



**CITY OF ALLEGAN**  
**Economic Development Corporation**  
**Griswold Auditorium**  
**401 Hubbard Street, Allegan MI 49010**  
**Wednesday, October 7, 2015**

**I. Call to Order**

Chair Lovedia Stap called the meeting to order at 12:04

**II. Attendance**

Present: Lovedia Stap, Craig vanMelle, Tim Perrigo, Nora Balgoyen-Williams

Absent: Rachel McKenzie, Bruce Campbell, Mike Walsh, Sheila Dever

Others

Present: Robert Hillard, Lori K. Vander Clay, Kelsie King, Marcia Neigebauer, Cindy Thiele, Steve Ramus, Gordon Wickens, Chris Spradlin, Larissa Hunt, Lisa Garcia, Michael VanDenBerg, Don Black, Nicole Richmond, Jacob Maas, Brent Larsen, Cheri Schulz

**III. Approval of the Previous Minutes**

Craig vanMelle, supported by Tim Perrigo, made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 2, 2015, meeting. Motion carried.

**IV. Old Business**

1. County EDC Joint Meeting – Lake Michigan College Presentation

Rob Hillard thanked everyone for coming today and creating a great opportunity to make connections.

Nora Balgoyen-Williams thanked the members of the County Economic Development for attending and also thanked Lisa Garcia from WMU for her attendance.

Gordon Wickens talked about the Lake Michigan College presence in Allegan. Chris Spradlin and Larissa Hunt, from Lake Michigan College also talked about the current courses offered in Allegan. Chris Spradlin announced that Allegan has been added to the list of off-site campuses for Lake Michigan College. He stated a press release will be forthcoming. Rob Hillard welcomed the press release and he talked about the downtown and the energy being created.

Nora Balgoyen-Williams briefly talked about the projects and goals of the Allegan County

Economic Development Commission.

**V. New Business**

**VI. Minutes and Reports**

The following reports were either provided-discussed or committee members were given an opportunity to ask questions.

\*Positively Allegan (Rachel)

\*Restructuring Committee (Craig, Mike)

\*Aesthetics Committee (Bruce)

\*Downtown Development Authority (Rachel)

\*Planning Commission (Rob)

\*Highland Business Park - Architectural Control Committee (Mike)

\*Allegan Area Chamber of Commerce (Tim)

\*Allegan County Economic Development Committee (Nora)

**VII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:09pm. The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 4, 2015.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Lori K. Vander Clay  
Deputy City Clerk**