

MIGREENPOWER COMMUNITY IMPACT PILOT
LOW-INCOME SOLAR COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 2, 2025

Minutes transcribed from recording by Jessica Jamieson.

The meeting was called to order at 11:02 AM by Chandler Kielbas.

At 11:02 AM Chandler Kielbas asked whether everyone had reviewed the meeting agenda for December 2nd, 2025, and if any additions needed to be made. Boratha Tan and Darryl Folks confirmed they had no changes. Chandler then asked for a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Janis Hazel moved to approve, and Darryl seconded the motion.

At 11:03 AM Chandler Kielbas asked whether everyone had read the meeting minutes from November 18th, 2025, and if any changes needed to take place. There were no comments. Chandler then asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Darryl Folks moved to approve, and Boratha Tan seconded the motion.

At 11:04 AM Chandler Kielbas introduced the first item on the agenda: a review of the LISC's work done in 2025, and their outlook going into 2026. He shared a quick update that he is still speaking to 1898 & Co. regarding their presentation. They are finalizing their remaining revisions, and he expects to have updates by the December 16th meeting. He asked whether the group would like to hold the December 16th meeting given its closeness to the holidays, adding that he believed it should still take place. Janis Hazel and Juan Shannon agreed the meeting should proceed. Chandler then said the December 16th meeting would continue, and in that meeting they will focus on reviewing the Joe Louis Greenway (JLG) results. Chandler then began reflecting on the accomplishments of the LISC over the past year. He said he is feeling very good about the prospects of the JLG land and, although no grant funds have been awarded thus far, they were able to apply to three different grants through their partnership with the Canton Community Foundation. Moving into 2026, the LISC will focus on getting a lunch-and-learn set up sometime during quarter one. There will also be updates into 2026 regarding the ongoing litigation for the Solar for All funds and another meeting with the State Land Bank to move forward with land for Highland Park and River Rouge. Chandler then asked if anyone had any other suggestions for what to focus on in the coming months. Janis said she thinks they should continue to speak to the State Land Bank, especially at the beginning of the year before the midterm elections. She also said she believes they should continue to investigate Foundations aligned with the LISC's mission, such as the Kellogg Foundation, Erb Family Foundation, and Kresge Foundation. Chandler expressed that he appreciated this feedback and said that he would reach out to some of these foundations. Janis also mentioned that the LISC should be engaging with the Canton Community Foundation and moving on these opportunities depending on when the foundations' fiscal year is. Chandler agreed and asked for further feedback from the Council. Juan noted that most funders expect a specific plan, budget, and land acquired, and he asked how the LISC can pursue grants without those details. Janis answered by saying the LISC is going to

move towards foundations instead of government grants, and through her attendance at various community events, she has met many organizations that have a vision for cleaner energy without concrete plans, and they were able to attract funding. She said the LISC has a vision to serve vulnerable communities through renewable energy, and she believes many foundations would be willing to come on board with both technical support and funding to make this vision come to fruition. She provided an example from her experience as a member of the board of directors of a music legacy conservation group in Detroit where they were attempting to conserve an older building in Detroit, and many foundations supported their effort, even without an initial detailed plan and budget. Juan countered that in this example, the music legacy conservation group provided a certain location that they wanted to preserve, which is a specificity that the LISC does not yet have. Janis expressed that thus far, the LISC has focused on governmental grants, but this has become more difficult due to the change in administration. Additionally, many organizations that have received funding did not have concrete plans initially. Juan noted concerns about the project's pace but stated that Chandler Kielbas's involvement in the project since joining the Council has improved his confidence. He also emphasized interest in accelerating progress on the 44 Gerald property. Janis responded that the LISC has met with the State Land Bank three times in the past three months since identifying the property, and they seem very open to a partnership with the LISC. Juan said he would like to know the concrete availability of this piece of property. Janis responded that they could ask this in their next meeting with the State Land Bank, and that she believes they will be highly receptive. She furthered that projects like this take time, especially when it comes to securing a fiduciary and working through legal issues. With the Canton Community Foundation now serving in that role, the primary challenges involve securing land and funding, both of which can be addressed with foundation support. Juan responded that additional project details will need to be established before pursuing funding partnerships. Janis expressed that this is more difficult for the LISC because they do not have a full-time consultant to assist them with these details, and that if they had the capacity to hire additional help, that could be very beneficial. If this was a possibility, it could potentially be added to the agenda for 2026. She added that within the past year Chandler and Jessica Jamieson have added stability to the project, which has helped them move forward. Juan restated that communication with the State Land Bank could have progressed more quickly. Janis replied that the State Land Bank and Wayne County Land Bank were tasked with identifying spaces in Highland Park and River Rouge using their GIS systems, and they will move forward in the process once they have identified additional spaces. Janis encouraged Juan to look into land in Highland Park as well. Janis asked Sarah Hutchinson for her thoughts from a state perspective. Sarah said she believes it would be productive to follow up with the State Land Bank, the Detroit Land Bank, and the Wayne County Land Bank and potentially create an agenda and action items for an additional meeting with them. Juan thanked her for this feedback. Chandler then thanked Juan, Janis, and Sarah for this discussion and commented that the LISC will focus on advancing with the 44 Gerald property and engaging with the State Land Bank more thoroughly. He added that within the RE-EIED grant application and the Solar for All grant applications, he and his team developed an accurate budget and project plan for each array, which was vetted by DTE's finance team and Renewable Energy Development team to ensure that these were accurate. Furthermore, once 1898 shares their finished presentation, the LISC will also have a simulation of exactly how this solar array will look on that specific site. He stated that all the details are essentially secured, and that if they can continue to work with the State Land Bank to secure land for River Rouge and Highland Park, they are only a few months away from only needing funding

to continue with the project. He said that they have made a lot of progress, though it is not entirely obvious on the surface. He then once again thanked everyone for their thoughts.

At 11:45 AM Chandler Kielbas moved to reviewing community engagement initiatives. He asked Janis Hazel to expand on the most recent additions to the spreadsheet. Janis said she attended the Detroit Green Task Force monthly meeting and continued to observe how the change in leadership within Detroit will play out. She also attended the Detroit Future City's Housing Compact, where she knows many people are interested in the Community Impact Pilot, and may provide a good opportunity to invite people for the lunch-and-learn. She furthered that she became the President of her neighborhood association this year and is being included in more spaces due to this new role. She was invited to Mary Sheffield's transition team's first community meeting, and she will soon know which directors will keep their positions. Chandler thanked Janis and congratulated her on her presidency. He then asked if anyone had any additional questions or comments. There were none.

At 11:49 AM Chandler Kielbas moved to the action item register. He asked Janis Hazel if she had heard back from Julie Staveland yet. Janis responded that she had not, but she will reach out to Alessandra Carreon once again to see if Alessandra could get in contact with her. Chandler asked for any other questions or action items. Sarah Hutchinson suggested creating an action item regarding contacting the State Land Bank once again, which she volunteered to lead. She also said that the LISC should work to develop a list of specific action items for their next meeting with the land bank during their next LISC meeting. Juan Shannon, Chandler, and Janis agreed with this. Janis then suggested that they should meet with the City of Detroit as well once again before the end of the year. Chandler said he would set this up.

At 11:53 AM Chandler Kielbas moved to the round table and asked for any additional comments. There were none. He commented that he liked to hear everyone's feedback on how the year has gone, and that he looks forward to sharing the Joe Louis Greenway results in the next meeting.

At 11:55 AM the meeting was adjourned.