AURORA CIVIC CENTER AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Meeting of the Board August 26, 2026, at 4PM
8 E. Galena Blvd, Suite 202, Aurora, IL 60506

Present: Jonathan Hylton (JH), Gina Moga (GM), Brian Caputo (BC), Chris Childress (CC), Tim Hoppa (TH), Diane Lantz (DL), Nastasha Prunty (NP), Juan Sifuentes (JS), Phillip Van Lear (PVL), Tim Rater (TR), Erika Miller (EM).
Patty Stefanski recording minutes.

Meeting called to order at 4:06 pm.

- Motion to approve minutes from July meeting made by JS, PVL with the second. The motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: Caputo, Childress, Hylton, Lantz, Moga, Prunty, Sifuentes, Van Lear. Abstaining: Hoppa due to absence at July meeting
- PAC Boiler Bids were presented and discussed. Two bids were received, but one bid was disqualified due to not following the instructions of the RFQ. Because the remaining bid was within the expected amount and from a trusted vendor, staff recommendation was to award the bid to that vendor. Childress suggested that both bids be rejected and the project rebid in order to have more than one bid to choose from. EM mentioned that doing so could cause issues now that the lowest bid amount is public knowledge and therefore competitors have an advantage, plus the project would be delayed.
    - A motion was made to award bid for the Paramount boiler to the lowest qualified bidder as recommended by staff by DL, 2nd by BC. The motion passed by the following vote: 6 Ayes: Caputo, Hoppa, Hylton, Lantz, Moga, Van Lear. 3 Nays: Childress, Prunty, Sifuentes.

Financial Report-Erika Miller

- July Financials were presented
    - REP show sheets had overhead allocation added. BC and DL both appreciated the accounting effort of this.
    - Copley Comedy Series had a sold out show and a profit of $1500. TH again questioned whether this series is worth it. It is possible that the series is still having a positive impact on downtown.
    - Movies at REP this year were a new way to engage the community and came in at a loss. Because they were animated films, concession sales were not too high. TR mentioned that perhaps we could engage a sponsor for the movies and offer them for free to the public. However, if we plan to sell alcohol, we must actively monitor entrances.
    - CC requested permission to speak to Nicor on behalf of ACCA to give a grant for the boiler. He also asked when we will be out of cash and what will happen.
    - BC added that the City will be giving us 500K for the 3rd quarter and 500K for the 4th quarter, as agreed upon.

- Motion to approve financials by GM 2nd by BC. The motion carried by the following vote. Ayes: Caputo, Childress, Hoppa, Hylton, Lantz, Moga, Prunty, Sifuentes, Van Lear. Nays: none.

New Business-TR

- MDQ will end next year. TR and staff are considering options for the space.
- There was some interest in leasing Suite 100 but it will likely not come to fruition. However, there may be a way to turn it into a usable ACCA space if funding via the capital campaign can support it.
- NP asked about the process of choosing titles with regards to diversity and there was discussion about that.
    - A motion was made to authorize Amy Kaczmarek to apply for a specific grant requiring board authorization for the Paramount School of the Arts by TH, 2nd by GM. The motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: Caputo, Childress, Hoppa, Hylton, Lantz, Moga, Prunty, Sifuentes, Van Lear. Nays: none.
- There was a discussion about the perception of asking current or new vendors for donations. ACCA does not have a written policy about it but any time a vendor is approached for a donation or sponsorship, we try to offer that vendor some sort of value and are clear that saying no will not impact their vendor status.

ACCA Board Orientation: Julie Tappendorf

- **J**ulie walked the board through a detailed explanation of the Open Meeting Act and FOIA as it pertains to ACCA board members. She also provided the links to the site for them to access the trainings.

Motion to adjourn at 6:07 pm made by DL, 2nd by JS. All in favor.