Kankakee ECDA
Community Advisory Board
July 1, 2026, 12:00 p.m. Council Chambers, 385 E. Oak St.

Regular Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Community Advisory Board ("Board") of the City of Kankakee's Economic and Community Development Agency ("ECDA") was called to order by ECDA Assistant Director Miya Petitgoue on Wednesday, July 1, 2026 at 12:01 p.m. in the Council Chambers, proper notice having been given to the public and Board members. There were no public comments. The following Board members were present: Roderick Sessions (1), Pat Coy (3) on Zoom, Paula Robinson (4), Doug Young (5), Zelma Evans (6), and Nettie Williams (7). Asst. Director Miya Petitgoue recognized a quorum was present. Ximena Ramirez (2) joined at 12:07 p.m.

Assistant Director Petitgoue asked the Board to review the May 6, 2026 regular meeting minutes, which had been made available to the Board in advance of the meeting. **Upon a motion by Board Member Coy and seconded by Board Member Evans, the Board voted on a voice vote to approve the meeting minutes from May 6, 2026.**

Assistant Director Petitgoue presented the ECDA report to the Board. ECDA Housing Rehabilitation has 31 construction projects in progress with 1 completed in the month of June (1 Healthy Homes Program). ECDA is working on hiring a Lead Program Manager following staff transition, which will increase numbers in upcoming months. CDBG is currently in a Monitoring Process with HUD to review grant programming. Preparation for this Monitoring visit has slowed Housing Rehabilitation work. ECDA waitlists still remain closed and at 158 for General Waitlist and 40 for Lead Assistance Waitlist. Assistant Director communicated that if there are residents that CAB members are aware of who are receiving communication, they need to respond to remain active on the intake process. Board Member Sessions requested more detailed information regarding how many programs are in each program. Assistant Director Petitgoue pulled up a more extensive report to show the data for each.

Board Member Coy asked about projects that are impacted by the March 10, 2026 storm. Asst. Director Petitgoue communicated that ECDA's Housing Rehabilitation Programs are not able to assist with open insurance claims. All claims must be closed for ECDA projects to move forward. An update on the State of Illinois Community Development Block Grant Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity (CDBG – DCEO "Shelter Grant") update was shared. ECDA and City team are working with contractors to schedule the Pre-Construction Meeting to communicate grant expectations.

An update was provided for the CDBG Public Service Agencies for 2025-26. Most agencies have submitted all necessary paperwork to receive funding. CDBG Program Manager is working with agencies on any remaining items still needed to wrap up the Program Year. Overall, agencies served more households or individuals than initially anticipated. ECDA has not received their Grant Agreement from HUD's Community Development Department to fund these programs. Once the Grant Agreement is received from the funder, ECDA will be able to move forward with Grant Agreements for the agencies awarded. Agencies will be able to utilize the Program Year

reimbursements starting at May 1, 2026.

Assistant Director Petitgoue communicated that the City of Kankakee will be approving the 2026-2027 Budget at the end of July and there is discussion about continuing the Private Security Incentive Program. Currently the program is open and has $2,835.27 in remaining funds. There are 7 additional applications waiting approval that will impact those total remaining funds.

ECDA continues to promote its office's programs through social media outreach (1,642 Facebook followers, 451 Instagram followers) and electronic newsletter (674 subscribers), ECDA will be hosting a Community Conversation with U of I Extension Office on Healthy Food Access on July 9, 2026 at 5:30 PM at the Kankakee Public Library; participating in the Kankakee Public Library's Family Fun Day on July 11; a NonProfit Workshop in partnership with United Way on July 28, 2026 from 8 – 10:00 AM at the KCC Iroquois Room; and we will be hosting our 4th Annual ECDA Luncheon on July 23rd from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM at the Majestic.

Under Old Business, Assistant Director Petitgoue reminded CAB Members about scheduling a time to meet with CAB Members, Ward Councilmembers, and ECDA Directors. The purpose of this meeting time is to establish communication with Ward Council reps to understand Ward-specific needs. This is the first portion of the goals for second quarter.

Under Old Business and CAB Comments, Board Member Young brought up curb and easement concerns along Kennedy Drive and Court St/Schuyler. This concern was brought to City and State by Board Member but the concern is still there.

Assistant Director Petitgoue requested a motion to adjourn. **Upon a motion by Board Member Evans and seconded by Board Member Williams, the Board voted via voice vote to adjourn at 12:32 p.m.**

The next meeting of the Committee will be Wednesday, August 5, 2026 at 12:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Miya Petitgoue