



Newaygo County Area Promise Zone Authority Board of Directors Meeting  
Tuesday, November 18, 2025  
NC RESA Educational Services Center Board Room

**ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**

Present: Dr. Blake Prewitt (chairperson), Scott Rumsey, Holly Moon, Becky Tuuk, Pat Brown, Dick Dunning, Jarred Hibma, Scott Swinehart, Kathy Pope (ex-officio)

Absent: Don VanSingel, Dr. Tim Rossler

Visitors: Melissa Miller, Katie Mater, Ty Spickerman, Stu Sanders, Corinne Toth, Brandi Parsons (recorder)

Chairperson Dr. Blake Prewitt called the meeting to order at 11:08 a.m.

**Approval of the Agenda:**

Motion by Brown, supported by Moon, to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes – 8, Nays – 0. Motion unanimously carried.

**Public Participation:**

Dr. Blake Prewitt welcomed everyone.

**The Year in Review:**

Mrs. Melissa Miller shared the Year in Review Data. Beginning with 2017, this data shows when we first provided our very first scholarships up to our current year, 2025. This shows where our rates have been for applications submitted to those who are eligible with those applications, those who accepted, and those who then enrolled. In 2025, we had 107 students enrolled from our original application group. It is one of our highest rates of enrollment. It is doing what we set out for it to do – expand opportunity and access in Newaygo County.

**Board Members:**

Motion by Moon, supported by Brown, to approve the re-appointment of renewing board member Mr. Dick Dunning for a four-year term, ending December 31, 2029. Ayes – 8, Nays – 0. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Dunning, supported by Tuuk, to approve the re-appointment of renewing board member Mrs. Holly Moon for a four-year term, ending December 31, 2029. Ayes – 8, Nays – 0. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Brown, supported by Swinehart, to approve the re-appointment of renewing board member Mr. Scott Rumsey for a four-year term, ending December 31, 2029. Ayes – 8, Nays – 0. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Moon, supported by Dunning, to approve the re-appointment of renewing board member Mr. Don VanSingel for a four-year term, ending December 31, 2029. Ayes – 8, Nays – 0. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Moon, supported by Tuuk, to approve the re-appointment of renewing board member Dr. Tim Rossler for the remaining period of his four-year term, ending December 31, 2027. Ayes – 8, Nays – 0. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Swinehart, supported by Moon, to approve Stewart Sanders as a new member of the Board of Directors, completing Teresa Fetterley's term, ending December 31, 2028. Ayes – 8, Nays – 0. Motion unanimously carried.

Stu introduced himself and shared the highlights of his career in education, coaching, and his second career as the Register of Deeds. Stu has served on several boards and is excited to serve as part of the Promise Zone Board of Directors.

Dr. Blake Prewitt administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Stewart Sanders, and the document was notarized by Corinne Toth.

**Election of Officers:**

Motion by Rumsey, supported by Dunning, to approve the continuation of Mr. Jarred Hibma as the Treasurer for the 2026 fiscal year. Ayes – 9, Nays – 0. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Brown, supported by Tuuk, to approve the continuation of Mrs. Holly Moon as Secretary for the 2026 fiscal year. Ayes – 9, Nays – 0. Motion unanimously carried.

**Appointment of Subcommittee Chairpersons:**

Motion by Brown, supported by Swinehart to approve the following subcommittee chairpersons:

Operations – Mr. Scott Rumsey

Fundraising/Marketing and Communications – Mrs. Holly Moon

Promise Success – Mrs. Becky Tuuk

Ayes – 9, Nays – 0. Motion unanimously carried.

Annual Meeting Schedule: Motion by Swinehart, supported by Dunning, to approve a resolution adopting the regular meeting schedule for the 2026 fiscal year. Ayes – 9, Nays – 0. Motion unanimously carried.

Authorized Signatories: Motion by Rumsey, supported by Tuuk, to approve the Treasurer and Secretary as authorized signatories for check and purchase orders for the 2026 fiscal year. Ayes – 9, Nays – 0. Motion unanimously carried.

2026 Fiscal Budget:

Mr. Jarred Hibma presented the proposed 2026 budget. We will receive more than \$1.9 million for the year. Interest has gone up. Career specialists & advisors are now combined in the budget. Mrs. Melissa Miller stated we have not received approval yet this year for our grant request with the Fremont Area Community Foundation. This is a pending line item in our budget and is pre-approved should we need that investment. Overall, we are in good financial standing.

Motion by Swinehart, supported by Rumsey, to approve the 2026 fiscal year budget. Ayes – 9, Nays – 0. Motion unanimously carried.

Membership to the Michigan Promise Zones Association: Motion by Moon, supported by Hibma, to approve the membership dues to the Michigan Promise Zones Association for the 2026 fiscal year up to \$4,000. Ayes – 9, Nays – 0. Motion unanimously carried.

Non-Profit Liability Insurance Renewal: Motion by Hibma, approved by Tuuk, to approve (retroactively) the renewal of Non-Profit Management Liability Insurance from The Huttenlocher Group at an expense of \$770.00 effective until November of 2026. Ayes – 9, Nays – 0. Motion unanimously carried.

Application/Renewal Timeline: Motion by Rumsey, supported by Swinehart, to approve the Promise Zone Scholarship application/renewal timelines for the 2026 school year. Ayes – 8, Nays – 0. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Swinehart, supported by Hibma, to adjourn. Ayes – 9, Nays – 0. Motion unanimously carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.



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Dr. Blake Prewitt, Chairperson