



**JSDC Joint Business Attraction & Existing Business Committee Meeting
Wednesday, May 6, 2026
Official Minutes
JSDC Lower-Level Conference Room**

Members Present: Casey Henderson, Tonya Perkins, Tory Hart, Dwaine Heinrich, David Steele, Mike Delfs, Dustin Jensen, Ben Stienolfson.

Members Absent: Jeremy Rham, Levi Taylor, Amanda Hastings, Jen Dockter.

Guests Present: Courtney VanDyke, Bank Forward; Raisha Trautman, MRT Enterprises; Jordan Koushkouski, Koush LLC; Carolyn Triepke, A Tiny Roar Childcare.

Staff Present: Alyssa Looyesen, Jamie Czapiewski.

Staff Absent: Corry Shevlin.

Call to order: 12:00 p.m. by Tonya.

Conflict of Interest Declaration: Tory Hart for Koush, LLC Flex PACE Request and MRT Enterprises, LLC Flex PACE Request. Dustin Jensen for Workforce Pathways Applications.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the April 8, 2026, meeting were in the One Drive for review.

Dustin made a motion to approve the minutes as shown, Levi seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Koush, LLC Flex PACE Request: Alyssa's memo regarding the Koush, LLC Flex PACE request was in the One Drive. Koush, LLC, owned by Jordan Koushkouski, is purchasing the building at 115 1st Ave S in Jamestown. The building will be turned into a renovated bar and lounge that will offer a variety of quality drinks, both alcoholic and non-alcoholic, as well as gaming, occasional live music, and on/off sale. Flex PACE funding will be used to update and renovate the building for items such as roof replacement, HVAC, restroom updates, windows, signage, and electrical work.

Jordan Koushkouski was in attendance to answer any questions about the project. This property was previously in his family as the Park Bar and Lounge, and when he had the opportunity to purchase the property he did. None of this Flex PACE funding will go to working on the upstairs of the property, as that will be addressed in a future phase as possible housing or an Airbnb.

Alyssa made the recommendation to approve the funding request for this project in the amount of up to \$63,084.89 with an 80% city and 20% county split of \$50,467.91 and \$12,616.98, if the Renaissance Zone tax exemption is not fully utilized.

David made a motion to recommend the approval of the Koush, LLC Flex PACE request to the Board of Directors as presented, Dwaine seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Tory did not vote due to a conflict of interest.

MRT Enterprises, LLC Flex PACE Request: Alyssa's memo regarding the MRT Enterprises Flex PACE request was in the One Drive. MRT Enterprises, LLC, owned by Raisha Trautman is purchasing the building at 613 10th St SE in Jamestown to own and continue to operate her business, Ultimate Relaxation. With the purchase of this property, Raisha will be able to have a permanent location to continue providing health and wellness services to the Jamestown community. Services that are provided include massage, facials, and treatment plans for your skin utilizing various techniques.

Raisha Trautman was in attendance to answer any questions about the project. The property was a previous Flex PACE project in 2018 (S&N Enterprises/Layered Salon). With this purchase of the property, Raisha will now own the building and rent space to Layered Salon. That portion of the building is not included in this Flex PACE request. The S&N Enterprises Flex PACE will then go into repayment.

Alyssa made the recommendation to approve the funding request for this project in the amount of up to \$36,203.92 with an 80% city and 20% county split of \$28,913.14 and \$7,240.78.

Dwaine made a motion to recommend the approval of the MRT Enterprises Flex PACE request to the Board of Directors as presented, Dustin seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Tory did not vote due to a conflict of interest.

A Tiny Roar Childcare Daycare Request: Alyssa's memo regarding the A Tiny Roar Childcare Daycare Request was in the One Drive. A Tiny Roar Childcare, owned by Carolyn Triepke and Amber Selander are purchasing the building at 214 6th Ave NE in Jamestown to open a childcare facility. A Tiny Roar Childcare is in the process of licensing and will be able to have a capacity of 30 children between the ages of zero through six, with a mission to deliver exceptional early learning and care for the children they serve. The funding will be used to purchase essential items such as furniture and equipment needed for operating a childcare center.

Carolyn Triepke was in attendance to answer any questions about the project. The building is already purchased, and they are hoping to get licensed once flooring and painting are done.

Alyssa made the recommendation to approve the funding request for this project in the amount of up to \$10,000 with an 80% city and 20% county split of \$8,000 and \$2,000.

Casey made a motion to recommend the approval of the A Tiny Roar Childcare Daycare Request to the Board of Directors as presented, Dwaine seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Summer 2026 Workforce Pathways Applications: Jamie's memo regarding the Spring 2026 Workforce Pathways applications was in the One Drive. All applications were evaluated using the Workforce Pathways rubric. Overall, this round includes a strong mix of healthcare, technical trades, legal, and community-based positions. Many of the applications demonstrate clear alignment with high-demand workforce needs in Stutsman County and provide meaningful, hands-on learning opportunities for participating students. Several applications scored at the highest level, including those from SMP Health (Gloria McKeown and Shamsu Rage).

These internships offer structured, hands-on experiences, clearly defined learning objectives, and strong mentorship. Each also demonstrates a clear pathway to full-time employment in high-demand healthcare-related fields.

Applications from Stutsman Offroad (Caden Erickson and Dru Carr) also scored well, offering hands-on technical training in diagnostics, maintenance, and repair, along with a defined pathway to full-time technician positions. These applications demonstrate strong alignment with local workforce needs and provide meaningful work experience.

Additional applications, including Greta Anderson (Dalsted & Ryan) and Tyler Piehl (Trinity Lutheran), also meet program requirements and provide valuable experiential learning opportunities. These positions offer strong mentorship and project-based work, though they are in fields that are somewhat less directly aligned with identified high-demand workforce sectors.

One application (Savannah Hedin –Central Valley Health District) did not meet program guidelines requiring a confirmed full-time employment opportunity following graduation. While the internship offers relevant experience, the employer noted that no current full-time position is available. Two applications (Claire Haas –Downtown Dental, and Kinley Anderson – T& K Pediatrics) do not meet eligibility requirements related to student status, as the applicants are not within two years of completing their total dental and pathology programs.

Jamie recommended funding the following reimbursements:

1. Caden Erickson – Stutsman Offroad
2. Dru Carr – Stutsman Offroad
3. Greta Anderson – Dalsted & Ryan
4. Tyler Piehl – Trinity Lutheran
5. Gloria McKeown – SMP Health
6. Shamso Rage – SMP Health

The total estimated reimbursement cost to JSDC for these internships is approximately \$21,000.

Tory made a motion to recommend the approval of the six Workforce Pathways applications for approval for reimbursement to the Board of Directors. David seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Project Updates: Alyssa provided project updates.

Adjourned: Tonya adjourned the meeting at 12:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jamie Czapiewski, Operations Coordinator