

**MIGREENPOWER COMMUNITY IMPACT PILOT**  
**LOW-INCOME SOLAR COUNCIL**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**SEPTEMBER 16, 2025**

The meeting was called to order at 11:18 AM by Chandler Kielbas.

At 11:18 AM Chandler Kielbas asked if anyone had any additions to the meeting agenda for September 16th, 2025. There were no comments. Chandler then asked for a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Janis Hazel moved to approve, and Boratha Tan seconded the motion.

At 11:19 AM Chandler Kielbas if everyone had read the meeting minutes from September 2nd, 2025, and if any changes needed to take place. Boratha Tan asked for clarification on the portion of the meeting minutes speaking about the lunch-and-learn that would be hosted on Zoom via the Vote Solar account. Chandler answered that, like past lunch-and-learns hosted on the Vote Solar Google account, this meeting would follow that format. Boratha said that Vote Solar could easily do this again. Chandler then asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Janis Hazel moved to approve, and Boratha seconded the motion.

At 11:21 AM Chandler Kielbas introduced the first item on the agenda: a Vote Solar Representative discussion. He said Boratha Tan and Will Kenworthy have reached out so their roles can be adjusted so that Boratha will become the lead for Vote Solar. Chandler then asked Boratha to add any additional clarity. Boratha said a mix of factors has contributed to this decision. Since Vote Solar is split by region, Will has been working particularly hard in other states such as Illinois, Indiana, and Wisconsin. Boratha explained that because he is a Detroit resident, it makes more sense for him to take the lead with the LISC. Chandler then asked if there were any objections from the Council about Boratha becoming the lead representative for Vote Solar moving forward. Janis Hazel said she approves, and Juan Shannon agreed. Chandler asked for any further feedback or if they could move forward with this. Juan agreed to move forward. Boratha was made the lead for Vote Solar.

At 11:25 AM Chandler Kielbas moved on to the next item on the agenda, a discussion with the Canton Community Foundation (CCF). He invited the CCF representatives to introduce themselves. Beth Meade explained that she is the president of the Local Impact Alliance, which includes the Community Foundations of Canton, Plymouth, and Westland. She said that they are a part of the Council of Michigan Foundations and that working with DTE had been a great opportunity to engage with the community and provide back-office services with any grants DTE might receive. The CCF has hired an additional staff member, specifically dedicated to managing the grants moving forward, Natalie McLaughlin. Natalie thanked Beth and said that she has been working with the CCF Local Impact Alliance for a number of years in her prior role, and that she is very excited to be a part of the team. Janis Hazel then introduced herself as the Detroit Community Representative, part of the LISC since 2020. Boratha Tan then introduced himself as a part of Vote Solar, a national non-profit advocacy organization ensuring there is just and

equitable access for everyone to clean energy. Juan Shannon then introduced himself as the Highland Park Community Representative. Next, Sam Shannon introduced himself as a member from Guidehouse acting as a non-voting advisor for the LISC. Last, Sarah Hutchinson introduced herself as a representative of the MPSC Staff on the Council, along with Cody Matthews who was not in attendance. Chandler thanked everyone for those introductions and said that the CCF also has a colleague named Darice Schubatis who could not be there today. He furthered that the CCF team has been helping the LISC look for grants, but unfortunately, the federal government has paused Solar for All funding, which is a major roadblock. He continued that Beth, Natalie, and the further team have continued to push forward, looking at other grant opportunities, reaching out to foundations, and seeing where there might be other possibilities for fundraising in the months or years to come. With this, he opened the floor for feedback. Janis asked about the process for applying to various grant opportunities and asked whether these need to be submitted by the CCF. Beth answered that because the CCF is acting as the fiduciary, DTE and the LISC will create the grant narrative, and Natalie will be the one submitting these applications. Natalie agreed with this. Janis confirmed with Chandler if this was the process undertaken for the RE-EIED Grant. Chandler said that they worked with the CCF on the Solar for All grant, but the RE-EIED Grant submitted earlier in the year was a part of the second round to a grant they had submitted in 2024. They did not work with the CCF for this one because it was a continuation of a grant from last year. However, moving forward, they will be working with the CCF very closely. Janis then asked if there was any funding amount they would not apply for. Beth replied that there is no funding level out of the question, and to reach out to the CCF if the LISC finds an opportunity to make sure it is a good fit. Natalie continued that there is no minimum or maximum amount of funding, but that the CCF will have to quickly vet the grant before DTE starts on the application. Janis then explained that the LISC is currently in the process of securing land for all three pilot locations and asked if this process would have to go through the CCF as well. Beth asked if these land parcels would be acquired via donation. Janis answered that this is unconfirmed at the moment and that they are currently in the process of identifying land parcels. Beth then said that if the land is purchased with DTE funds, then the process would not have to go through the CCF. However, if the land was purchased with funds that the CCF is managing, then they would need to be involved because they technically own those assets. Additionally, if the land was acquired through an in-kind donation, they would also need to be involved to ensure it aligns with what they are allowed to accept. Juan then asked for clarification about the CCF owning assets. Beth explained that if they used funds that they were managing for DTE to purchase the land, then the Foundation would own the land for DTE. Chandler thanked Janis and Juan for their input and asked for any further feedback. There was none.

At 11:41 AM Chandler Kielbas moved to reviewing community engagement initiatives. He handed the discussion to Janis Hazel. She said that she will be attending the Detroit City Green Task Force meeting and that she is currently in Lansing for the EGLE Community Climate Roundtable. She says the Director of EGLE spoke at that meeting and that she might be having lunch with Alessandra Carreon. She said the Director spoke about providing clean, renewable energy for the most vulnerable in the state of Michigan, aligning with LISC goals. He said that the Administration has frozen 42% of EGLE's funding, and they are fighting to get that slowly

released, including the Solar for All funds. Chandler asked if Janis got a sense of the timeline of when these funds might possibly be released. Janis replied that the Director did not give a timeline, as it depends on when these lawsuits work their way through the system. Though lawsuits have worked in the past, with AmeriCorps regaining its funding with support from the Attorney General. Chandler asked for clarification on what part of EGLE's funds she was referring to when mentioning the 42%. She replied that this pertains to federal funding that was allocated for various EGLE programs, not necessarily only Solar for All. Chandler asked if anyone had anything else to add, and there was none.

At 11:49 AM Chandler Kielbas moved to the action item register. Natalie McLaughlin shared that Beth Meade, who was no longer in attendance, messaged her that she had just had a conversation with Darice Schubatis regarding the process for acquiring land through the CCF. Darice said that if the land purchase is to come from funds managed by the CCF, then the CCF would be able to make a grant to DTE so that DTE would be the owner of the property. If it were to be an in-kind donation, the CCF could work with its lawyer to make sure the paperwork states that the land is owned by DTE. Chandler thanked her for this additional information. He then asked if anyone would like to add any input regarding the action item registry. He asked if Janis Hazel would like to reach out to her two connections about securing a time for the DONcast presentation or if she preferred that he continue to work through Julie Jozwiak. Janis replied that a combination of these efforts would be most effective, and that she will email Kim Tandy, District 2 Manager of Detroit, and Alexia Davis, District 7 Manager of Detroit. Chandler then said that he has compiled a list of over 250 people to invite to the lunch-and-learn, not including those from the DONcast, and that she could send him any additional email addresses she would like to be included. Chandler asked if anyone had anything further to add. Janis asked if there was any additional information on the lunch-and-learn. Chandler said that nothing has changed regarding the lunch-and-learn presentation since the prior LISC meeting.

At 11:56 AM Chandler Kielbas asked for any last thoughts. Janis Hazel mentioned that she thinks the lunch-and-learn should be scheduled for a November or December date to fully publicize and promote the event. Janis then asked if the State Land Bank Authority meeting would still be happening on Friday. He responded that this will be confirmed once the representatives agree to this date. There were no further comments.

At 11:58 AM the meeting was adjourned.