



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**Thursday, April 22, 2021 - 5:00 -- 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 Linda Brobeck called the meeting to order at 5:07p.m
- MEMBERS ATTENDING:** On a Call of the Roll, members identified present were: L. Brobeck, L. LeCuyer, M. Nabors, M. Ollig, G. Winter and J. Workman. Member M. Chase joined the meeting at 5:14p.m.
- 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:
- Approval of the Minutes, Board of Directors Annual Meeting, February 25, 2021
  - Approval of the Minutes, Board of Directors Regular Meeting, February 25, 2021
  - Receive Agency Budget and Financial Reports, periods ending February 28 & March 31, 2021 – Thomas Johnston, Finance Director
- Approval of the Consent Agenda was moved by Member LeCuyer and a second was given by Member Nabors. On a Call of the Roll, with each member voting in favor and no votes cast against, the Consent Agenda was approved.

**INFORMATION:** Executive Director's Report – Dr. Charles Rick provided the members a review of activities on behalf of the agency since the Board's last meeting including updates on the current Minnesota Legislative session noting differences in HF1065 and SF960 which are likely to be advanced to legislative conference committee, the agency efforts providing testimony before Senate and House committees, attendance at a meeting on the proposed Center for Innovation and the Arts planned for construction in Brooklyn Park, and at committees of the Board meetings through March and April. Dr. Rick also supplied a situational update on the in-progress trial of former Minneapolis police officer, Derek Chauvin and the recent death of Brooklyn Park resident Daunte Wright. Rick responded to questions from the Board Chair.

A 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 reviewed activities of the Arts High School including performances by the Theater and Lit departments and the Capstone Exhibit mounted by the Visual and Media Arts Students. McCartan provided an update on Admissions that indicate as many as 178 students enrolled for the coming school year and shared information on Assessments, Gala, and Graduation. McCartan responded to questions from the Board Chair.

A text of McCartan's report was included in the meeting packet provided to the members and made available to the public.

**INFORMATION:** Library Update – Librarian Anne Dennison supplied a report on activities of the Library that included students' return to campus and their use of library facilities and resources, continuing work to weed the remaining collections, having completed work on the professional collection, participation in an online professional development series that focuses on improving relationships with, services to and resources for underserved youth populations, the acquisition and installation of some new furniture items for the library and, projects that are planned to occur throughout the summer months. There were no questions.

A text of Dennison's report was included in the meeting packet provided to the members and made available to the public.

**INFORMATION:** Business Services Update – Finance Director Thomas Johnston supplied members with updates on the planning process underway with respect to the 2022 Fiscal Year Budget, preparations for closing FY21, an application for Special Education funding that has been completed, the allocation estimate for CARES act funds, Facilities and Maintenance efforts including updates to furniture in the Dorm and Library, replacement of outdated kitchen equipment, planned security updates, potential upgrades to lighting and sound equipment in performance spaces, acquisition of a new maintenance truck and, informed members of a transition in IT staffing that will supply 1 FTE and a part-time student intern, the exploration of supplying streaming abilities for the agency and projects underway that will add student devices to meet increased enrollment, update and/or replacement of devices used for animation work in the general lab, upgrades to music lab computers and addressing staff tech and equipment needs. Johnston responded to questions from Members Nabors, Chase and Brobeck.

A text of Johnston’s report was included in the meeting packet provided to the members and made available to the public.

**INFORMATION/ACTION:** Update of the Bylaws, Section 2.3 Compensation – Board Chair Brobeck reminded the members that revised proposed language was supplied in the meeting packet received by members and made available to public and asked that the Board Secretary read the proposed language into the record. On completion of the textual reading, the Chair received a motion to approve supplied by Member Nabors followed with a second from Member LeCuyer. On a Call of the Roll with each member voting for and no votes cast against, the update to Section 2.3 of the bylaws was approved.

**INFORMATION:** Committee Reports:

Budget & Finance – Committee Chair Nabors reported on an April 18 meeting and items presented that included the potential enrollment for the coming year, discussion of carry forward funds related to Student Activity fees, potential staffing updates and the process toward establishing the FY22 budget.

Board Development – Committee Chair Winter reported that the committee met April 16 and at that time elected a new committee Chair, began discussion of preparations for the August 26 Board Retreat and, the anticipated addition of new members to the board.

Government Relations – Committee Chair Chase reminded members of the importance of contacting their legislators to voice their concerns for SF960 and, spoke of efforts to make preparations for the 2023 Legislative session if abolishment language is introduced again.

Human Resources – Committee Chair Workman updated the members on the committee’s April 1 meeting that elected a new committee Chair and discussed possibilities of a staff hire or re-assignment to establish a Legislative Liaison for the agency.

Statewide Arts Outreach – Committee Chair LeCuyer reported on the committee’s April 14 meeting to elect a new committee Chair and discuss topics building members knowledge base for the agency’s outreach programs history and current efforts.

INFORMATION:

Board Member Discussion:

Travel & Events

No requests for travel or event attendance were received from members.

Board Member Forum

No additional announcements were received from members.

INFORMATION:

Open Forum/Public Comment – No member of the attending public 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 6:49p.m.