

Quad City Civic Center Authority Minutes
Thursday, May 21, 2026
[Revised as approved by the Board 6.18.26]

Board Members Present: Chairperson Paul Mulcahey, Todd Thompson, Bob Vitas, Stacey Happ, Fran Prochaska, Mike Haney, Larry Meeske, and Reggie Freeman
Staff Present: Rocky Jones, Stephanie Nagle, Kevin Snodgrass, Kim McVey
Other Persons Present: Roger Strandlund, Margaret Kostoplos (Ance Glink), Alexandria Melton

Roll Call, Introduction and Public Comment:

Chairperson Mulcahey called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

Public Comment: Upon Chairperson Mulcahey's invitation for public comment, Brian Rothenberger (Storm Hockey President) presented an update. The update covered the Storm's planned participation in an upcoming meeting with various team owners. He noted that certain interactions within the League were regarded by the Storm as having a sort of unsettling impact. He requested that the Board take into account how such an impact plays out in the League owners' discussions and decision-making process. Chairperson Mulcahey noted that, from the Board's perspective, there should be optimism created by the Board's responsiveness in accomplishing a transition in filling the Arena's Executive Director position. He noted the Arena's recent substantial financial investment in facilities. He further recited the longstanding bond and common interest between the Arena and professional hockey, concluding with his expression of intent to provide Mr. Rothenberger a letter for the Team's possible use and reliance.

Minutes: Motion by Ms. Happ, second by Mr. Prochaska, to approve the Minutes (as corrected by Assistant Secretary) for the Board Meeting occurring on March 19, 2026 (with Rocky Jones noting that the meeting scheduled for April 16 had been cancelled). With Chairperson Mulcahey calling for a vote on the motion, the vote was taken (voice vote), and it carried unanimously.

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

Interim Executive Director's Report: Mr. Jones presented a non-retainer legal services statement. Motion by Mr. Vitas, second by Mr. Haney to approve payment of the non-retainer statement. With Chairperson Mulcahey calling for a vote on the motion, the vote was taken (roll call), and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Jones reported on upcoming events. He also reviewed topics for possible future meetings (e.g. roof cameras, DECO grant compliance, presentation of elevated space project expenses within financial records). Chairperson Mulcahey provided comments on behalf of the Board, emphasizing the Board's on going appreciation for the diligent work by Arena staff during the Executive Director search and transition period.

Capital Project Action Items: Mr. Jones utilized comment from Mr. Snodgrass as a part of the Arena Staff presentation on proposed ice system improvements (refer also to the respective Snodgrass reports, as distributed):

1. Ice Rink System Award to Modern Mechanical Ice Systems in the amount of \$495,000.00. Mr. Prochaska made the motion, second by Mr. Thompson, to grant the award (together with the finding of

specialization/ uniqueness, allowing competitive bidding wavier). With Chairperson Mulchey calling for a vote, the roll call was conducted, with all Board Members voting "Aye".

2. Hockey Dasher System Award to Rink Systems, Inc. Mr. Vitas made the motion, second by Mr. Meeske, to grant the award (together with the finding of specialization/ uniqueness/ safety, allowing competitive bid wavier). The award consists of the following: in the amount of \$275,000.00 for base bid, plus acceptance of two (2) alternative bids. Alternate #1 2-piece Ice Retainers \$80,000.00. Alternate #2 credit for purchase of old hockey dasher system \$15,000.00. Total awarded bid of \$340,000.00 with alternates. With Chairperson Mulcahey closing discussion, a roll call vote was conducted, with all Board Members voting "Aye".

Reports and Actions from Committees:

1. **Nominating Committee.** Committee Chairperson Mulcahey summarized the work of the Committee. The summary concluded with the announcement of the following slate of officers for the upcoming term:
 - Chairperson- Jeff Nelson
 - Vice Chairperson- Mike Haney
 - Treasurer- Anamaria Rocha

Chairperson Mulcahey noted the office of "Secretary" as being functionally performed through the "Acting Secretary" tradition, all subject to further Board evaluation. The Board, by acclamation, approved the slate to be submitted for the June election.

2. **Search Committee:** Committee Chairperson Vitas offered welcoming remarks in recognition of the attendance Richard Edgar. Mr. Vitas introduced Mr. Edgar to the Board, officially identifying him as the Committee's recommended candidate to fill the vacant position of Executive Director. Board Chairperson Mulcahey responded that the Board's present meeting should serve the purpose of affording the entire Board the opportunity to make inquiry of Mr. Edgar as to his qualifications and abilities.

At 12:55 Board Chairperson Mulcahey invited members to adjourn into Closed Session for a specific purpose identified on the Agenda, i.e., discussion of the performance and/or compensation of specific employees. Legal authority supporting the Closed Session was cited as 5 ILCS 12C/2 (c)(1). Motion by Mr. Vitas, second by Ms. Happ, to proceed to conduct the meeting in Closed Session on the forgoing basis. With Board Chairperson Mulcahey calling for a vote, a roll call vote was conducted, with all Board Members voting "Aye".

[The meeting transitioned to Closed Session, with all Board Members present; as well as Mr. Edgar, and legal counsel (Margaret Kostoplos and Roger Strandlund) attending at the request of Chairperson Mulcahey.]

At 1:30 p.m., motion by Mr. Vitas, second by Mr. Prochaska, to adjourn from Closed Session and resume Regular Session. A roll call vote was taken, showing all Board members voting "Aye". Chairperson Mulcahey declared the motion carried; and he announced that no formal action was taken in Closed Session. [Separate minutes (and tape thereof) relating to Closed Session has been retained in custody of Legal Counsel]

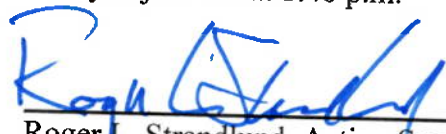
Upon returning to Open Session, and following roll call, motion made by Mr. Vitas, second by Mr. Meeske, to adopt the Resolution of Employment relating to the hiring of Rik Edgar for the position of Executive

Director, all subject to the terms of the Resolution. The motion was submitted to a roll call vote, with all Board Members present voting "Aye".

Chairperson Mulcahey congratulated Mr. Edgar and thanked the Search Committee for the substantial volunteer time involved. He announced the Committee's work and the Board action as leading to a great outcome and optimistic view for the coming years. Mr. Edgar confirmed his acceptance of the terms of employment and provided a brief preview of his plans toward transitioning from his present employment toward the newly-accepted position as Vibrant Arena Executive Director.

Staff Reports on Procurements: Kevin Snodgrass reported on the schedule he intends to roll out for the purpose of implementing the action taken by the Board on the subject for ice system improvements (refer to "Capital Project Action Items" above).

There being no further substantive business, the meeting was duly adjourned at 1:48 p.m.



Roger L. Strandlund, Acting Secretary