of the Madison Region Economic Partnership (MadREP), including update of the region's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS).

Attachments: [City of Madison Economic Development Committee 3.20.24 \(003\).pdf](#)

Jason Fields from MadREP gave a presentation on their work followed by questions from members.

4. [82519](#) Discussion regarding collection of demographic information for city financial assistance programs.

Mikolajewski led discussion followed by questions from members.

5. [82123](#) Discussion Regarding the 2025 City Budget

Attachments: [2024 Economic Development Division Capital Budget.pdf](#)

Mikolajewski gave an overview of the 2025 budget process followed by questions from members.

6. [81529](#) Economic Development Division Financial Assistance Dashboard

Attachments: [June 2024 EDD Financial Assistance Dashboard.pdf](#)

Rohlich gave presentation on the current status of the Financial Assistance Dashboard followed by questions from members.

7. [78859](#) Announcements and Future EDC Agenda Items

In person meeting with the mayor in May.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Wehelie and seconded by Gombar to adjourn at 6:21pm. The motion passed by voice vote.