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MEETING:	DESC Audit & Finance Committee Meeting	DATE:	January 22, 2026
ATTENDEES:	DESC Committee Members: Chris Uhl, Alice Thompson, Gail Taylor, Ric Preuss, Terri Weems, Mark Redman DESC Staff: Dana Williams, Rachel May, Sheila Johnson, Carmen Bender, Michelle Hodges, Karen LeGendre, Lexus Lenton, Caletia Binion, Lynnette Robinson Cassandra Ricks (remote) Stephanie Nixon, Madelyne Bernard-Diab, Kevin Naud (remote), Talitha Johnson, Kellie Stewart (remote), Nneka Carter (remote), Herman Parry (remote)	LOCATION:	DESC HQ 115 Erskine, 2 nd Fl Detroit, MI 48201
		CALLED TO ORDER:	3:09 p.m.
ABSENT:	Excused: Paul Trulik Unexcused: None	ADJOURNED:	4:13 p.m.
GUESTS & PUBLIC ATTENDEES:			
FACILITATOR:	Chris Uhl, Committee Chair	DATE MINUTES APPROVED/ADOPTED	February 2, 2026

ITEM	DISCUSSION	OUTCOME/ACTION ITEM(S)
I. Welcome & Introductions	<p>Chris Uhl, DESC Board Treasurer and Audit & Finance Committee Chair, called the meeting to order.</p> <p>Mr. Uhl called for a motion to approve the agenda for the January 22, 2026, meeting:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motioned: Alice Thompson Supported: Ric Preuss Motion Carried: Approved Unanimously</p> <p>Mr. Uhl called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes for the December 1, 2025, meeting:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motioned: Alice Thompson Supported: Mark Redman Motion Carried: Approved Unanimously</p>	

II. Chairperson's Report	Mr. Uhl, DESC Board Treasurer and Audit & Finance Committee Chair: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of Interim CFO Michelle Hodges, CPA, Principal Public Sector, Finance and Accounting Solutions, Rehmann • Ms. Hodges plans, performs and supervises assurance and consulting engagements <p>Board discussion ensued</p>	
III. President's Report	Ms. Williams, President, DESC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GDYT Fundraising Consultant RFP: Controls around scope of program • Budget Director Recruitment: Underway, reviewing candidates • Deficit Elimination Plan: Created, implemented, large scope <p>Board discussion ensued</p>	
IV. Finance Report	Michelle Hodges & Karen LeGendre, Rehmann: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deficit Elimination Update & Next Steps: Success in recovering Jumpstart and GDYT overages. Working to secure funding sources for remaining balance • Statement of Financial Position: Statement provided as of November 30, 2025. Review of total liabilities and net assets • Liquidity Analysis: Reviewed 13-week cashflow projection, monitoring cash, enhanced monthly reporting • FY26 Budget Insights: Budget-to-actual review through November 30, 2025. Review of program and admin costs for grants and the measures underway to improve those processes including evaluating rolling grant overages, current year budget adjustments, method of cost allocation and applying direct costs and controls to avoid future deficits. <p>Board discussion ensued</p>	Action item: Provide to committee at next meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant Flexibility • Cost Reduction • Revenue Generation/Fundraising
V. Public Comments	Mr. Uhl called for public comments: None	
VI. Adjournment	<p style="text-align: center;"> Mr. Uhl called for a motion to adjourn: Motioned: Mark Redman Seconded: Ric Preuss Motion Carried: Approved Unanimously </p>	

DRAFT SUBMITTED BY:

Printed Name: Rachel May **Title:** Executive Assistant to the President

Date: 1/26/2026

DATE MINUTES APPROVED/ADOPTED: 02/02/2026 **Initials:** RMM

NEXT MEETING: February 2, 2026