



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, December 17, 2020 – 5:00p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Perpich Center for Arts Education

Virtual Meeting

Mission: to provide all Minnesota students the opportunity to develop and integrate their artistic and academic abilities to their highest potential.

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Approved - MINUTES – Approved

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Julie Workman called the meeting to order at 5:01p.m.

MEMBERS ATTENDING:

L. Brobeck, M. Chase, P. Hustoles, L. LeCuyer, D. Loritz, M. Nabors, M. Ollig, G. Winter, J. Workman

ACTION:

CONSENT AGENDA - The consent agenda consists of non-controversial items the Board may adopt routinely. Any single member may remove an item from the consent agenda by requesting removal at the time the consent agenda is moved for adoption. Items to be approved by consent:

- a. Approval of the Minutes, Board of Directors Regular Meeting, November 19, 2020
- b. Receive Agency Budget and Financial Report, period ending November 30, 2020 – Thomas Johnston, Finance Director

Approval of the Consent Agenda was moved by Member LeCuyer and a second was offered by Member Hustoles. On a Call of the Roll, with each attending member voting for approval and no votes against, the Consent Agenda was approved.

INFORMATION:

Executive Director's Report – Dr. Charles Rick offered highlights of his activities on behalf of the agency over the previous month including preparation of the annual Executive Director's report to the Legislature as established by MN Stat. 129C.27, recognition of students, some staff and Member Brobeck for participation in the "Foot in the Door" exhibition through the Minneapolis Institute of Arts (MIA) that is mounted every ten years to all Minnesota Artists, updates on quarantine guidance and vaccination information from the Minnesota Department of Health as the State looks to begin the return of students to the classrooms across the State, a meeting with the City of Golden Valley as the city prepares for construction of an underpass at the intersection of Highway 55 and Douglas Drive – anticipated completion date is summer of 2022.

Dr. Rick responded to questions from Member Hustoles. The text of Dr. Rick's report was included in the meeting packet provided to the members and made available to the public.

INFORMATION:

Arts High School Update – Principal Conn McCartan introduced Assistant Principal Rebecca Bullen who shared a presentation describing the Arts High School’s Wellness Wednesday program created in an effort to maintain deeper connection and foster self-care among students despite the current limitations to online learning. Student response to the introduction of the program has been positive and the program is being shared also with teaching staff for their interest and participation. Bullen responded to questions from Members Hustoles, Brobeck and Workman. McCartan shared information on Admissions activities noting the Arts High School has received 17 student applications to date, Theater students delivering a virtual performance of Chekhov’s Three Sisters that will air this night. Upcoming events include Winter Break followed by the end of Semester 1. McCartan replied to questions from Members Workman and Chase

INFORMATION:

Human Resources Update – Human Resources Director Ekpe Akpan supplied a report that provided the Members with hyperlinks to State COVID-19 updates, updates on staffing due to the pandemic, an update on guidance regarding positive infections among agency staff and the States safety guideline recommendations. Human Resources is looking at the PDR Director position and expects decisions for filling the position will occur in the new calendar year. Akpan reviewed the annual requirement of completing Code of Ethics training and will distribute a hyperlink to the members for completing that when it is ready. Akpan replied to a question from Member Hustoles.

INFORMATION:

Communications Update – Communications Director Betsy Anderson shared a recap of communications that have been published to promote the High School and PDR over the months since her last opportunity to report that included a new promotional video that provides a virtual tour of the campus available on our website and all of the agency’s social media the virtual tour can be viewed at: <https://youtu.be/6linwwH2weo>. Work proceeds on the creation of a one-pager for an Admissions piece promoting a Musical Theatre track in the Arts High School, maintenance on PDR additions and updates of resources for Minnesota arts teachers and, publishing curated reading lists created by the Perpich Librarian.

INFORMATION:

Committee Report

- Nominating Committee – Mikal Nabors reported on the committee’s November 23, 2020, meeting at which the members approved the following actions: election of a new Committee Chair (Mikal Nabors), the nomination of Member Linda Brobeck to the office of Chair and the nomination of Member Leslie LeCuyer to the office of Vice Chair. As is the custom of the Board, nominations from the floor will be received at the February Annual Meeting prior to casting ballots for either office.

INFORMATION:

Board Member Discussion -

- Travel & Events – No members offered announcement of upcoming events or requests for travel
- Board Member Forum – Discussion was raised about the designation and confirmation of new members Chase and Hustoles to Board Committee assignments. Member Workman offered a motion to amend the agenda adding an action item allowing the confirmation of committee assignments on the evening’s agenda. A second was given by Member Brobeck and on a Call of the Roll with each member present voting in favor, the agenda is amended.

ACTION:

Confirmation of Committee Assignments – Member Molly Chase accepted nomination to the Government Relations and Member Paul Hustoles accepted nomination to the Government Relations and Board Development committees. A motion to approve these committee assignments was provided by Member LeCuyer, with a second provided by Member Workman. On a Call of the Roll, with each member voting in favor, the committee assignments are approved.

INFORMATION:

Open Forum/Public Comment – No member of the public in attendance rose to address the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

Having concluded the business of the Board as represented by the agenda, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 6:38p.m.