

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

**Board Members Present:** Chairperson Reggie Freeman, Larry Meeske, Mike Haney, Jeff Nelson, Martin Vanags, Jennifer Walker, Paul Mulcahey, Stacey Happ  
**Other Persons Present:** Scott Mullen, Rocky Jones, Kevin Snodgrass, Kim McVey, Roger Strandlund (Califf & Harper, P.C)  
**Absent:** Randy Tweet

**Introduction and Public Comment:** Chairperson Reggie Freeman called the meeting to Order at 12:30 p.m. He announced that scheduling constraints of certain Board members would impact the time available for the present meeting, compared to the time allowed for the usual depth of discussion. 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. Vanags, to approve the Minutes for the Board Meeting occurring on March 18, 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 March 31, 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 efforts of Arena staff to obtain financial relief through various government-related programs. The information provided by Mr. Mullen included his work in connection with IAVM and the indirect benefit of his work in favor of all similarly-situated Illinois public facilities. Mr. Mullen included the identification of the City of Moline as a possible source for "startup money". Mr. Mullen offered, as an example of the justification for City support, the broad positive economic impact of Arena events and the detrimental impact that might occur as sports teams/tenants take a dim view of the business landscape. Mr. Vanags offered his knowledge on the volume of the requests received by the City; and provided a description of the City-driven decision-making process which is being applied to requests for financial assistance.

Mr. Mullen provided the Board certain projections with regard to events and schedules. As a part of Mr. Mullen's report, he cited the variables which relate to promoter-driven contract demands, as well as the governmental restrictions associated with the COVID-19 Pandemic.

**Other Agenda Items, Including Committee and Staff Announcements:**

Mr. Mulcahey announced the possibility of scheduling a Personnel Committee Meeting; and he invited input from the Board on upcoming topics for the Committee's consideration. Chairperson Freeman cited the scheduling of the Personnel Committee Meeting as signaling the need to suspend discussion at the present meeting. Chairperson Freeman, in emphasizing the importance of the Committee's work, moved the discussion to the update on other topics to be covered at the present meeting.

Chairperson Freeman allowed comment on the status of the proposed improvements to the river edge, including the work being funded and directed through MetroLINK. Information offered on the topic came primarily from Arena staff and Messrs. Nelson and Strandlund.

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was duly adjourned at 12:54 p.m.

  
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Roger L. Strandlund, Acting Secretary