



**City of Ann Arbor**  
**Meeting Minutes - Draft**  
**Local Development Finance Authority**  
**(LDFA)**

301 E. Huron St.  
Ann Arbor, MI 48104  
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Monday, February 19, 2024

9:00 AM

SPARK 330 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor

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**Special Meeting**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

*Chair Rapundalo called the meeting to order at 9:12 AM*

**II. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 5 - Chair Stephen Rapundalo, Phil Tepley, Michele Merusi, Jennifer Cornell, and Annie Somerville

**Absent:** 3 - Heather Grisham, Michael Psarouthakis, and Carrie Leahy

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT**

*None*

**IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**A motion was made by Council member Cornell, seconded by Board Member Merusi, that the agenda be Approved. On a voice vote, Chair Rapundalo declared the motion carried.**

**V. REPORTS FROM SERVICE PROVIDERS**

*None*

**VI. OTHER BUSINESS**

**24-0099** Board Seats Expiration/Resignation

*Tepley will not seek re-appointment*

*Psarouthakis, Cornell, and Leahy will seek re-appointment*

**24-0073** DEI Grant Application SPARK

*SPARK requested to withdrawal their DEI grant application .*

**A motion was made by Council Member Cornell, seconded by Board Member Tepley to accept the withdrawal of the SPARK DEI Grant Application.**

**24-0074** Green Business Challenge Proposal

**A motion was made by Board Member Merusi, seconded by Council member Cornell, that the Green Business Challenge Grant Proposal be approved pending a lack of a suitability denial by the MEDC by March 1st. On a voice vote, Chair Rapundalo opposed and declared the motion carried.**

**24-0102** WCC Entrepreneurship Center Grant Request

*Board Member Merusi requested to withdrawal the grant request.*

**A motion was made by Council Member Cornell, seconded by Board Member Tepley to accept the withdrawal of the WCC Entrepreneurship Center Grant Request**

**24-0190** DEI Ecosystem Proposal SPARK/WCC

*Board Member Merusi recused herself from the vote.*

**A motion was made by Council member Cornell, seconded by Board Member Tepley, that the SPARK/WCC DEI Grant proposal be Approved. On a voice vote, Chair Rapundalo declared the motion carried.**

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Board Member Merusi, seconded by Board Member Tepley, that the meeting be adjourned. On a voice vote, Chair Rapundalo declared the motion carried.**

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