



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION WARREN COUNTY
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
-- MINUTES --
June 10, 2026 9:00 a.m.

Voting Members Present:

Melanie Weber, Chair
Matthew Fuller

EDC Staff:

Jim Siplon, President
John Wheatley, Vice President
Eric Rosenfield, Economic Development & Communications Coordinator

Absent:

Kathy Muncil, Vice Chair

Guests:

Robert Bullock

Welcome & Call to Order: Board Chair Melanie Weber called the meeting to order at 9:29 a.m. on Wednesday, June 10, 2026. The meeting was held in person. A quorum was present. The meeting was live streamed on YouTube.

Approval of Minutes: After reviewing the 2.18.26 Executive Committee meeting minutes, Matt Fuller made a motion to approve; Melanie Weber seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Business Activity & Municipal Engagement: President Jim Siplon gave a brief update on EDCs recent advocacy in the small business space. EDC staff will provide a more focused drill-down on small business engagement to be presented to the full board. Mr. Siplon continued that EDC is working with the City on several opportunities including the PowerUp Grant, which will be brought to the full board while also continuing outreach in the broader regional community. Matt Fuller introduced the idea of a "buy local" marketing campaign within the City and County and the group discussed the need to amplify local retail and professional services.

Budget & Grant Updates: Mr. Siplon noted that the budget continues to be on track. Specifics on each grant will be reported to the full board at the upcoming monthly meeting.

Events: Mr. Siplon discussed the annual CFA Roadshow and the plan to convene a small group of interested parties and shovel-ready projects rather than a full workshop as in previous years. He noted that Annual Luncheon planning continues for fall with several topic options for the event to be held this fall at Fort William Henry Hotel with plans will be finalized by the end of July.

Other Updates: Consultant Robert Bullock reported on a structured approach to expand entrepreneurial reach and support as EDC continues to be called upon as a resource. Mr. Bullock suggested a multi-year plan to assist start-ups and growing businesses by addressing new issues a business can expect, inventorying and providing available resources, and the creation of partnerships to assist in growth while Mr. Siplon provided examples of recent requests and possible funding sources. There was further discussion of the EDC Advisory Committee which will serve as another way to address issues and opportunities with plans to convene later this month. Mr. Siplon reported on the continued focus on closing outstanding membership opportunities with former members. He provided an update on the MOSIAC group of arts organizations as well as the status of the IDA sponsored creative economy study currently in the final stages of consultant selection. Finally, Mr. Siplon discussed several technology related projects to be brought before the Audit & Finance Committee including the ongoing replacement of aging computers and the need for updated presentation capabilities in the board and conference rooms, ideally with external funding.

Executive Session: No executive session took place at this meeting.

Other Business: There was no other business discussed.

Adjournment: With no further business to come before the Executive Committee, a motion was made by Matt Fuller to adjourn; seconded by Melanie Weber. Motion carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:01 a.m.

Next meeting: September 9, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. or sooner if necessary