

AURORA CIVIC CENTER AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Meeting of the Board January 22, 2025, 4 pm
8 E. Galena Blvd, Suite 202
Aurora, IL 60506

Present: Jonathan Hylton (JH), Mike Baum (MB), Cynthia Latimer (CL), Chris Goerlich Weber (CGW), Tim Rater (TR), Erika Miller (EM), Jonathan Jensen (JJ). Patty Stefanski recording minutes.

On Phone: Kevin Fitzpatrick, Peter Grometer

Absent: Gina Moga, John Savage, Tim Hoppa,

Guest: Kara Davidson (KD), Director of New Works and Associate Artistic Producer

Meeting called to order at 4:05pm.

Motion to approve minutes from December 3 made by CGW, 2nd by CL, all in favor.

Motion to approve minutes from December 18 made by CGW, 2nd by MB, all in favor with JH abstaining due to absence at December 18 meeting.

Financial Report-Erika Miller

- Bid Openings
 - Motion made by CGW, 2nd by MB to disqualify all bids for PAC restroom remodel and fire escape repair pending further study. Roll call taken and unanimous in favor.
 - Motion to award bid for concrete and masonry work in the NIC plaza to the lowest qualified bidder (J. GILL & Company) as recommended by staff made by MB, second by CGW. Roll call taken and unanimous in favor.
 - Motion to award bid for pavers in the NIC plaza to the lowest qualified bidder (C.R.Schmidt) as recommended by staff made by MB, second by CGW. Roll call taken and unanimous in favor.
 - Motion to award bid for carpeting for the 3rd floor to the lowest qualified bidder (Integral Flooring Systems) as recommended by staff made by MB, second by CL. Roll call taken and unanimous in favor.
 - MB expressed appreciation to staff for efforts resulting in multiple bids being received per project.
- November financials discussed.
 - Motion to approve November financials made by CGW, 2nd by CL. Roll call taken and unanimous in favor.
- December financials discussed.
 - Motion to approve December financials made by CL, 2nd by MB, roll call taken and unanimous in favor.

New Works Update-Kara Davidson

- 2024 Report
 - Brought the original musical "Brighter Futures" to 5 local Aurora-area middle and high schools, serving 3700 students at no cost to the school.
 - Attended new work festivals
- 2025 Programming
 - New Works Development Series: The Spark Lab. Funding provided by Aurora Women's Empowerment Foundation.
 - February 8 Reading of BLOOD OF MY MOTHER'S
 - March 14 Presentation of THE KING'S WIFE
 - May 17 Summer Musical tbd
 - Healing Illinois Grant \$30,000 to present a concert reading of a bilingual musical
 - September 13th Fall Theatrical "Experience"
 - PSA/New Works collaboration for a holiday show 2025
- CL suggested that Kara reach out to the Dream Scribes (Natalie Bonner).

Chairman's Report-JH

- Chairman thanked the board and staff for their support after experiencing a death in his family.

Old Business-TR

- The sale of the parking deck has closed.
- The transfer of the Aurora Arts Centre to ACCA has been completed.

New Business-TR

- The feasibility study of a capital campaign, funded by a grant from the Dunham Foundation, is ongoing.
- Programming
 - Sales and attendance of Christkindlmarket 2024 was discussed.
 - Sales of Million Dollar Quartet 2024 was discussed.
 - Frozen sales broke all previous records
 - Season Announce Party will be on January 31, 2025.
 - BDWY Series showtimes will be adjusted on some days for the 2025/2026 season to
 - 1:30pm Wednesday
 - 7pm Wednesday-Saturday (Previously 8pm on Fri & Sat)
 - 2pm Saturday (Previously 3pm)
 - 1:00pm & 5:30pm Sunday
- Staff has met with representatives from the Illinois Conservatory for the Arts. More exploratory meetings are planned.

Motion to adjourn at 6:02 pm made by CGW, 2nd by CL