

MEETING MINUTES
Mid-Iowa Planning Alliance for Community Development
Executive Committee

2:00 p.m., Monday, November 17, 2025
939 Office Park Road, Suite 306
West Des Moines, IA 50265

The Executive Committee (the “Board”) of the Mid-Iowa Planning Alliance for Community Development (“MIPA”) held a hybrid in-person/virtual meeting at 2:00 p.m. November 17th, 2025. Notice of the meeting, including a meeting agenda, was delivered to Executive Committee members in accordance with MIPA bylaws.

ATTENDANCE

MIPA Board Members Present:

Brenda Dryer, Chair
Linda Murken, Vice-Chair
Craig Armstrong
Gerald Buydos
John Cook
Travis Cooke
Aaron DeJong
Rachel Gocken
Bryce Johnson
Margaret Liston
Stacie LoVan
Jacob Meshke
George Meinecke
Ryan Moffatt
Dan Nieland
Luke Parris

Greg Piklapp
Christopher Watkins
Rachel Wacker
Wade Wagoner

Staff Present:

Zhi Chen
Andrew Collings
Ethan Wherry
Lucas Young
Eric Kress

MIPA Board Members Absent:

Shawn Bryant
Jeff Davidson
Steve Schainker

1. Call to Order:

Chair Dyer called the meeting to order at 2:01 pm. A quorum was present.

2. Vote – Approval of the Agenda:

MOTION: A motion was made by Liston to approve November 17th, 2025, MIPA Executive Committee meeting agenda. Second, by Murken.

MOTION CARRIED

3. Vote – Approval of Meeting Minutes:

MOTION: A motion was made by Lovan to approve October 20th, 2025, MIPA Executive Committee meeting minutes. Seconded by Liston.

MOTION CARRIED

4. Report and Vote – Financial Statements

Collings reported MIPA’s November FY 2026 financial statements and transaction report. Staff recommended approval.

MOTION: A motion was made by Gocken to approve of the reported financial statements and transactions. Seconded by LoVan.

MOTION CARRIED

5. Report and Vote – MIPA Designation as a Council of Governments

Collings provided an update on MIPA seeking Council of Governments designation by the State of Iowa. Discussion followed.

MOTION: A motion was made by Armstrong to approve of MIPA seeking Council of Governments designation by the State of Iowa. Seconded by Piklapp.

MOTION CARRIED

6. Other Non-Action Items of Interest to the Committee

None

7. Next meeting Date

Monday, January 22nd at 2 pm

8. Adjournment:

Chair Dryer declared the meeting adjourned at 2:23 pm