

Quad City Civic Center Authority Minutes
Thursday, July 16, 2026

Board Members Present: Chairperson Jeff Nelson, Todd Thompson, Bob Vitas, Paul Mulcahey, Anamaria Rocha, Reggie Freeman, Fran Prochaska and Larry Meeske*
Staff Present: Rik Edgar, Rocky Jones, Stephanie Nagle, Kevin Snodgrass
Other Persons Present: Roger Strandlund and Alexandra Melton (Ance Glink), Sarah Bohnsack

Roll Call, Introduction and Public Comment:

Chairperson Nelson called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. A roll call vote was conducted of the members physically present and, based upon separate findings by legal counsel and by roll call vote (separate voting applicable to each member requesting remote attendance), the Board Members present agreed to approve the remote attendance of each member as shown (*indicates members attending remotely by phone or computer).

Upon Chairperson Nelson's invitation for public comment, it was generally observed that no persons in attendance chose to provide comment.

Minutes: Motion by Mr. Meeske, second by Mr. Prochaska, to approve the Minutes for the Board Meeting occurring on June 18, 2026. With Chairperson Nelson 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. Mulcahey, second by Mr. Vitas, to approve the financial statements for the period at end of the prior month. With Chairperson Nelson calling for a vote on the motion, the vote was taken (roll call), and it carried unanimously.

Chairperson Nelson requested that Mr. Jones continue his presentation for the purpose of addressing the proposed "action item" relating to the 6/22/2026 recommendation of the Personnel Committee. Mr. Jones arranged for the distribution of the Committee's Minutes; and, aided by Committee Chairperson Prochaska, described the recommended one-time merit compensation awards to 15 full-time employees. Motion by Mr. Freeman, second by Ms. Rocha to adopt the recommendation, totaling approximately \$33,000.00, with such expense being deemed a part of the prior fiscal year (justifying its reflection within the FY2025-26 Audit work). A roll call vote was conducted for the Motion, showing all Board Members present voting in favor of same.

Presentation of Audit: Sarah Bohnsack (Bohnsack & Frommelt, LLP) presented the results of the annual audit. Board discussion was held concerning the opinion of the financial statements. The opinion was determined to be "clean" and the Arena staff was complimented on the level of assistance and cooperation provided in connection with the audit. Motion by Mr. Mulcahey,

second by Mr. Freeman to approve the FY2025-26 audit, together with approval of the corresponding fee/invoice for professional services. With Chairperson Nelson calling for a vote on the motion, the vote was taken (roll call), and it carried unanimously. Ms. Bohnsack was excused from the remainder of the meeting due to the scheduling of a separate commitment.

Executive Director's Report: Mr. Edgar outlined his business philosophy, and early impressions and actions (emphasis being on "first 100 days"). He presented some findings on the geographic origin of attendees at various recent events. He pledged to continuously update the data and prepare the Board for strategic thinking. Mr. Edgar revealed a general strategy of building momentum within the market, creating excitement surrounding each event, and promoting a higher level of pride and work ethic within the staff.

Mr. Edgar also highlighted recent management decisions and items which are underway. Matters highlighted by Mr. Edgar pertained to Pepsi-Cola Beverage Sales (extension agreement), the Storm Hockey Team (extension of license), and various sponsorships. The report generated general Board discussion, with Mr. Mulcahey prompting clarification that the Storm Hockey License Amendment will be presented for ratification at a later meeting.

Chairperson Report: Including Items Generated, Acted on a Overseen by Executive Committee:

1. **Committee Assignments.** Chairperson Nelson presented the Committee Assignment. He observed the assignments as being unchanged from the preceding term, with certain exceptions as noted by his election as Chairperson and corresponding appointments to fill the resulting vacancies:
 - (a.) Special Projects Committee:
Bob Vitas to be added and to serve as Committee Chairperson.
 - (b.) Budget/Finance/Legal/Ethics/Audit Committee:
Anamaria Rocha to be added and to serve as Committee Chairperson.Motion by Mr. Prochaska, second by Mr. Freeman, to approve the Committees and appointments. With Chairperson Nelson calling for a vote on the motion, the vote was taken (roll call), and it carried unanimously.
2. **Invoices and Payments.** Chairperson Nelson attended to some payment matters previously reviewed by the Executive Committee. The items consisted of the following:
 - (a.) Relocation payment to Mr. Edgar; and
 - (b.) Invoice from Ancel Glink, P.C.Motion by Mr. Vitas, second by Mr. Prochaska, to collectively approve payment he Committees and appointments. With Chairperson Nelson calling for a vote on the motion, the vote was taken (roll call), and it carried unanimously.
3. **Transition Activity.** Chairperson Nelson recognized Mr. Edgar's progress in becoming familiar with community leaders and stakeholders. Mr. Edgar responded that the experience of making new acquaintances has been positive and welcoming. Chairperson Nelson observed that some of the transition work necessitates a Closed Session discussion; and, as a result he opted to re-order the Agenda items (immediately moving to the Staff Reports on Projects).

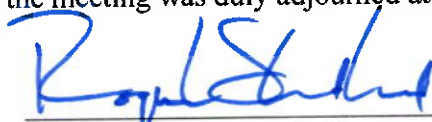
Staff Reports on Projects: Kevin Snodgrass presented the Arena staff's recommendation to enter into a contract with IMEG for professional engineering services (corresponding contract being distributed, together with a finding justifying the exception to a competitive selection process). Mr. Snodgrass pointed out that the scope of services related to Phase I/survey and S.O.W. itemization for subsequent work, all at a NTE price of \$17,500.00. Motion by Mr. Mulcahey, second by Mr. Prochaska to authorize entering into the contract (subject to review by Legal Counsel and Executive Director). With Chairperson Nelson calling for a vote on the motion, the vote was taken (roll call), and it carried unanimously.

Executive/Closed Session: At 1:20 p.m. Chairperson Nelson invited Board Members to adjourn into Closed Session for the purposes identified on the Agenda: discussion on "performance and/or compensation of specific personnel"; and "lease/license pricing". Legal authority supporting the Closed Session was cited as 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1) and 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(6), respectively. Motion by Mr. Vitas, second by Mr. Mulcahey to proceed to conduct the meeting in Closed Session on the foregoing basis. With Acting Chairperson Nelson 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, with all Board members present, as shown above; and with Roger Strandlund and Rocky Jones attending at the request of Chairperson Nelson.]

At 1:48 p.m., motion by Mr. Freeman, second by Ms. Rocha, to adjourn from Closed Session and resume Regular Session. A roll call vote was taken, showing all Board members voting "Aye". Chairperson Nelson 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.]

There being no further substantive business, the meeting was duly adjourned at 1:49 p.m.


Roger L. Strandlund, Acting Secretary