

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TAKEN AT A SPECIAL MEETING ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2024, at 7:30 AM.

Those present: Scott Chappuis, Jaci Russo, Denice Skinner, Gregory Walls, Miles Matt, and Nathanael Johnson

Those absent: Marie Centanni

DDA staff present: Rachel Holland and Amy Trahan

The meeting was called to order by Matt.

Public comment process is attached to the end of the agenda for individuals wishing to address the Board on agenda items. Request to speak must be submitted prior to the discussion of the item. Individuals are allowed three minutes for comments.

Matt gave a brief overview of the search committee process. Matt noted that Blanchard was the most qualified candidate considering education, training, and experience.

CEO Hire

Skinner motioned to approve the hire of Kevin Blanchard as recommended by the search committee for the position of CEO of the Downtown Development Authority at the salary of \$150,000 per year plus benefits including health insurance and retirement benefits through LCG policies, \$600 per month auto allowance, \$75 per month cell phone allowance, 3 weeks annual leave, and sick leave as approved by LCG policy, Chappuis seconded, all voted in favor.

Blanchard thanked the board for the opportunity to serve the organization. Blanchard noted that he finds the work invigorating and valuable. Blanchard further noted that Downtown is important for the city and region.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Other Business

There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned.