



**Mason County Promise Zone Authority Board
Meeting Minutes**

October 19, 2018
12:00 PM

Location:

Lakeshore Resource Network
920 E. Tinkham Ave.
Ludington, MI 49431

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:00 PM by the Mason County Promise Zone Authority Board Chair, Jason Kennedy.

A. **Roll Call:** Three members were absent at roll call (Ed Makowicki, Jim McLean, and Nick Krieger). Nick Krieger arrived at 12:05 PM. Guests in attendance were: Scott Ward (WSCC), Nick Palmer (Mason CAN), Jason Jeffrey (WSESD), Jeff Mount (MCC), and Faith Nelson (G2S).

B. **Approval of the Agenda:** The agenda was approved with no agenda modifications.

Motion - Knizacky, Support - Nash; Motion carried 8-0; 3 absent.

C. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** The meeting minutes from August 9, 2018 were approved with no modifications.

Motion - Large, Support - Schuyler; Motion carried 8-0; 3 absent.

D. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** The meeting minutes from September 14, 2018 were approved with no modifications.

Motion - Knizacky, Support - Nash; Motion carried 8-0; 3 absent.

E. **Limited Public Comment:** None; Nick Krieger entered the meeting at this time.

F. **Reading of Correspondence:**

- Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority (MMRMA): Blanket Performance Bond, Member Manual, and Coverage Documents: The \$1 million dollar blanket performance bond and liability insurance coverage has been bound with MMRMA.

G. Action Item:

- The Board authorized the Mason County Promise Zone Authority Board Officers to sign, execute, and submit the Certification of Incumbency Form, and the Compliance with the Promise Zone Authority Act Form to the Michigan Department of Treasury.

Motion - Knizacky, Support - Nash; Motion carried 9-0; 2 absent.

H. Committee Work: The Board entered into an orientation work session with Chuck Wilbur, Executive Director of the Michigan Promise Zone Association (MPZA) and discussed the following:

- 12:15pm—Introductions of Board members to Mr. Wilbur
- 12:25pm—Understanding the Power of the Promise
- 12:40pm—How the Promise movement emerged and how it has grown
- 1:00pm—Promise Zone dos and don'ts
- 1:30pm—Policy decisions contained in the Mason County Development Plan
- 1:45pm—Tax Increment Financing story problem
- 2:00pm--Funding the Promise Zone
- 2:15pm—Placing your Promise Zone on the college access and success continuum
- 2:40pm—Looking ahead and wrapping up

I. Set Next Meeting Date: The next meeting of the Board will be scheduled for December 3, 2018 from 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM at the Lakeshore Resource Network, 920 E. Tinkham Ave. Ludington, MI 49431.

J. Any Other Business:

- The Board has not yet received the invoice for payment to West Shore Community College for the Fall 2018 semester. Once the Board receives the invoice, we will approve payment at an upcoming meeting and get it submitted to the College; The College has shared that a student may drop classes after the drop deadline, so they have been waiting to submit an invoice to the Promise Zone until all students were properly accounted for.
- The marketing subcommittee met and Monica Schuyler provided a brief overview to the Board of that meeting. Attending activities, school newsletters, homebuyer's guides, newspaper listing of scholarship recipients, and a bookmark contest were discussed.
- Fabian Knizacky shared that we will need to establish a fiscal year end for auditing purposes. We will discuss this at our next meeting.

K. Limited Public Comment:

- Nick Palmer addressed the Board and shared that he would be sending out a meeting notice for the Mason County College Access Network meeting.
- Jeff Mount addressed the Board and expressed concern regarding school of choice students, especially those in his District who live in Baldwin (Lake County), or Pentwater (Oceana County). He wanted the Board to consider allowing these students to receive Promise scholarships, especially when they attend our in county schools for long periods of time.

- L. **Adjournment:** The meeting was moved for adjournment at 3:29 PM by Roger Nash, and supported by Monica Schuyler. Motion carried: 9-0; 2 absent. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nick Krieger, Secretary
Mason County Promise Zone Authority Board