

Quad City Civic Center Authority Minutes  
Thursday, July 15, 2021

**Board Members Present:** Chairperson Reggie Freeman, Larry Meeske, Mike Haney, Stacey Happ, Randy Tweet, Fran Prochaska, Jennifer Walker, Paul Mulcahey, Bogan (Bob) Vitas, Jr., Jeff Nelson  
**Other Persons Present:** Scott Mullen, Rocky Jones, Kevin Snodgrass, Kim McVey, Roger Strandlund (Califf Harper)

**Introduction and Public Comment:** Chairperson Reggie Freeman called the meeting to Order at 12:30 p.m. Bob Vitas was welcomed to the Board (being separately sworn in by the Rock Island County Clerk). Chairman Freeman made the observation that no members of the general public were in attendance. He also confirmed with Scott Mullen (Executive Director) that no written comments were received from members of the public subsequent to the last meeting.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Mr. Nelson, second by Mr. Tweet, to approve the Minutes for the Board Meeting occurring on June 17, 2021. With Chairperson Freeman calling for a vote on the motion, the vote was taken (roll call), and it carried unanimously.

**Financials:** Rocky Jones presented the financial statements with commentary (handout). Motion by Mr. Mulcahey, second by Mr. Haney, to approve the financial statements for the period ending June 30, 2021. With Chairperson Freeman calling for a vote on the motion, the vote was taken (roll call), and it carried unanimously.

**Director's Report:** Scott Mullen reported on the status of the continuing efforts of Arena staff to obtain financial relief through various government-related programs. Mr. Mullen updated the Board on recent graduation events and upcoming events. Mr. Mullen provided the Board a verbal outline of Arena reopening procedures. Mr. Mullen's outline included industry trends and best practices on topics such as: no bag policy, metal detectors, and paperless concessions.

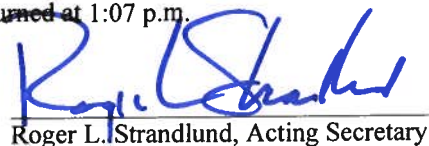
**Staff Report on Commons Development (open area between Arena and hotel):** Scott Mullen and Jeff Nelson led a discussion on a proposal for professional services for the outdoor venue on the Commons. Motion by Mr. Haney, second by Mr. Prochaska, to proceed with the funding application in the submittal phase before the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. The Board's discussion clarified (through Chairman Freeman) that the motion merely authorizes application for funds, noting the project is not ripe for engagement of design professionals. It was further noted that the previously-approved \$30K will be available for design as the Arena staff find success or other direction from the funding agency. With Chairperson Freeman calling for a vote on the motion, the vote was taken (roll call), and it carried unanimously.

**Committee Reports/Nominating Committee:** Mr. Mulcahey, on behalf of the Nominating Committee, presented nominations for respective offices of the Board, as follows: Chairperson – Reggie Freeman; Vice-Chairman – Larry Meeske; Treasurer – Stacey Happ. Chairperson Freeman thanked the Nominating Committee for the Committee's work and invited comments and additional nominations. There were no additional nominations nor was there further discussion on the report of the Committee. Mr. Mulcahey incorporated the above nominations in the form of a single motion for election of officers. Mr. Nelson seconded the motion. With Chairperson Freeman calling for a vote on the motion, the vote was taken and it carried unanimously.

**Closed Session:** None.

**Minutes Review:** Chairperson Freeman directed the Board's attention to a proposed Resolution distributed to each Board member. He called upon Roger Strandlund to remind Board members of the purpose underlying the proposed Resolution. Mr. Strandlund summarized the Resolution and the proposed Board action as follows: To promote transparency and the other public benefits of the Open Meetings Act; and to satisfy the statutory requirements within the Act. The summary further stated that the Resolution incorporates the recommendations of Arena staff/legal counsel and addresses the degree of disclosure applicable to Closed Session Minutes (i.e., reclassification from "Closed" to "Open"). Motion by Mr. Mulcahey, second by Mr. Tweet, for approval of the Resolution. With Chairperson Freeman calling for a vote on the Motion, the vote was taken, and the Motion carried unanimously (refer to Resolution).

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was duly adjourned at 1:07 p.m.

  
Roger L. Strandlund, Acting Secretary