



Main Street Advisory Board Minutes | Wednesday, Jul 15, 2026

Monthly Check In Meeting 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Location: Virtual

Staff: Kayla Kler, Cortney Sutcliffe,

Board: Bonnie Gregory, Carly-Ann Carruthers, Derek Smith, Jen Womack

Other:

Carly-Ann called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM

The board reviewed June 17, 2026 minutes.

Action Item: Bonnie made a motion to approve minutes as submitted, seconded by Derek; motion carried unanimously.

Main Street Loan Program - The board reviewed the draft legislation to expand the loan program. It was noted that the main change is that this bill would remove the dollar amount restrictions. Board members discussed the requirements and intentions of the loan program as outlined as well as possible additions or changes to best meet the needs of potential applicants.

The board reviewed the state statutes related to MS and possible changes at the August legislative committee meetings including the make up of the board and board roles. A follow up discussion at the August check in after board members have an opportunity to individually review statutes further.

Main Street Legislative Report - Kayla shared the background and purpose of the annual report and a desire to share with Legislators about the Main Street program in a way that is more proactive for both seasoned legislators and those that are unfamiliar with the program..

Kayla shared the draft outline for this year's report:

- Statutory authority, program history, main street approach (Lead with impact before the history?)
- Expand on the advisory board and its role
- Levels of designation for main street programs
- "Glimpse at communities"
 - providing statistics about the network
 - number of designated communities
 - staffing information
 - Other impactful tidbits for audience
- Program success in the fiscal year

- Strengthening local knowledge and action
 - Transformation strategy process and participating communities
 - Reiterate other services provided
 - Monthly Zoom calls
 - Workshops on educational topics
 - Annual gathering
 - Activities fostering network connection
- Expanding Main Street
 - Highlight individual businesses

Bonnie moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jen; motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:03 AM.