

GFDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS & COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, September 4, 2025

8:00 – 9:30 AM

Great Falls College, Heritage Hall

Approved 10/2/25

2100 16th Ave S.

Signed By: Nate Weisenburger, Secretary

Great Falls, MT 59405



Zoom Option

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IN PERSON MEETING with Zoom Option

GFDA Staff Present:

Jenn Gallmeier, Jill Kohles, Jolene Schalper, Shauni Seccombe, Tracy Heggem

GFDA Board Members Present:

Dr. Alan Kadish, Andreas Geranios, Brett Harris, Caroline Goulet, Dani Grebe, Dax Miller, Ed Brown, Glenn Bliss, Heather Hoyer, Jim Dea, Joe Briggs, Johnna Lightbourne, Kyle Herda, Len Watkins, Mark Capps, Mike Freeman, Mike Mills, Nate Weisenburger, Pat Woodall, Randy Gilbertson, Raymond Porter, Rebecca Engum, Reed Bassett, Rob Haney, Shane Etzweiler, Shannon Hoiland, Tom Heisler, Tracy Jerman, Tyler Muzzana

GFDA Council Members Present:

Casey Schreiner, Darla Deck, Jim Wingerter, Jody Johnson, Kate Keil, Mike Hallahan

Guests:

Jane Weber (HD19), Matt Elsaesser (Upper Missouri Waterkeeper)

Times are approximate and agenda items may be taken out of order.

Any Director with a potential conflict of interest on the agenda should state the conflict at the start of the meeting.

8:00 1. Introductions – Johnna Lightbourne

Introductions of Board and Council members, investors, staff and guests.

8:02 2. Consent Agenda – Johnna Lightbourne

a) Accept excused absences: Jayson Olthoff, Morgan Tweet, Stephanie Erdmann, Tiffany Hensley-McBain, Toby Malsam

b) Approve minutes of 8/7/25 Board meeting.

ACTION TAKEN: Motion to approve Consent Agenda. Motion seconded. None opposed. Motion carries.

8:05 3. Economic Development Strategy – Jolene Schalper

Approve/disapprove adoption of updated Economic Development Strategy 2026-2028.

ACTION TAKEN: Motion to approve adoption of updated Economic Development Strategy 2026-2028. Motion seconded. None opposed. Motion carries.

8:07 4. Touro Student Welcome Update – Jenn Gallmeier

8:10 5. Gap Financing Update – Jill Kohles

8:20 6. Brownfields Revitalization Sites – Jolene Schalper

8:25 7. Kid's Education Yes & Great Falls Public Schools – Heather Hoyer & Jamie Marshall

9:20 8. Pipeline Report – Jolene Schalper

9:29 9. CEO Report – Jolene Schalper

9:33 10. Board & Council Sharing – Johnna Lightbourne
Updates from Board and Council members on issues affecting GFDA’s mission and organization.

9:37 11. Public Comment – Johnna Lightbourne
Opportunity for public comment.

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