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<b>MEETING:</b>	<b>DESC Program Services Committee Meeting</b>	<b>DATE:</b>	April 11, 2023
<b>ATTENDEES:</b>	<b>DESC Committee / Board Members:</b> Alice Thompson, Lena Barkley, Ric Preuss <b>DESC Staff:</b> Terri Weems, Chanelle Manus, Stephanie Nixon, Madelyne Bernard-Diab, Chauncey Samuels, Elizabeth Hennessey, Darilyn Draper, Sara Azu, Dana Williams	<b>LOCATION:</b>	DESC Corporate Offices 115 Erskine, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Fl Detroit, MI 48201
		<b>CALLED TO ORDER:</b>	10:04 am
<b>ABSENT:</b>	<b>Excused:</b> Dannis Mitchell <b>Unexcused:</b> NONE	<b>ADJOURNED:</b>	10:50 am
<b>PUBLIC ATTENDEES:</b>	NONE		
<b>FACILITATOR:</b>	Alice Thompson, Board Secretary and Committee Chairperson	<b>DATE MINUTES APPROVED/ADOPTED:</b>	June 21, 2023

ITEM	DISCUSSION	OUTCOME/ACTION ITEM(S)
I. Welcome & Introductions	Alice Thompson, Board Secretary and Committee Chairperson, called the meeting to order.	
II. Agenda Approval / Minutes	Alice Thompson, Board Secretary and Committee Chairperson, asked for approval of the agenda for the April 11, 2023, meeting: <b>Motion:</b> Ric Preuss <b>Seconded:</b> Lena Barkley <b>Motion Carried – Approved Unanimously</b>  Ms. Thompson asked for approval of the meeting minutes from the December 6, 2022, meeting: <b>Motion:</b> Lena Barkley <b>Seconded:</b> Ric Preuss <b>Motion Carried – Approved Unanimously</b>	
III. Chairperson’s Report	Alice Thompson, Board Secretary and Committee Chairperson: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provided a high-level summary of the information presented at the Mayors Workforce Development Board Meeting.</li> </ul>	
IV. The District Detroit	Alice Thompson, Board Secretary and Committee Chairperson, introduced Dana Williams, Chief Strategy Officer – Detroit at Work:	



	<p><b>Ms. Williams:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provided a detailed preview of The District Detroit, a high-profile economic development initiative that is poised to make a significant positive impact and provide a large number of jobs to Detroiters. The project is expected to last for at least five (5) years for the initial construction phase.</li> <li>• Detailed anticipated partnerships with subcontractors and union partners, including the potential for pre-apprenticeship opportunities for 45 to 60 Detroiters per year for the duration of the project.</li> <li>• Thanked Board Member, Ric Preuss and his team, for the support of Detroit at Work and assistance in allowing for Detroit at Work to be part of these discussions and opportunities.</li> </ul> <p>Committee discussion ensued.</p>	
<p><b>V. Jumpstart Update</b></p>	<p><b>Alice Thompson, Board Secretary and Committee Chairperson, introduced Carmen Bender, Director, Strategic Initiatives of DESC:</b></p> <p><b>Ms. Bender:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provided a comprehensive overview of the Jumpstart initiative, an ARPA-funded program designed to reach the city’s long term unemployed through engagement with partner community activist groups (In Detroit Organizations or IDO’s).</li> <li>• Detailed how Jumpstart will provide career readiness, executive functioning, and soft skill readiness, and the participants will have community mentors to provide guidance along the way.</li> <li>• Shared some of the unique challenges in standing up this program in such a short period.</li> </ul> <p>Committee discussion ensued.</p>	
<p><b>VI. Public Comments</b></p>	<p><b>There was no public comment.</b></p>	
<p><b>VII. Adjournment</b></p>	<p><b>Alice Thompson, Board Secretary and Committee Chairperson, called to adjourn the meeting:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion:</b> Lena Barkley  <b>Seconded:</b> Ric Preuss  <b>Motion Carried – Approved Unanimously</b></p>	

**DRAFT SUBMITTED BY:**

Printed Name: Elizabeth Hennessey

Title: Administrator, Special Projects

Signature: /s/ E Hennessey

Date: 05/10/2023



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**NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, June 20, 2023 @ 10:00 AM