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MEETING:	DESC Executive Committee Meeting	DATE:	March 2, 2026
ATTENDEES:	DESC Executive Committee Members: Alice Thompson, Terri Weems, Chris Uhl, Lena Barkley, Dannis Mitchell, DESC Staff: Dana Williams, Rachel May, Lexus Lenton, Michelle Hodges, Talitha Johnson, Karen Legendre, Robert Shimkoski, Caletia Binion, Madelyne Bernard-Diab, Carmen Bender (remote) Guests: John Allen, Taylor Smith, Samantha Talbot, Detroit Documenters (remote), Paul Ennis (remote), Noah Kincade (remote), PR (remote)	LOCATION:	DESC Corporate Offices
		CALLED TO ORDER:	1:02 p.m.
ABSENT:	Excused: N/A Unexcused: N/A	ADJOURNED:	1:33 p.m.
PUBLIC ATTENDEES:			
FACILITATOR:	Alice Thompson, Board Chairperson	DATE MINUTES APPROVED/ADOPTED:	May 11, 2026

ITEM	DISCUSSION	OUTCOME/ACTION ITEM(S)
I. Welcome & Introductions	Alice Thompson, Board Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.	
II. Approval Agenda/Minutes	<p>Ms. Thompson asked for approval of the following agendas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 03/02/2026 o 02/19/2026 Special Session o 02/05/2026 Special Session o 12/22/2025 Special Session <p style="text-align: center;">Motion: Chris Uhl Supported: Dannis Mitchell Motion Carried – Unanimously</p> <p>Ms. Thompson asked for approval of the following Minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 10/27/2025 o 12/22/2025 Special Session o 02/05/2026 Special Session o 02/19/2026 Special Session 	



		Motion: Lena Barkley Supported: Chris Uhl Motion Carried – Unanimously	
III. Board Chair Report	Alice Thompson, Board Chairperson reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Informed of intent to ask board members to contribute to fundraising • Acknowledged her own contribution • Importance of succession planning at the board level and the staff level • Revisited a previous action item to review bylaws annually, even if there are no changes • Informed of verbal evaluation of president <p>Board discussion ensued.</p>		Training for appropriate protocol for conducting meetings as outlined in Roberts Rules of Order, the Open Meetings Act and the bylaws
IV. Audit & Finance Committee Update	Chris Uhl, Audit & Finance Committee Chair, DESC Board Treasure reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuous efforts to close the gap, largely due to funding allocations • Updated 13-week cashflow—showing positive • Team continuing to work on fundraising opportunities including meeting with funders and securing a fundraising consultant <p>Board discussion ensued</p>		
V. MWDB Update	Terri Weems, Group Executive, Workforce & Detroit at Work reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on board appointments. Mayor has reappointed expired appointments including our board chair Alice Thompson, Ric Preuss, and Dannis Mitchell 		We currently have two open seats on the board. Consider filling those seats with where we might have an industry/sector gap. Consider someone with compliance expertise
VI. President’s Report	Dana Williams, President, reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fiscal year 2026 federal funding appropriations for workforce have been approved through September • Informed of DESC’s presentation to the City Council for the Budget Hearing set for March 20 • Moving up Auditor RFP launch from April to March. Utilizing same RFP we have historically • Finance Leader recruitment candidates come from external job boards, personal recommendations or ads launched in CRAINS • Provided an update to the action items captured from prior meetings. <p>Board discussion ensued.</p>		
VII. Public Comments	none		
VIII. Adjournment	Ms. Thompson called for a Motion to Adjourn the meeting: <p style="text-align: center;"> Motion: Chris Uhl Second: Terri Weems Motion Carried – Approved Unanimously </p>		

DRAFT SUBMITTED BY:



Printed Name: Lexus Lenton

Title: Executive Assistant

Signature: /s/ Lexus Lenton

Date: 3/6/2026

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NEXT MEETING: May 11, 2026