

Quad City Civic Center Authority Minutes
Thursday, December 19, 2024

Board Members Present: Chairperson Paul Mulcahey, Mike Haney, Stacey Happ*, Bob Vitas, Todd Thompson, Fran Prochaska, Reggie Freeman, Larry Meeske, Anamaria Vera Rocha

Board Members Absent: Jeff Nelson

Staff Present: Scott Mullen*, Rocky Jones, Kim McVey, Kevin Snodgrass

Other Persons Present: Roger Strandlund (Ancel Glink)

Roll Call, Introduction and Public Comment:

Chairperson Mulcahey called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. A roll call vote was conducted of the members physically present and, based upon findings by Legal Counsel and by roll call vote, the Board members present agreed to approve the remote attendance of each member as shown (*indicates members attending remotely by telephone). Chairperson Mulcahey noted no written comments being received from the general public subsequent to the last meeting and no members of the public being present.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Mr. Thompson, second by Ms. Rocha, to approve the Minutes for the Board Meeting occurring on November 19, 2024. With Chairperson Mulcahey calling for a vote on the motion, the vote was taken (roll call), and it carried unanimously.

Financials: Mr. Jones presented the financial statements with commentary (handout). Motion by Mr. Prochaska, second by Mr. Vitas, to approve the financial statements for the period ending November 30, 2024. With Chairperson Mulcahey calling for a vote on the motion, the vote was taken (roll call), and it carried unanimously.

Chairperson Mulcahey's Introduction to Executive Director Report:

Chairperson Mulcahey provided a description of a luncheon organized as a collaboration of Chairperson Mulcahey and Mr. Mullen. The invitees were elected officials of various legislative bodies. Chairperson Mulcahey noted that he was (by design) the only Board member attending the luncheon. He recounted for the Board a high level of detail on key aspects of the conversations occurring during the course of the luncheon. Chairperson Mulcahey and Mr. Mullen expressed agreement that the event appeared to enhance relationships and pave the way for more frequent interaction on the subjects of the Arena's needs and the Arena's contributions to constituents' quality of life.

Chairperson Mulcahey announced that Mr. Mullen was attending a family funeral. He stated that Mr. Mullen had been telephonically participating in the early portion of the meeting. Chairperson Mulcahey conveyed the Board's condolences to Mr. Mullen and his family.

Executive Director's Report: Mr. Mullen provided the Board a brief overview of the Arena's financial results for the most recent month. Mr. Mullen concluded with what he characterized as a "record-breaking" weekend of back-to-back events posting significant attendance and revenues. Chairperson Mulcahey thanked Mr. Mullen for his report and excused him from further participation within the meeting, all to allow Mr. Mullen to focus on his family and travels. The phone connection between the Board and Mr. Mullen was thereafter terminated.

Status of Special Assignments and/or Meetings:

- a. Construction of the walkway and wayfinding (over the hotel leasehold property). Mr. Strandlund conveyed Mr. Nelson's latest report as follows: The sidewalk is complete but the construction north of the restaurant will be continued until the upcoming warm season. Mr. Strandlund stated that Mr. Nelson had informed him that another update will be provided at the January Board Meeting.
- b. Outdoor Event Space. Mr. Mulcahey reported that the Executive Committee recently engaged Arena staff (Messrs. Mullen and Jones) in a far-reaching discussion addressing Mr. Mulcahey's concerns over the Arena's ability to satisfy the grant-funding deliverables in a timely manner. Following general Board discussion on certain details related to the grant assurances and the process of oversight and administration, Mr. Meeske presented the following motion: Motion by Mr. Meeske, second by Mr. Prochaska, to proceed with a "scaled down project" -- as compared with the last Board-approved schematic. Discussion on the Motion prompted Mr. Vitas to characterize the Motion as rather vague; and, for that and various other reasons, he could not vote in favor of the Motion. Mr. Vitas summarized his position as being driven by his ultimate duty to advocate the unique interests of the City of Moline. With Chairperson Mulcahey calling for a vote on the Motion, the vote was taken (roll call) and it carried; with all members except Mr. Vitas voting in favor and with Mr. Vitas casting a nay vote.
- c. Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA). Mr. Vitas announced that he had received a proposed IGA from the Arena. He further informed the Board that the IGA had not yet been made a topic of discussion at a City Council Meeting.
- d. Calendar of Meetings for 2025. Mr. Strandlund distributed the proposed calendar for 2025, all as a product of his interaction with the Arena staff. Motion by Mr. Freeman, second by Mr. Prochaska, to adopt the calendar and direct staff to publish the calendar in accordance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act. With Chairperson Mulcahey calling for a vote on the Motion, the vote was taken (roll call) and it carried unanimously.

Staff Report on Projects: Mr. Snodgrass brought the Board up-to-date with regard to MH Equipment and their request for additional monies. Motion by Mr. Haney, second by Ms. Rocha, that MH Equipment be reimbursed for their additional expenses (\$7,038.17). With Chairperson Mulcahey calling for a vote on the motion, the vote was taken (roll call), and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Snodgrass also reported on the certain ongoing issues with Johnson Controls. Motion by Mr. Freeman, second by Mr. Haney, to have Mr. Snodgrass provide the Executive Committee additional background documentation (inspection reports, etc.), all for further evaluation. With Chairperson Mulcahey calling for a vote on the motion, the vote was taken (roll call), and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was duly adjourned at 1:13 p.m.

Roger L. Strandlund, Acting Secretary