# Kankakee ECDA
# Community Advisory Board
September 2, 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, September 2, 2026 at 12:02 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), Doug Young (5), and Nettie Williams (7). Asst. Director Miya Petitgoue recognized a quorum was present.

Assistant Director Petitgoue asked the Board to review the August 5, 2026 regular meeting minutes, which had been made available to the Board in advance of the meeting. **Upon a motion by Board Member Williams and seconded by Board Member Sessions, the Board voted on a voice vote to approve the meeting minutes from August 5, 2026.**

Board Member Zelma Evans (6) arrived at 12:04 p.m.

Assistant Director Petitgoue presented the ECDA report to the Board. ECDA Housing Rehabilitation has 28 construction projects in progress with 5 completed in the month of August (1 Lead Hazard Control and 4 Healthy Homes). These numbers are a correction from the provided report – the corrected report will be uploaded. ECDA waitlists still remain closed and at 156 for General Waitlist. A final report was given for Healthy Homes Production Grant Program. The report included demographic information for households served within the grant program. There were 41 projects completed with $1,400,388.54 in grant funding spent.

Board Member Paula Robinson (4) arrived at the meeting at 12:17 p.m.

An update on the State of Illinois Community Development Block Grant Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity (CDBG – DCEO "Shelter Grant") update was shared. ECDA is waiting on final signatures to be completed for issuing the Notice to Proceed from the grant.

ECDA has not received their Grant Agreement from HUD's Community Development Department to fund the 2026-27 Program Year Allocations programs. Once the Grant Agreement is received from the funder, ECDA will be able to move forward with Grant Agreements for the agencies awarded.

ECDA continues to promote its office's programs through social media outreach (1,795 Facebook followers, 461 Instagram followers), and electronic newsletter (664 subscribers). ECDA will be participating in a variety of community events and regional trainings in the month

of September. The team will be hosting a Community Conversation to gather feedback from residents on how Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding should be spent on September 10, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. at the Kankakee Public Library and their second Neighborhood Cookout of the year on September 12, 2026 at Beckman Park from 1 – 4:00 p.m. Community Meetings for August consist of the reoccurring meetings.

Under Old Business, there was a discussion on the provided draft of 2027 Community Advisory Board Goals. The draft was reviewed and available for comment. Board members communicated agreement with the goals and emphasized the opportunity to assist in coordinating Ward Meetings with City Council members. **Upon a motion by Board Member Robinson and seconded by Board Member Evans, the Board voted on a voice vote to approve the 2027 Goals.**

Under CAB Comments, Board Member Coy brought up a concern regarding contractors working on storm recovery efforts. He told his fellow CAB Members to check in with their neighbors to ensure that their contractors are licensed and following Code Regulations. Board Member Williams voiced a concern about the thoroughness of the Code Final Inspections for roofing projects.

Assistant Director Petitgoue requested a motion to adjourn. **Upon a motion by Board Member Coy and seconded by Board Member Williams, the Board voted via voice vote to adjourn at 12:52 p.m.**

The next meeting of the Committee will be Wednesday, October 7, 2026 at 12:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Miya Petitgoue