



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**Thursday, May 27, 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 Brobeck called the meeting to order at 5:05p.m.  
On a Call of the Roll the members identified to be present were: L. Brobeck, M. Chase, L. Childers, S. Grans-Korsh, P. Hustoles, P. Khosravi, L. LeCuyer, Y. Lee, D. Loritz, M. Nabors and J. Workman.

**INFORMATION:**

Introduction of New Board Members – Newly appointed Directors Childers, Grans-Korsh, Khosravi and Lee each introduced themselves to the assembly and attendees with brief biographies.

**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 Meeting, April 22, 2021

Receive Agency Budget and Financial Reports, period ending April 30, 2021 – Thomas Johnston, Finance Director

Member Hustoles moved to approve the consent agenda and a second was provided by member Workman. The Chair called for discussion and none was offered. On a Call of the Roll with each member voting in favor and receiving no votes against, the Consent Agenda was approved.

**INFORMATION:**

Executive Director's Report – Dr. Charles Rick offered members a review of activities on behalf of the agency since the previous meeting including remarks on Legislative budget target agreements that have been reached at the State, May 28 and June 14 as important dates in the Legislature's budget negotiations and potential for State government shut-down, Federal COVID Relief funds that are anticipated to the State, progress toward updating the orientation process for new members, currently reviewing changes in MDH and MDE guidelines for students and staff returning to campus. No questions were received from the members.

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 provided the members with an update of Arts High School activities since the last meeting including preparations for graduation, the enrollment increase

anticipated for Fall of 2021 and, continuing Capstone events for Senior students and Junior student showcases. McCartan responded to questions from Members Hustoles, Childers and Brobeck.

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

**INFORMATION:**

PDR Update, Comprehensive Arts Planning Program (CAPP) – CAPP Director Kristi Johnson provided Members with a slide presentation describing the mechanics of the program as a foundation for new members and a refresher for incumbents. Johnson responded to questions received from Members Brobeck, Hustoles and LeCuyer.

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

**INFORMATION:**

Human Resources Update – Human Resources Director Ekpe Akpan shared updates on HR staff activities including data regarding the State's responses to the COVID-19 pandemic and, progress on current staffing vacancies. Akpan responded to questions from Members Brobeck, Chase, Grans-Korsh and LeCuyer.

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

**INFORMATION:**

Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Proposal – Finance Director Thomas Johnston provided members with a slide presentation providing new members a primer and, a refresher for incumbent members, on the State's biennial budget cycle and how the agency's budget is developed, where funds come from and, our agency's current proposed budget subject to appropriation by the Legislature. Johnston responded to questions from Members Chase, Grans-Korsh, Hustoles, Nabors

This information was presented to be taken up as an action at the June Regular meeting. Johnston's presentation was included in the meeting packet provided to the members and made available to the public.

Approved by action of the Board, Thursday, June 24, 2021

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**INFORMATION/ACTION:** Committee Assignments & Approvals – As directed by Bylaws Article III, 3.2(b)(3), Chair Brobeck requested the body’s approval of committee assignments proposed for new and current member placements on the Board Development, Budget & Finance, Government Relations, Human Resources, Arts Outreach Committees and Nominating committees. A motion to approve designated assignments was received from Member Hustoles and a second was provided by Member Nabors. In discussion Brobeck and the Secretary responded to questions from Members Childers, Hustoles, Lee and Nabors. On a Call of the Roll, with each member voting in favor of approval and no votes against, new member committee assignments were approved.

**INFORMATION:** Committee Reports:  
Board Development – In the absence of a Committee Chair, Board Chair Brobeck asked Member Chase to provide an update on the committee’s recent work. Chase shared that the has begun planning for the Board’s annual retreat to occur in August and they will be considering potential updates in the Board Member Orientation process.  
Budget & Finance – Committee Chair Nabors shared with the body that the committee has previously received and reviewed the budget presentation delivered today by Finance Director Johnston. The committee anticipates receiving the final version for review and recommendation of action to the Board at the June Regular meeting.  
Government Relations – Committee Chair Chase provided the members with an update on progress to development of a timeline for activities that can be undertaken by the committee and the Board as the calendar moves toward the beginning of the next Legislative session.

**INFORMATION:** Board Member Discussion:  
Travel & Events – The Board Secretary asked new Members to be sure to check their State supplied email accounts for communications that will aid them in being reimbursed for expenses and, stressed the importance of using their Perpich email for all State/official business.  
Board Member Forum – No member offered any remarks.

**INFORMATION:** Open Forum/Public Comment – No member of the public rose to address the Members.

**ADJOURNMENT** Having completed the business of the Board as represented by the meeting agenda, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 7:10p.m.