

Quad City Civic Center Authority Minutes
Thursday, January 21, 2021

Board Members Present: Chairperson Reggie Freeman, Jennifer Walker, Paul Mulcahey, Mike Haney, Larry Meeske (Vice-Chair/presiding), Randy Tweet, Stacey Happ, Fran Prochaska, Jeff Nelson, Martin Vanags

Other Persons Present: Scott Mullen, Rocky Jones, Kevin Snodgrass, Kim McVey, Roger Strandlund (Califf & Harper, P.C)

Absent: None

Introduction and Public Comment: Chairperson Reggie Freeman (attending virtually) identified some electronic signal interference. Immediately prior to the meeting, Chairperson Freeman delegated his duty of presiding over the meeting to Vice-Chair Larry Meeske. Vice-Chair Larry Meeske called the meeting to Order at 12:39 p.m. Vice-Chair Meeske noted that no members of the general public were in attendance. He also confirmed with Scott Mullen (Executive Director) that no written comments were received 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 December 17, 2020. With Vice-Chair Meeske 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). Mr. Mulcahey asked for clarification of the cash flow projection and asked what plans were in place to deal with what Mr. Mulcahey identified as an apparent decrease, as compared to the prior relevant period. The inquiry prompted general Board discussion on the topics of expense reduction and short-term revenue boosts (including emergency governmental funding, as described by Messrs. Mullen and Jones). Motion by Mr. Mulcahey, second by Mr. Vanags, to approve the financial statements for the period ending December 31, 2020. With Vice-Chair Meeske calling for a vote on the motion, the vote was taken (roll call), and it carried unanimously.

Director's Report:

Scott Mullen provided the Board with an update on all pending and completed projects. Mr. Mullen included within his presentation an overview of numerous event date adjustments that have become a continuous booking challenge. Mr. Mullen reported that event dates are subject to change, depending on the latest information from public health authorities and the Executive Orders being issued by Governor J.B. Pritzker.

Staff Report on Sponsorship Implementation Items and Solicitations Which Are the Subject of Bids, Competitive Proposals or Unique Vendors, Licensees, et al.: None.

Committee Meetings: None.

Closed (Executive) Session: None.

Minutes Review: Vice-Chair Meeske 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"). Vice-Chair Meeske's coverage of the topic prompted a Motion by Mr. Freeman, second by Mr. Nelson, for approval of the Resolution. With Vice-Chair Meeske calling for a vote on the Motion, the vote was taken, and the Motion carried unanimously (refer to Resolution).

The meeting was adjourned at 12:57 p.m.



Roger L. Strandlund, Acting Secretary