

Quad City Civic Center Authority Minutes  
Thursday, June 20, 2019

**Board Members Present:** Chairperson Jennifer Walker, Stacey Happ, Lisa Kotter, Paul Mulcahey, Larry Meeske, Reggie Freeman, Fran Prochaska, Jeff Nelson  
**Other Persons Present:** Scott Mullen, Rocky Jones, Kevin Snodgrass, Kim McVey, Lindsey Hintze, Roger Strandlund, Heidi Hobkirk (RSM), Brett Nessler (RSM)  
**Absent:** Mike Haney, Randy Tweet

**Introduction and Public Comment:** Chairperson Walker called the meeting to Order at 12:30 p.m. Chairperson Walker next made the observation that no members of the general public were in attendance and no written comments were received subsequent to the last meeting. Chairperson Walker introduced Jeff Nelson, new Board appointee pursuant to the statutory right of the City of Moline. It was noted Mr. Nelson had recently completed the protocol of taking the Board's Oath of Office before the Rock Island County Clerk.

**Audit Report:** Heidi Hobkirk (RSM) and Brett Nessler (RSM) presented the results of the annual audit. Board discussion was held concerning the opinion on the financial statements. Ms. Hobkirk classified the RSM opinion as "clear" and complimented the Arena staff on the level of assistance and cooperation provided in connection with the audit. Ms. Kotter questioned the recording/posting of CIPRA funds; resulting in an understanding that additional staff-to-staff discussion will continue as mutually agreed. Motion by Ms. Kotter, second by Mr. Meeske to approve the FY2018-19 audit. With Chairperson Walker calling for a vote on the motion, the vote was taken and it carried unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Mr. Meeske, second by Mr. Prochaska, to approve the Minutes for the Board Meeting occurring on May 18, 2019. With Chairperson Walker calling for a vote on the motion, the vote was taken and it carried unanimously.

**Financials:** Mr. Jones presented the financial statements with commentary (handout). Motion by Mr. Mulcahey, second by Mr. Freeman, to approve the financial statements for the period ending May 31, 2019. With Chairperson Walker calling for a vote on the motion, the vote was taken and it carried unanimously.

**Director's Report and Old Business/New Business Status Report:**

McCartney Concert. Mr. Mullen announced some upcoming events and, as to past events, mentioned the extraordinary positive feedback received from the Paul McCartney concert. Chairperson Walker complimented Mr. Mullen and the Arena staff for the highly competent work in making the McCartney concert a success. General Board discussion on the event was also supportive; however, Mr. Meeske noted his concern for victims of fake tickets. Mr. Mullen reported the circumstance of such ticket fraud as serious; and he identified how the Arena staff transacts many last minute seat relocations and other "work-arounds" to mitigate the impacts on victims, all subject to event-night feasibility. Mr. Mullen added that because the problem is being experienced at other venues on an industry-wide level, Ticketmaster is busy exploring certain technology-based solutions.

Accessible Parking. Mr. Mullen supplemented information previously provided to the Board on the topic of accessible parking (refer to prior meeting minutes). Mr. Mulcahey, while reiterating his concern for Arena attendees with disabilities, offered his interpretation of Mr. Mullen's report as centering on numerous difficulties staff could encounter in managing a modification of the present parking configuration and related pricing. Mr. Mulcahey stated he would accordingly taper his advocacy on the subject of accessibility to conform to the final judgement of Arena management.

Allocation of Events, Particularly Graduations. Mr. Mullen noted the appearance of this topic as responsive to feedback from various parties connected with recent graduation ceremonies. Mr. Mullen identified some impacts created by the ever-increasing number of graduation-related requests he has attempted to accommodate. He explained that on a profit-driven-only basis the Arena benefits more by its normal focus on concerts and other promoter-negotiated events; yet, at present, he is abiding by the Board's previous direction to subordinate revenue to an appropriate community-service level during the annual graduation bubble.

Mr. Mullen's presentation included the Arena staff's informal formula for allocating facility usage and respective pricing, all toward endeavoring to serve the public on a non-discriminatory basis. General Board discussion occurred on the topic, taking into account views which might be seen as being oriented toward particular "constituencies"; yet ultimately the Board discussion concluded with an emphasis on the need for the Arena to be regarded as a facility serving the entire Quad Cities.

**Committee Reports:**

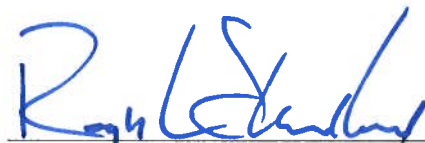
a) **Nominating Committee:** Mr. Mulcahey, on behalf of the Nominating Committee, presented nominations for respective offices of the Board, as follows: Chairperson – Jennifer Walker; Vice-Chairman – Reggie Freeman, Treasurer – Larry Meeske; Secretary – Lindsey Hintze. Chairperson Walker thanked the Nominating Committee for the Committee's work and invited comments and additional nominations. There were no additional nominations nor was there further discussion on the report of the Committee. Mr. Mulcahey incorporated the above nominations in the form of a single motion for election of officers. Ms. Kotter seconded the motion. With Chairperson Walker calling for a vote on the motion, the vote was taken and it carried unanimously.

b) **Actions on Accounting and Budget Amendment Matters:** Mr. Jones reported that the Board had acted on the topic of salary ranges at the May Board meeting. Mr. Jones noted the fact that the approval of the budget preceded the May meeting. Accordingly, Mr. Jones noted the chronology as compelling an amendment to the budget to take into account the actual (versus projected) numbers. Mr. Jones also informed the Board of an upcoming change in insurance carriers, also depicted in the proposed amended budget. General Board discussion on Mr. Jones' presentation occurred; with a side issue arising on the Arena staff's accounting methodology. The side issue was immediately addressed through a motion by Ms. Kotter, second by Mr. Freeman, to show the financial side of the audit as invoiced (as opposed to other accrual). With Chairperson Walker calling for a vote on the motion, the vote was taken and it carried unanimously.

As to the budget amendments proposed in the course of Mr. Jones' presentation, motion by Mr. Mulcahey, second by Mr. Prochaska, to approve the amended budget as presented by Mr. Jones (refer to Jones handout). With Chairperson Walker calling for a vote on the motion, the vote was taken and it carried unanimously.

**Executive/Closed Session:** None.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:47 p.m.

  
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Roger L. Strandlund, Acting Secretary