

Quad City Civic Center Authority Minutes  
Thursday, March 16, 2017

**Present:** Chairman Mike Haney, Jennifer Walker, John Hass, Scott Raes, Laurie Zelnio, Reggie Freeman, Stacey Happ, Paul Mulcahey (via phone/with appropriate finding from Legal Counsel)

**Absent:** Don Welvaert, Randy Tweet

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

**Other:** Chris Foy (via phone)

**Public Comment:** Chairman Haney welcomed Board members, making note of the telephonic attendance of Mr. Mulcahey. Chairman Haney 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 Ms. Walker, seconded by Mr. Freeman, to approve the Minutes for the Board Meeting occurring on January 19, 2017. With Chairman Haney calling for a vote on the motion, the vote was taken and it carried unanimously.

**Financials:** Rocky Jones presented the financial statements with commentary. Motion by Mr. Freeman, seconded by Ms. Walker, to approve the financial statements for the period ending February 28, 2017. With Chairman Haney calling for a vote on the motion, the vote was taken and it carried unanimously.

**Director's Update/Contracts/Compliance/Special Projects (including Closed Session on Lease Pricing):**

A Closed Session Memorandum was distributed for future reference. Scott Mullen identified some upcoming events and reported on recent events. Mr. Mullen summarized feedback from the Mississippi Valley Conference Women's Tournament. He noted the record crowd for the championship game and gave credit to Arena staff for the positive fan and participant experience. Mr. Mullen speculated that the schools/participants would like to return to the Arena as a venue for next year's tournament; however, he stated that firm commitments will likely depend on the ability of Joe Taylor (QC/CVB) to solve some typical financial challenges associated with a host community.

At 12:39 p.m. Chairman Haney invited Board members to adjourn into Closed Session for the following purpose: lease/license pricing. Legal Counsel (Mr. Strandlund) provided the legal finding/factual basis supporting the application of an exception to the Open Meetings Act, i.e., 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6). Motion by Mr. Freeman, seconded by Ms. Walker, to adopt the legal finding; and, on that basis, to proceed to conduct the meeting in Closed Session. With Chairman Haney calling for a roll call vote on the motion, the roll call vote was taken with all Board members voting "Aye".

[The meeting transitioned to Closed Session.] No formal action was taken in Closed Session.

At 1:12 p.m., motion by Mr. Freeman, seconded by Ms. Walker, to adjourn back into Regular Session. A roll call vote was taken showing all Board members voting "Aye", and Chairman Haney declared the motion carried. [Separate minutes (and tape thereof) relating to Closed Session has been retained in custody of Legal Counsel.]

On the topic of Compliance Update, the Board was provided recent examples of public information inquiries and a description of the process and manner by which Arena staff responded. The Board was reminded that Rocky Jones is the Freedom of Information Officer; and Chairman Haney informed Board members of his receipt of a legal memorandum from Legal Counsel (Mr. Strandlund). General Board discussion occurred as to the appropriate level of resources to dedicate toward website changes and other marketing efforts. As a summary, the following was generally accepted as an interpretation of the discussion: The Arena desires to promote access and transparency while balancing the need to appropriately handle proprietary information which is essential to profitability and the competitive nature of the entertainment venue business. Mr. Mullen offered to have Arena staff study possible improvements to the Arena website and report back to the Board at a future meeting.

On the topic of special projects, Mr. Mullen informed the Board of certain changes to the spectrum of pricing for parking. Mr. Mullen also invited Mayor Raes to report on a recent meeting relating to possible street closures (prompted by the construction of the Multi Modal Station/"The Q"). Mayor Raes stated that the City had successfully developed an innovative construction solution which would minimize disruption to the Arena's business operations; and Mr. Mullen expressed his appreciation of the diligence applied to developing the solution.

**Staff Report (deferred to future meeting) and Expenses Policy (deferred to future meeting)**

Adjourn: Ms. Walker motioned for adjournment. Ms. Zelnio seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

*Original Duly Executed*  
Joy Williams