

Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, November 12, 2025 - 8:45 AM

Chamber of Commerce Conference Room

Call Meeting to Order - President Debbie Stouffer called the meeting to order at 8:55 AM.

BCCC Mission Statement - The mission statement was read by Nathan Grave.

Roll Call -

- Board Present: Burt Mason, Debbie Stouffer, Daniel Mares, Joan Kruzich, Chris Davidson, Nathan Grave, Stacy Froese (Zoom), Cielle Waters-Umfleet (Zoom)
- Board Excused: Danielle Reeves, Nicole Acciacca
- Board Absent: Cody Mayer
- Staff Present: Mary Mervar, Dianne Koskinen

Guests and Visitors - None

Consent Agenda -

Agenda 11/12/25, Minutes 10/8/25

Discussion: None

Action: Motion to approve the consent agenda by Joan Kruzich, supported by Nathan Grave. All in favor.

Board Training - None

Support Staff Report -

- MAHA has been paid and closed out.
- Art sale raised \$1,223 so far with five pieces remaining. One large poster will be listed on eBay with the rest being brought to Penny Halpin. A thank you was sent to Ric Moilanen's son. The Chamber donated one piece to a local fundraiser and another piece to the BCSH for their basket raffles.

Action Items -

A. 2026 Budget

Discussion: Discussed at closed session.

Action: Motion to accept the 2026 Budget as presented by Stacy Froese, supported by Dan Mares. All in favor.

B. Purchase CD

Discussion: Nathan suggests investing \$10K instead of \$15K due to the budget and cashflow needs. SNB is offering 5, 11, and 20 month CDs at 3.71%. BCFCU is offering 9 month at 3.6%.

Action: Motion to invest \$10,000 in a five month CD at SNB by Burt Mason, supported by Chris Davidson. All in favor.

- C. Request for donations BASH (BHS) and Senior Lock-In (LHS) 2026
Discussion: Donated \$100 to each for the 2025 parties.
Action: Motion to donate \$100 to BASH and \$100 to Senior Lock-In by Nathan Grave, supported by Dan Mares. All in favor.
- D. Request for donation BFD 2025 Children Christmas Party
Discussion: Donated \$100 to the 2024 Baraga Fire Department party.
Action: Motion to donate \$100 to the 2025 BFD Children Christmas Party by Burt Mason, supported by Stacy Froese. All in favor.

Discussion Items -

- A. Dynamo grant - Joan visited NMB Industrial's physical plant. NMB would like the check to be reissued with "Ben Maycunich" in addition to NMB as the payee, which Dianne will do once the original check is returned to the Chamber. Joan talked about the decision process used when deciding to issue grants. Dynamo will meet to discuss and then report to the board of directors (May meeting) about the reporting process that will be put in place.
- B. Sponsorship brochure 2026 - changes were reviewed. Next Gen will confirm or adjust their events and their "respond by" dates. A list of members will be presented at the January board meeting for board members to choose those they wish to solicit.

Committees Updates -

- Dynamo: See discussion item (A).
- Next Gen: Shared in discussion item (B).
- PLAN: See notes in board packet.
- Membership: Approximately fifteen unpaid members were pulled from the website.

Announcements / Members' Good News -

- KBOCC is offering professional development opportunities. Check out their website for details. Joan will write about it in the "Word from the Chamber" section of the November newsletter.
- The LHS CTE class was featured in the news for their homebuild.
- Thanksgiving dinner will be served from 4P to 8P at the Zion Lutheran Church.
- KBOCC is holding a Job Fair on April 15. This will be sent to PLAN to discuss whether the Chamber should have a table at the job fair.

Next Meeting - NO DECEMBER MEETING - The next BCCC board meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 14, 2026, in the Chamber conference room. Closed session at 8:30 AM. Open session at 8:45 AM.

Adjournment -

Discussion: None.

Action: Motion to adjourn at 9:29 AM by Nathan Grave, supported by Dan Mares. All in favor.