

Quad City Civic Center Authority Minutes
Thursday, August 20, 2026

Board Members Present: Chairperson Jeff Nelson, Paul Mulcahey, Reggie Freeman, Stacey Happ, Fran Prochaska, Mike Haney, Barry Dykhuizen, Anamaria Rocha* and Larry Meeske*

Staff Present: Rik Edgar, Rocky Jones, Stephanie Nagle, Kevin Snodgrass and Matt Johnson

Other Persons Present: Roger Strandlund and Alexandria Melton (Ance Glink)

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).

Chairperson Nelson introduced Matt Johnson as a new member of the Arena staff. Both Chairperson Nelson and Mr. Edgar described Matt Johnson's position of Manager of HR and Venue Culture. With Mr. Johnson providing a brief description of his background, Mr. Edgar described the unique value he anticipates Mr. Johnson adding to the organization.

Chairperson Nelson directed a second welcoming announcement toward Barry Dykhuizen. The announcement prompted Mr. Dykhuizen to describe his role as Moline Interim City Administrator and his assigned task of stepping into the duty of filling Moline's statutory seat on the Board.

Upon Chairperson Nelson's invitation for public comment, he observed there being no persons in attendance desiring to provide comment.

Minutes: Motion by Mr. Freeman, second by Mr. Prochaska, to approve the Minutes for the Board Meeting occurring on July 16, 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, noting a minor correction from last month's presentation (handout). Motion by Mr. Freeman, second by Ms. Happ, 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.

Executive Director's Report: Mr. Edgar described a number of purchases and operational adjustments which have already been made during his early days on the job. The details of Mr. Edgar's presentation generally included, but were not limited to, items which are designed to

create and improve the guest experience, as well as resulting in a longer-term reduction in expenses. Mr. Edgar advocated the value of including various staff members within industry-sponsored events and collaborations. As an example of the value of those connections, he enlightened the Board on the latest trends and impressions (e.g., the importance of the “back of the house,” the trend of a fading utilization of a physical box office as opposed to the increasing trend toward on-line purchasing).

Mr. Edgar described some operational changes (e.g., soft curfew for conference center events) and new internal policies (e.g., rolling forecasts and staffing adjustments). Mr. Edgar’s report generated a generally favorable response and specific interactions with various Board members. The Board discussion caused an expansion of the report to include a description by both Mr. Edgar and Chairperson Nelson of key interactions with sponsors and community leaders.

Mr. Edgar’s report concluded with his update on negotiations concerning certain licensee relationships. Mr. Edgar described and made available the key terms of the hockey contract extension. He stated that he is pleased to inform the Board that the hockey team will soon be the subject of an upcoming press conference. He also answered a number of questions relating to the scheduling and logistics of certain artist performances.

With Chairperson Nelson calling for a motion to approve Mr. Edgar’s report (as well as the purchases and terms of the Hockey contract referred to therein), motion by Mr. Mulcahey, second by Ms. Happ to grant the motion. With Chairperson Nelson calling for a vote on the motion, the vote was taken (roll call), and it carried unanimously.

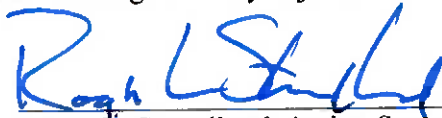
Chairperson Report: Including Items Generated, Acted on or Overseen by Executive Committee: Chairperson Nelson distributed a listing of Committee Assignments (previously approved at the July Board meeting).

Chairperson Nelson described some of the meetings and presentations involving Mr. Edgar. He shared with the Board his observation that the transition activities are proceeding successfully and that Mr. Edgar is creating a positive impression and new energy within the community.

Staff Reports on Projects: Mr. Snodgrass presented an update on progress being made along the schedule of Capital Projects. His presentation prompted an interactive discussion with the Board on a number of operational details (e.g., traffic and parking) and physical improvements to the building (e.g., HVAC).

Executive/Closed Session: Chairperson Nelson determined there was no need to proceed into Closed Session.

There being no further substantive business, the meeting was duly adjourned at 1:18 p.m.


Roger L. Strandlund, Acting Secretary