

January 17th, 2026
KEP Board Meeting
(Virtual Meeting due to Inclement Weather)

Board Members Present

Gregg Moore
Bob MacLeish
Denis McGlynn
Jerry Esposito
Shane Breakie
Dennis Spence
Kevin Sipple
Norman Barlow
Dina Vendetti
Shelly Cecchett

Absent

Robin Christiansen
Terry Pepper
Tabitha Gott

Guest

Amanda Marlow
Jeremy Rothwell
Dave Hugg
Torrie James

Gregg Moore called the meeting to order at 12:00pm.

After it was determined there was a quorum present, the board moved forward with the meeting. There being no addition to the agenda, a motion to approve made by Denis McGlynn, seconded by Dina Vendetti.

The minutes of the previous board meeting held on November 18th, 2025, were distributed to the board in advance. On a motion made by Denis McGlynn, seconded by Dina Vendetti, minutes were approved, with Bob MacLeish abstaining from the vote due to his absence at the November Board Meeting.

Financial Report – The financial reports for October through December 2025 were reviewed by Linda Parkowski. Upon a motion made by Shelly Cecchett and seconded by Dina Vendetti, the financial reports were accepted. The motion carried.

Chairman's Report – Gregg Moore

There was no Chairman's Report.

Business Developer's Report

Mike Rasmussen provided an update on his business retention and expansion (BRE) efforts, including his approach to engaging with small businesses throughout Kent County. He also discussed plans to support and connect with businesses that currently utilize, or may be eligible to utilize in the future, the EDGE Grant program.

Director of Operation's Report

Zach Prebula reported on the Town Managers and Planners meeting hosted by KEP in December, which focused on affordable housing and featured Director Heckles from the State Housing Authority and Mike Riemann of the Delaware Home Builders Association. He also highlighted his participation as a speaker at the Southern Delmarva Economic Forecast. Since the previous board meeting, Zach testified at eight public hearings and provided an update on the ongoing Industrial Needs Assessment.

Executive Director's Report

Linda Parkowski provided updates on the Winter Freight Meeting, Harrington Data Center, Harrington Industrial Park, KSLA speaking engagement, land acquisition efforts, Opportunity Zones Group, Edgewell, SelectUSA, Levy Court Workshop, Legislative Summit, Delaware State University, Spotlight DE, Chamber Economic Forecast, County Budget, and the Industrial Needs Assessment virtual interviews and in-person site visits.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:52 pm

The next meeting will be on May 19th in person at 12pm.