

**Economic Development Board
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 22, 2024**

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLLCALL

Kathryn Hecht, Chair called to order the Economic Development Board (EDB) at 7:40 am on May 22, 2024

The following EDB Board members were present: Kathryn Hecht, Wayne Leach, Jorge Alcazar, Jordan Kivelstadt, Nick Schwanz, Linda Kachiu, Betzy Chavez, Skip Brand, Ricardo Marzo

The following EDB staff members were present Ethan Brown, Aleena Decker, Debbie Yarrow, Brad Johnson, Lauren Cartwright, Bernadette Marko, Samantha Kimpel, Lindsey Collins, Tara Thompson, Marcos Suarez, Jessica Martinez, Tara Thompson, Katherine DiPasqua, Christine Palmer, Lauren Cartwright, Katherine Fosburgh

II. CONSENT ITEMS

The meeting minutes from April 24, 2024, were approved.

Motion: Nick Schwanz Second: Linda Kachiu

Yay: 8 Ney: 0 Abstained: 0

III. POLICY/PROGRAM UPDATES: BOARD FEEDBACK/QUESTIONS ON INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Board Feedback/Questions on Information Items

ii. Business Services and Research

New reports are out and using the newest format and branding.

Board Members and staff had a high-level breakdown of reports, potential new data for reports, and new reports all together.

IV. BOARD BUSINESS




a. Guest Speaker: Jack Pollard, CEO/Founder of the Progressive Tribal Alliance

Jack spoke to the group about his organization and their current initiatives and goals for the Tribal community. Their vision is to shape the workforce of tomorrow through mentoring and educational opportunities.

A. Board Reports

District 1: Jordan spoke about the LeFever/Mattson lawsuit happening within District 1 and engaged the board and staff with conversation regarding the economic impact of this suit.

B. District 5: had two tours, one with Supervisor Hopkins and another with Supervisor Gore. The topics of conversations were:

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- Investment in blue economy
- Educational opportunities around the Hatchery
- Recreational Opportunities

C. AD HOC and Committee updates

The Diversity Equity Belonging and Accessibility (DEBA) committee has decided to sunset the committee. The Board spoke about the challenges and opportunities of continuing DEI work for the department.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Kathryn Hecht, Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:05 am.

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