

Quad City Civic Center Authority Minutes
Thursday, January 25, 2018
(Regular January meeting rescheduled to foregoing date upon OMA compliant notice)

Present: Acting Chairman Jennifer Walker, Reggie Freeman, Randy Tweet, Doug Maxeiner, Stacey Happ, Mike Haney, Don Welvaert (via phone/with appropriate finding from Legal Counsel); Laurie Zelnio (via phone/with appropriate finding from Legal Counsel), Paul Mulcahey (via phone/with appropriate finding from Legal Counsel)

Absent: John Hass

Staff: Scott Mullen, Rocky Jones, Kevin Snodgrass, Lindsey Hintze, and Roger Strandlund (Califf & Harper, P.C.)

Introduction and Public Comment: Acting Chairman Walker called the meeting to Order at 9:30 a.m. and began the meeting with a welcome to Board members and staff; followed by the notation of presence of a quorum and unanimous approval of same to proceed with one or more members attending telephonically (including Ms. Walker's consent to preside as Acting Chairman at the request of Chairman Welvaert). Acting Chairman Walker next made the observation that no members of the general public were in attendance and no written comments were received subsequent to the last meeting.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Mr. Haney, second by Ms. Zelnio, to approve the Minutes for the Board Meeting occurring on December 21, 2017. With Acting Chairman Walker calling for a vote on the motion, the vote was taken and it carried unanimously.

Financials: Mr. Jones presented the financial statements with commentary. Motion by Mr. Mulcahey, second by Mr. Freeman, to approve the financial statements for the period ending December 30, 2017. With Acting Chairman Walker calling for a vote on the motion, the vote was taken and it carried unanimously.

Director's Update: Scott Mullen identified some upcoming events and reported on recent events. Mr. Mullen provided a report which cast a bright outlook on Steamwheel ticket sales, promotions and community involvement. Mr. Mullen expressed a need for a higher level of corporate-sector support for Arena events; with the desired level to be consistent with comparably-sized communities. As to weak private-sector support, Mr. Mullen cited some disappointing experiences; and he received some suggestions and insight from Ms. Zelnio.

Committee and Staff Reports:

Acting Chairman Walker presented the Board with the Employee Handbook revision on Workplace Harassment Policy. Mr. Strandlund and Mr. Freeman provided background as to how the Policy was derived from 2017 emergency legislation. Mr. Jones explained that he intends to incorporate the Policy into a more comprehensive and updated version of the Employee Handbook – a project which is ongoing and intended to run parallel with his oversight of training sessions. Inquiries by Mr. Mulcahey revealed the Board's regard for the Policy as being of highest importance, with an emphasis that a violation of the Policy can result in discipline up to and including termination of employment. Motion by Mr. Freeman, second by Mr. Maxeiner, to approve the proposed changes to the Workplace Harassment Policy. A roll call vote was taken showing all Board members voting "Aye", and Acting Chairman Walker declared the motion carried.

Executive/Closed Session: At 9:58 a.m., Acting Chairman Walker invited Board members to adjourn into Closed Session for the following purposes: lease pricing and Closed Session Minutes review. Mr. Strandlund, Legal Counsel, provided the legal finding/factual basis supporting the application of exceptions to the Open Meetings Act, i.e., 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5) and (21). Motion by Mr. Tweet, second by Mr. Haney, to incorporate the legal finding as a part of conducting the meeting in Closed Session. With Acting Chairman Walker calling for a roll call vote on the motion, the vote was taken, with all Board members voting "Aye". No formal action was taken in Closed Session.

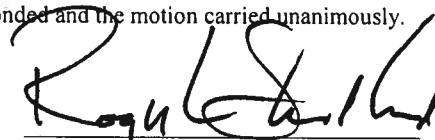
At 10:29 a.m., motion by Mr. Freeman, second by Mr. Welvaert, to adjourn back into regular session. A roll call vote was taken showing all Board members voting "Aye", and Acting Chairman Walker declared the motion carried.

Return to Open Session and Matters Arising from Closed Session:

Motion by Mr. Tweet, second by Ms. Happ, for approval of a Resolution specifically addressing the degree of disclosure applicable to Closed Session Minutes (i.e., reclassification from "Closed" to "Open"). With Acting Chairman Walker calling for a vote on the motion, the vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously (refer to Resolution).

Adjourn: Mr. Freeman motioned for adjournment. Mr. Tweet seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:32 a.m.


Roger L. Strandlund, Acting Secretary