

AURORA CIVIC CENTER AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting of the Board April 22, 2026, at 4PM

8 E. Galena Blvd, Suite 202, Aurora, IL 60506

Present: Jonathan Hylton (JH), Gina Moga (GM), Mike Baum (MB), Brian Caputo (BC), Tim Hoppa (TH), Phillip Van Lear (PVL), Chris Goerlich Weber (CGW), John Savage (via Teams). Tim Rater (TR).
Patty Stefanski recording minutes. *JH arrived after votes were taken

Meeting called to order at 4:05 pm.

- Motion to approve minutes from March by BC, 2nd by MB. Ayes: Baum, Caputo, Hoppa, Moga, Savage, Van Lear, Goerlich Weber. Nays: none.

Financial Report

- EM still working on including overhead.
 - Riverdance & Copley Comedy each ended with a profit, although Riverdance ticket sales were lower than usual.
- Motion to approve financials by CGW, 2nd by PVL. The motion carried by the following vote. Ayes: Baum, Caputo, Hoppa, Moga, Savage, Van Lear, Goerlich Weber. Nays: none.
- Bid Openings:
 - Motion to approve the lowest qualified bid for tent rental at REP as recommended by staff made by TH, 2nd by BC. The motion carried by the following vote. Ayes: Baum, Caputo, Hoppa, Moga, Savage, Van Lear, Goerlich Weber. Nays: none.
 - Motion to disqualify refrigeration unit bid due to it being emailed and not sealed as required by BC, 2nd by TH. The motion carried by the following vote. Ayes: Baum, Caputo, Hoppa, Moga, Savage, Van Lear, Goerlich Weber. Nays: none.

Old Business-TR

- Development Update:
 - TWB Presentation on Capital Campaign and CDO Search -Betsy Soete, Amy Funk
 - Interviewed targeted donors and subscribers to gauge interest in what areas of need would be most compelling for them to give. (Facility Upgrades, Future of Arts, Endowment, Artistic Excellence).
 - Overall case feedback showed that 23M was a stretch, 10-15M more doable.
 - 40K subscribers and 250K ticketholders is an incredible opportunity
 - No question that the Paramount Theatre is a major cultural asset for the area.
 - The campaign will happen in steps, phase one goal of 10M, phase two will have a larger goal.
 - TWB worked with staff on tweaking donor benefits and job titles to better align with current responsibilities and division of tasks in the department.
 - Chief Development Officer search process and final candidate.

- Actors Equity Union Negotiation has been completed. Thank you to Tim Hoppa for his time and expertise during this process.
- Subscription Renewal period has ended, and retention is at 84%. The Audience Services staff worked hard and did a great job. Overall, the retention number is good, but there are fewer new subscribers than in the past.

New Business-TR

- Programming at REP continues

Motion to adjourn at 6:25pm made by PVL, 2nd by TH. All in favor.