



GCEDC Governance & Nominating Committee Meeting
Thursday, September 4, 2025
Location – 99 MedTech Drive, Innovation Zone
3:30 p.m.

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Committee Members: P. Zeliff, M. Clattenburg, C. Yunker, K. Manne
Staff: L. Farrell, M. Masse, P. Kennett, K. Galdun, J. Krencik
Guests: S. Noble-Moag (GGDLC Board Member), P. Battaglia (GCEDC/GGLDC Board Member), M. Gray (GCEDC Board Member), C. Kemp (GCEDC Board Member), R. Gaenzle (Harris Beach – Video Conference)

1. CALL TO ORDER / ENTER PUBLIC SESSION

C. Yunker called the meeting to order at 3:29 p.m. in the Innovation Zone.

1a. Enter Executive Session

P. Zeliff made a motion to enter executive session under the Public Officers Law, Article 7, Open Meetings Law Section 105, at 3:30 p.m. for the following reasons:

1. The medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation.
2. The proposed acquisition, sale or lease of real property or the proposed acquisition of securities, or sale or exchange of securities held by such public body, but only when publicity would substantially affect the value thereof.

The motion was seconded by M. Clattenburg and approved by all members present.

1b. Re-Enter Public Session

M. Clattenburg made a motion to enter back into public session at 3:47 p.m., seconded by P. Zeliff and approved by all.

2. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT & ACTIVITIES

2a. Agenda Additions / Deletions / Other Business – Nothing at this time.

2b. Minutes: June 5, 2025

M. Clattenburg made a motion to approve the June 5, 2025 meeting minutes as presented; the motion was seconded by K. Manne. Roll call resulted as follows:

P. Zeliff -	Yes
M. Clattenburg-	Yes

C. Yunker - Yes
K. Manne - Yes

The item was approved as presented.

3. DISCUSSIONS / OFFICIAL RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD

3a. GGLDC Board Member Appointments –The Governance and Nominating Committee would like to recommend to the full Board that 1) P. Battaglia and M. Brooks serve another 6-year term for the GGLDC Board retroactive from 6/30/25 and ending 6/30/31.

P. Zelif made a motion to recommend to the full Board that P. Battaglia and M. Brooks serve another 6-year term for the GGLDC Board retroactive from 6/30/25 and ending 6/30/31; the motion was seconded by M. Clattenburg. Roll call resulted as follows:

P. Zelif - Yes
M. Clattenburg- Yes
C. Yunker - Yes
K. Manne - Yes

The item was approved as presented.

3b. Solar Project Policy – C. Yunker started out by stating that the solar project policy had been discussed with input from the County Legislature and that the GCEDC Chair had also met with them on the same topic.

P. Zelif reported that the County is seeking to preserve agricultural land, noting that approximately 10,000 acres have already been allocated to solar development. It was further discussed that policy efforts should place greater emphasis on preserving agricultural land, the County's largest industry.

C. Yunker asked P. Zelif to let the full board know that giving up more land to solar is not a policy that the Governance Committee would like to support going forward.

M. Clattenburg stated that this concern arose directly from outreach at a recent GAM meeting, where all towns and villages expressed agreement that the issue threatens the viability of County agriculture. She added that they are also seeking ways to demonstrate that the County has met its share of energy demands.

3c. Development Model Review – M. Masse reviewed the current Development Model in comparison to the proposed model included in the meeting materials. He encouraged the Committee to review the changes and share any suggestions or comments.

He explained that the model is part of presentations to prospective companies, highlighting the organization's four pillars: Shovel Ready Site Development, Business Attraction, Expansion and Retention, Workforce Development, and Placemaking.

C. Yunker noted local concerns regarding the future of site development and asked whether those were being addressed. M. Masse responded that a meeting with C. Yunker and D. Cunningham is scheduled to review potential sites for the next shovel-ready development, with plans to report back to the Board in October.

M. Clattenburg added that water availability will remain a key issue.

4. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, M. Clattenburg made a motion to adjourn at 3:55 p.m., seconded by P. Zelif, and passed unanimously.