



GROW Licking County Community Improvement Corporation

Regular Board Meeting Minutes – 12:00 PM, 5/11/2026

Bryn Du Mansion

537 Jones Rd NE, Granville, OH 43023

Minutes recorded by Amy Dell, Board Secretary

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Call to order by Board Chair Alton at noon, 5/11/2026

Roll call by Secretary Dell

Chair: Corey Alton - P

Brandon Hess – P

Jim Roberts - E

Vice Chair: Jennifer Ellis-Brunn - E

Mark Johns - P

Joseph Roberston - P

Treasurer: Erin Grigsby - E

Mark Mauter – P

Staff:

Secretary: Amy Dell - P

Jennifer McDonald – P

Cameron Garczyk – P

Dr. John Berry – P

Robert Montagnese - P

Becca Morlan - P

Tim Bubb - P

Robert O'Neill - P

Mike Compton - P

Rob O'Neill moved to excuse the three absent members, seconded by Mark Johns; unanimously approved.

2. Welcome – Chair Alton welcomed everyone and extended appreciation to the Village of Granville for hosting this meeting. Village Administrator Herb Koehler and Councilman Phil Demarest were invited to make remarks; Mr. Demarest shared several examples of development in the Granville area.

3. Introduction of Guests – Chair Alton

- Lal Sezgin, GROW intern (Denison) during summer 2026
- Sean Johns – Granville CIC
- Steve Matheny – Granville-area Chamber of Commerce
 - Mr. Matheny stated that for six years, the Granville Chamber has been holding monthly meetings of an Economic Development Committee, which currently is at its largest membership with about 20 members.

4. Approval of Minutes – Rob Montagnese moved to approve the minutes of the 3.9.26 regular board meeting, seconded by Joseph Robertson. Minutes were unanimously approved.

5. Chair's Report – Chair Alton reported that he attended the recent Kansai-Helios opening; that Cameron and the Fundraising Committee are hard at work; GROW staff are working to schedule a visit to the New Albany business park in July; and reminded all Board members of Thursday's retreat from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM (with a minimum of three hours needed).

6. Treasurer's Report – E.D. Garczyk

The Treasurer's Report was provided in the Board packet, including the February 2026 and March 2026 financial reports, and the 2025 financial statement. Garczyk reviewed total assets and largest recent expenses and noted a \$3,500.00 credit from credit card points. He highlighted sections from the financial reports that are appearing as discussed in prior meetings, and noted line items on page 46 that have been incorporated into the current budget document (these items had appeared in a breakout section in prior budgets). After a few questions and comments, Brandon Hess moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, including the February and March 2026 financials and the 2025 financial statement as presented, seconded by Mike Compton; unanimously approved.

7. Committee Reports

7.1 - Finance & Fundraising Committee – Rob O'Neill

Committee Chair O'Neill reported on the last committee meeting discussion of consideration of an Agency Fund relative to existing funds at Licking County Foundation; planning an investor lunch for this summer; review of a target list of new investors; and, recap of upcoming meetings with prospective investors. Recent new investors include Vorys, WSS, and Reese Pyle Meyer.

7.2 - Marketing Committee - Jennifer McDonald

Committee Chair McDonald reported that LCATS Special Projects Coordinator, Will Lloyd, met with them regarding drone photography; Becca Morlan is working on finalizing the 2025 Annual Report; all Board members are encouraged to follow GROW's social media and subscribe to the monthly newsletter; the committee is working on including workforce videos in social media; and, Cameron will be speaking at an upcoming Local Leaders event (LC Chamber series).

7.3 - Licking County Works Committee – E.D. Garczyk

Garczyk reported the last meeting was held March 19 with about 20 in attendance. At that meeting, they recapped the Childcare Forum, discussed promotion of future events, had presentations by Matt Hill and Matt Allison, and discussed possible updates to the Career Pathways videos.

7.4 - Infrastructure Committee - E.D. Garczyk

Garczyk reported that the committee met on April 21st, with a presentation by Leeward. The meeting included typical updates from LC Soil & Water, LCATS, and ODOT. Mark Mauter added information about Newark City infrastructure, and Tim Bubbs shared that a 24" natural gas pipeline is being installed by The Energy Cooperative with about 30 miles running through Licking County.

8. Staff Reports

8.1 - Executive Director Report – Cameron Garczyk

E.D. Garczyk reported that since the last Board meeting, he has conducted four BRE visits, for a total of nine this year. He visited THK (Hebron), Atkore (Hebron), Gealan (Heath), and Kaiser Aluminum (Heath). He had phone calls with Freepoint Ecosystems and Covestro (beginning its first expansion in 20 years).

Garczyk was appointed to the Tax Credit Authority by Ohio House Speaker Matt Huffman; noted Lal Sezgin's data internship from March to June will focus on creating a market report and assistance with the website; began his ODEA courses last week to achieve his Ohio Economic

Developer Certification (courses run through September); submitted eight building/sites for leads in March and April; and, the L.C. Tax Incentive Review Council (TIRC) will be held May 20. Garczyk provided four project updates, reviewed the event he has attended since the last Board meeting, and highlighted a new investor, Leeward Renewable Energy (LRE), a US-based renewable energy company. Finally, he stated that details will be forthcoming for the July Investor Event to be held at Denison.

8.2 - Marketing & Administrative Manager Report - Becca Morlan

Manager Morlan shared a 60-day comparison of social media analytics and newsletter analytics. She shared visuals of the site selection ad and banner that will run May 1 through September 1. She summarized three upcoming advertisements, as well as her primary tasks for the next several months.

9. Comments From the Public - Chair Alton

Steve Matheny asked about next steps regarding the Transit levy that did not pass in the recent election cycle. Tim Bubb responded that it will likely be re-evaluated in terms of timing and resources, and that the county was pleased with the 46% rate of “yes” votes.

10. Items of Action - Chair Alton and E.D. Garczyk

Cybersecurity Policy included in the Board packet. HB96 requires adopting this type of policy. Brandon Hess moved to approve the Cybersecurity Policy, and Joseph Robertson seconded. Rob Montagnese offered support, if needed. The motion was unanimously approved.

11. Executive Session – N/A

12. Other Business - Chair Alton and E.D. Garczyk

A brief overview of the upcoming Board Retreat was provided; the purpose of the meeting is to create a two- to three-year organizational plan for GROW that will include goals to be reviewed annually, and will allow for incorporation of ideas from the County’s comprehensive plan when it is finished. The July Investor’s Event will invite input from those stakeholders.

13. Adjournment

With no further business, Rob Montagnese moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Amy Dell; unanimously approved. Chair Alton adjourned the meeting at 1:27 PM.

The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting is Monday, July 13, 2026 at 12:00 PM at Licking Memorial Hospital, 1320 W. Main Street, Newark, OH 43055.