

**Jackson Economic Development Authority (EDA)**

**Meeting Agenda**

**Thursday July 17, 12:00 pm**

**Jackson City Hall**

**Quorum: 4**

**Voting Members:**

✓ Kent Bargfrede

✓ Mike Brinkman

Tim Olson, Vice Chair

✓ Joe Pell, Council Member Ward 2 and Treasurer

✓ Marcus Polz, Mayor

✓ Rocky Sieler, Chair

Michelle Eckert, Secretary

✓ **Staff:** Dave Lovell, Interim EDC; Kent Bargfrede, Jack Brinkman EDC; Jim Langborg, City Administrator;

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**Call the meeting to order.**

Rocky Sieler called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm with a quorum.

**1. Agenda Changes**

a. No changes

b. Marcus asked to add a discussion about EDA' staffing and framework.

Motion made by: Joe Pell, seconded by Mike Brinkman, to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion passes unanimously.

**2. Consent Agenda**

a. Acceptance of Mary Boyum's resignation

Motion made by: Marcus Polz, seconded by Joe Pell, to approve the acceptance of Mary Boyum's resignation. Motion passes unanimously. Board added a note that they're accepting her resignation regrettably because she did such a great job for the city.

**3. Unfinished Business / Open Items:**

**4. Financials**

a. No financial report

**Motion made by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, to approve the financials.**

**5. Discussion items**

a. Hiring of Peggy Markman as EDA assistant

The board discussed the hiring of Peggy Markman as the new EDA assistant. Topics included whether an EDA board member should be present during the interview process. Peggy's extensive background in finance, banking, and customer relations experience will be a strong asset to the EDA.

A motion to hire Peggy as the EDA assistant was brought to a vote. The motion passed with **4 votes in favor and 1 opposed.**

b. Revolving Loan Fund for businesses

The board reviewed and discussed six Revolving Loan Fund Applications. After consideration, all six applications were **approved.**

A motion to approve the applications was made by Marcus Polz and seconded by Joe Pell. The motion carried unanimously.

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**6. Other Business**

- a. Grant funding for new businesses (Kent)

Kent led a discussion on potential grant funding opportunities and strategies to attract new businesses to the community. The board explored ideas on how to make Jackson a more appealing location for business investment, including possible incentives and support – similar to the previous Business Challenge initiative.

No plan or motion occurred, discussion about this topic will continue at the next meeting.

- b. EDA Staffing clarification

Marcus Polz' Staffing clarification and oversight framework idea was tabled until the next meeting.

**7. Adjourn**

Motion made by: Marcus Polz, seconded by Kent Bargfrede, to adjourn the meeting.

Next meeting, August 9, 2025