



CELEBRATING
30 YEARS OF
DRIVING
DEVELOPMENT
IN KENOSHA
COUNTY

2026
**KABA
ANNUAL
MEETING**

SPONSORED BY



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

New Board members (expiring 2029)



Craig Curran,
Nosco, Inc.



Serafino Fabiano,
Lilly Kenosha
County



André Desroches,
Balcan USA, Inc.



Scott Hanna,
Catalyst Exhibits



Angela Elliott,
Habitat for Humanity of
Racine & Kenosha Counties

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Members of the Board re-elected to serve an additional 3-year term (expiring 2029)



Mike Denev,
State Bank of the Lakes



Chris Weyker,
KAC



Jens Emerson,*
Froedtert South

**1-year term (expiring in 2027)*

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Existing Board members with terms expiring in 2027

- **Erin Anderson,**
Riley Construction
- **Anne Arbas,**
Jockey International, Inc.
- **Tamarra Coleman,** Racine
Family YMCA
- **Kevin Deaton,**
Gateway Mortgage
- **John Hotvedt,**
BEAR Development
- **Mark Molinaro, Jr.,**
Partners in Design Architects
- **Michael Pitts, Jr., Pitts**
Brothers & Associates LLC
- **Melissa Thompson,** Uline
- **Michael J. Thompson,**
Fair Oaks Foods

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Existing Board members with terms expiring in 2028

- **Jeff Benes,**
Advocate Aurora
- **Tom Camilli, Jr.,** Puntillo
Camilli & Hughes, S.C.
- **Ryan Dietz,**
Heartland Produce
- **Dr. Jeff Hill,**
Herzing University
- **Douglas Ladd,** Kenosha
Beef International Ltd.
- **Matt Mekemson,**
M3 Insurance
- **Tom Moore,**
Johnson Financial Group
- **JP Moran,** LMI Packaging
- **Aldo Pagliari, Snap-on**
- **Joe Rickard,** OFFSITE, LLC
- **Corey Schultz,**
Five Star Fabricating
- **Keith Smith,** Vonco Products

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Ex Officio Board Members (serve on the board by virtue of their position or role, rather than being elected or appointed in the typical way)

- **Dr. Lynn Akey**, UW – Parkside
- **Dr. Morgan Phillips**, Gateway Technical College
- **Dr. John Swallow**, Carthage College
- **Dr. Jeffrey Weiss**, Kenosha Unified School District

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thank you to the following board members for their years of service:



Joel Burow,
WEC Energy Group



Dr. Ritu Raju,
Gateway
Technical College



A.J. Kegg, Horizon
Systems Machining



Wes Saber,
HARIBO of America

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Executive Committee (expiring in 2029)

- **New members**
 - N/A
- **Renewed**
 - Tamarra Coleman
 - Jens Emerson*
 - Joe Rickard
 - Chris Weyker

**1-year term (expiring in 2027)*

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Officers

- **Chair – Chris Weyker**
- **Vice Chair – Melissa Thompson**
- **Secretary – Erin Anderson**
- **Treasurer – Tom Moore**
- **Immediate Past Chair – Jens Emerson**

**VOTE ON EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
AND OFFICERS**

20 YEARS OF SERVICE



Becky Noble

Director of Marketing

2006-2026

KABA IMPACT AWARD



TODD BATTLE

Director of Industrial
Investments,
Zilber Property Group |
KABA President,
2002-2022

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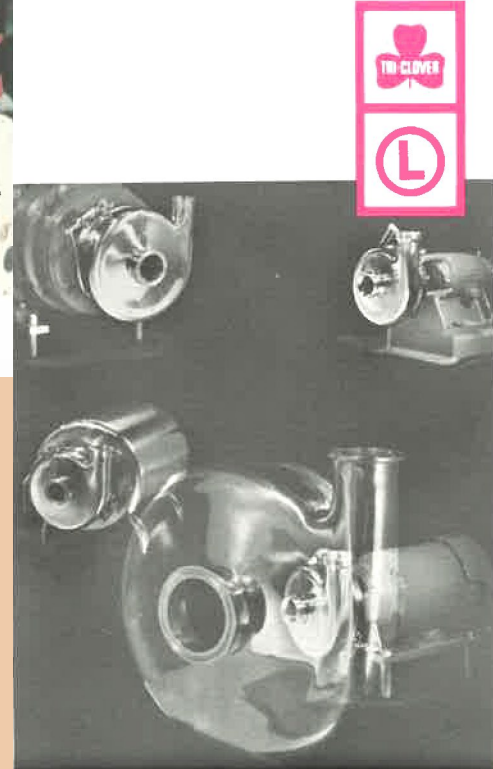
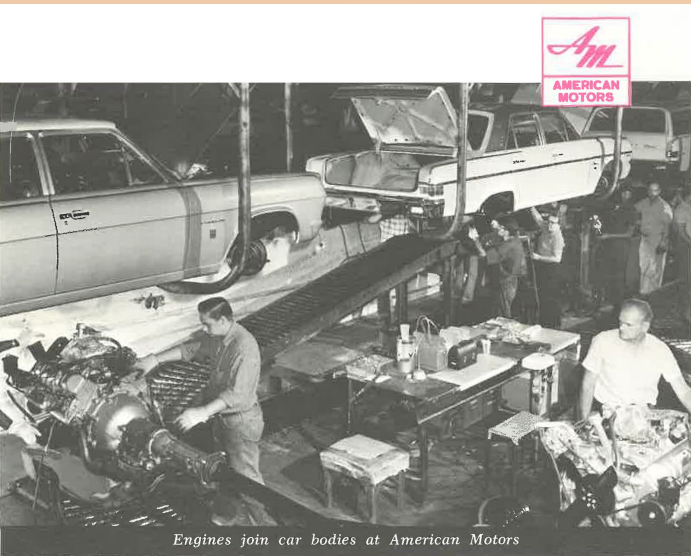


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At its core, KABA has played the role of connector and catalyst—the organization that helps coordinate economic and community development through public-private partnerships, supports expansions, and helps attract new business into the county.



**- Keith Smith, President,
Vonco Products**



In 1996, the Kenosha Area Development Corporation (KADC) and the Kenosha Manufacturers & Employers Association (KMEA) officially merged, creating the Kenosha Area Business Alliance.



1996-2026



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KABA has made an immeasurable contribution to Kenosha County, seeing our diverse communities/municipalities through the tough transition away from auto manufacturing. KABA was looked to and responded successfully since that loss, attracting new and assisting in the expansion of existing companies.



- **Amy Greil, Executive Director,
Kenosha Community Foundation**

KABA MILESTONES

- **1997: LakeView Technology Academy was founded in LakeView Corporate Park to help provide more skilled workers for area businesses**
- **1999: The Business Retention and Expansion (BRE) program was launched, aimed at regularly connecting with local companies**



Directions
NEWSLETTER OF KENOSHA AREA BUSINESS ALLIANCE
July 1999

Sundstrand Corporation Leases Part of LakeView V Building
Sundstrand Establishes New Division Here

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The image shows a page from a newsletter titled "Directions". At the top, the word "Directions" is written in a large, bold, red font. Below it, a black banner contains the text "NEWSLETTER OF KENOSHA AREA BUSINESS ALLIANCE" in white. Underneath the banner, the date "July 1999" is printed. The main feature is a photograph of a large, modern industrial building with a glass entrance, identified as the LakeView V Building. Below the photo, there is a headline: "Sundstrand Corporation Leases Part of LakeView V Building" followed by a sub-headline: "Sundstrand Establishes New Division Here". The text below the sub-headline is partially cut off but mentions "Sundstrand Corporation, a \$2.0 billion company, whose specialty engineered components are operation to be close to its supplier base in the Chicago-Milwaukee area. Relatively low costs for land three to five years." and "United Technologies, a leading maker of jet engines and compressors".

KABA MILESTONES

- **2011: KABA purchases, renovates, and moves into its downtown Kenosha building at 5500 6th Avenue, and brings on Jockey and United Way as tenants**
- **2011: The Kenosha County High Impact Fund is established by County Executive Jim Kreuser and the Kenosha County Board**



“ KABA has been a driving force behind the county's economic development.

Their initiatives have created a robust business ecosystem that has spurred job creation, infrastructure improvement, and community enrichment.



- **Serafino Fabiano,**
Associate Vice President &
Site Head, Lilly

KABA MILESTONES

- **2015: KABA, Kenosha County and the Village of Salem Lakes collaborate to develop the Salem Business Park, and Vonco Products is the first tenant**
- **2019: The Life Balanced Kenosha County talent attraction and retention initiative is launched**



KABA MILESTONES

- **2024: Kenosha County Housing Task Force is formed by KABA and Kenosha County to combat the acute housing shortage**
- **2025: The newly built LakeView Technology Academy opens in the Kenosha Innovation Neighborhood**



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Over the past 30 years, KABA has grown from the single focus of promoting economic development in Kenosha County to recognizing, leading and advancing all that is required to fully support and create lasting economic development.



- **Mark Molinaro, Principal,
Partners in Design Architects**

2025:

A YEAR OF GROWTH

Advancing opportunity, investment,
and impact across Kenosha County

NEW INVESTMENTS | ERMCO

- **Electric Research and Manufacturing Cooperative, Inc. (ERMCO) opened a new 158,000 SF manufacturing facility in the Bristol Business Park**
- **Significant expansion of its U.S. operations**
- **Will produce advanced transformer solutions that support modern energy infrastructure and grid modernization across the Midwest and beyond**



NEW INVESTMENTS | BALCAN

- **Balcan Innovations broke ground on a 15,250 SF expansion of its manufacturing facility in LakeView Corporate Park**
- **\$200 million project will support the installation of new lines, increase capacity, and position the company for continued growth in flexible packaging production**
- **Expansion could potentially double the company's local workforce**



NEW INVESTMENTS | CENTRISYS/CNP

- **Centrisys/CNP opened a 70,000 SF expansion at their corporate campus in the Business Park of Kenosha**
- **The decanter centrifuge manufacturer's new space will house manufacturing, service, and pilot testing space — bringing the campus' total footprint to 300,000 SF**
- **This expanded capacity will support production of larger equipment and enhance aftermarket services**



NEW INVESTMENTS | WORLD PAC

- **World Pac International USA is relocating its operations to the former LakeView Technology Academy building in Pleasant Prairie**
- **World Pac specializes in packaging materials for the food industry**
- **The company will make considerable building improvements to accommodate food-grade processing operations and will employ about 25 people**



NEW INVESTMENTS

- Other new projects in Kenosha County include:
 - **Schütz** – opened a 370,000 SF production facility in Kenosha producing bulk containers and plastic drums
 - **Invenergy** – developing two major energy projects in Paris: Red Oak Ridge Energy Center and the Paris Solar-Battery Park
 - **Site One** – expanded into a 417,384 SF distribution facility in Pleasant Prairie



NEW INVESTMENTS

- **Other area expansions include:**
 - **Uline** – its 366,000 SF HQ4 is set to open this year, bringing the company’s overall footprint in Kenosha County to more than 11 million SF
 - **Olds Products** – 96,000 SF expansion of its Pleasant Prairie headquarters is the second phase of a four-phase, multi-year expansion at the mustard manufacturer’s campus in LakeView Corporate Park



NEW INVESTMENTS

- **Other area expansions include:**
 - **Froedtert South**– adding a 50,000 SF, four-story addition to its Pleasant Prairie hospital
 - **L&M Corrugated**– added a new five-color rotary machine with dual die cutter, part of an \$8 million machinery expansion
 - **Colbert Packaging**– made a significant equipment expansion with the purchase of a fifth Eterna blanking die cutter



COMMUNITY PARTNER PROJECTS

Kenosha Innovation Center opened in the Kenosha Innovation Neighborhood

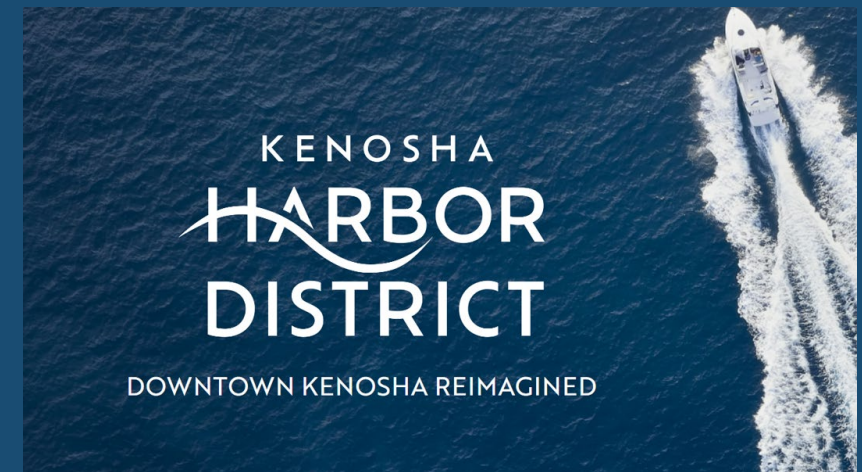
- Three-story, 64,000 SF structure featuring technology incubators, event areas, and flexible workspaces
- Mission to create a "thriving ecosystem" for startups, research, and workforce development in the Southeast Wisconsin region



COMMUNITY PARTNER PROJECTS

The Karrick Apartments opened in Downtown Kenosha

- 158-unit, five-story complex marked the first completed project in the Kenosha Harbor District
- The District is a nine-block redevelopment project by Cobalt Companies
- Concept plans include more than 1,000 housing units, 100,000 SF of retail space, 420,000 SF of office space, a hotel and green space, with the total investment estimated at \$450 million



NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS

- **Highland Estates, Pleasant Prairie | 705 total units; 449 single family**
- **The Streets at Maplecrest, Somers | 424 total units; 177 single family**
- **Bella Terra, Somers | 130-150 single-family**
- **Somers Creek, Somers | 73 single family**
- **Terra Woods, Kenosha | 110-125 single-family**
- **The Leo at Bristol | 230-unit single-family rentals (pictured top)**
- **The Lofts at Village Green, Pleasant Prairie | 64 units (pictured bottom)**
- *Please note: many of these numbers are preliminary and not confirmed*



Images: Douglas Kent Develop

KENOSHA COUNTY HOUSING TASK FORCE

- Initiative co-led by KABA and Kenosha County to find ways to help solve the housing crisis
- Dedicated website created with interactive tools and resources to improve access to housing and land information
- Comprehensive housing study initiated, thanks to support from County Executive Kerkman



KABA EVENTS & PROGRAMMING

- **Ovation Awards** | honoring business excellence in Kenosha County
- **Business Lunches** | tackling timely topics for Kenosha County businesses
- **Manufacturer's Forum** | peer-to-peer learning for manufacturing professionals
- **Business Park Roundtables** | important updates and information-sharing for local businesses
- **Intern Mixer** | connecting local interns to the community and to each other



ALIGNING TALENT PIPELINES WITH INDUSTRY NEEDS

- **Strategic meeting between Eli Lilly and Company and six leading higher education institutions across Wisconsin**
- **Demonstration of collaboration, partnership, and support across multiple academic institutions and organizations**



2025 – A YEAR OF GROWTH

- Area companies invested in significant expansions
- New to the market companies decided to expand here
- Municipal partners approved a variety of new housing projects
- Home builders and developers initiated major projects across the county
- Community partners advanced projects critical to innovation and livability

2026:

BUILDING ON OUR MOMENTUM

Expanding on a strong foundation
to unlock new opportunities ahead

THE YEAR AHEAD – BUILDING ON OUR MOMENTUM

Focus on adapting KABA programs and initiatives to meet the evolving needs of employers and talent

- **Countywide housing study**
- **Talent attraction and retention program initiatives**
- **Investor engagement and new event opportunities**
- **Core functions of business retention, expansion, and attraction**

NEW EVENTS



LIFE BALANCED LINK-UP

- Welcoming event for newcomers
- Opportunity to make connections and learn about community resources
- May 12 at The Club at Strawberry Creek



SUMMER SOCIAL

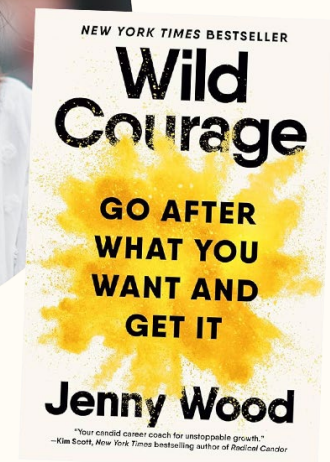
- New networking event
- August 12 at The Apis

EXCLUSIVE UPDATE: INSPIRE



Speaker Announcement!

- **NYT Best-Selling Business Author Jenny Wood**
- **Save the Date: October 16**



KEYNOTE SPEAKER



JOHN KOSKINEN

Chief Economist,
Wisconsin Department
of Revenue

**“The New
Wisconsin Economy:
A Kenosha Focus”**