



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**Thursday, May 26, 2022 - 5:00 -- 7:00 p.m.**  
**Perpich Center for Arts Education**  
**Zoom Meeting**

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

**Approved – MINUTES – Approved**

**CALL TO ORDER -**

Board Chair Linda Brobeck called the meeting to order at 5:02p.m. On a Call of the Roll, directors identified to be present were: S. Anderson, L. Brobeck (onsite), M. Chase, L. Childers, S. Grans-Korsh, P. Hustoles, P. Khosravi, L. LeCuyer, Y. Lee, D. Loritz, J. Mohr, M. Ollig and R. Petersen; J. Workman joined the meeting in progress.

**NEW BOARD MEMBER WELCOME/INTRODUCTION** - One newly appointed board member was unable to attend this meeting.

**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 Regular Meeting, April 21, 2022

Receive Agency Budget and Financial Report, period ending April 30, 2022 – Thomas Johnston,  
Finance Director

The Chair received a motion to approve the consent agenda from Member Hustoles and a second was given by Member LeCuyer. On a Call of the Roll, with each director voting in favor and no votes against, the Consent Agenda was approved.

**INFORMATION:**

Executive Director's Report – Dr. Charles Rick reviewed outcomes of the legislative session just ended, his own activities on behalf of the agency and briefly described activities ahead as plans are made and completed for the return of teachers and students in Fall. Dr. Rick responded to a question from Brobeck. 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 – Arts High School Principal Conn McCartan provided highlights on admissions and enrollment numbers for the coming year, currently expecting up to 158 students enrolled in the Fall. McCartan noted honors received by Perpich students including a Junior Visual Arts student selected as the winner of the Fifth Congressional District Art Competition, several Media Arts student works were selected to have their films screened at the EDU Film Festival and received top honors across a number categories and spoke about events that conclude the school year. McCartan noted for the directors that the board packet they received contained a final draft of the SY22-23 Student Parent Handbook for their review and subject to their approval at the June meeting. McCartan received and responded to questions from Members Hustoles and Brobeck. The text of McCartan’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 reviewed recently rescinded policies related to the pandemic and policies that remain in effect for anyone accessing a State building. Maintaining the safety of State buildings for employees and guests remains a top priority. Akpan shared results of hires filling the PDR Director, Literary and Media Arts Instructor vacancies and listed several positions that are open and accepting applications. Akpan encouraged members to complete their Policy Acknowledgement document by mid-June and to contact her if having technical concerns preventing them from completing the form. Akpan received and responded to questions from Members Hustoles, Chase and Anderson. The text of Akpan’s report was included in the meeting packet provided to the members and made available to the public.

**INFORMATION:** Professional Development and Resources Update – PDR Director Dr. Wendy Barden introduced herself to the directors and shared her activities as she adjusts to her new role in the department. Dr. Barden supplied members with a comparative first look of the current Arts Assessment Survey against the survey completed in 2017. Barden received and responded to questions from Directors Hustoles, Khosravi, LeCuyer, Childers and Brobeck. The text of Barden’s report was included in the meeting packet provided to the members and made available to the public.

**INFORMATION:** Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Proposal – Finance Director Johnston presented the Directors with a walk-through of the construction of the FY23 agency budget and the proposal that will be placed before the board for approval at the June meeting. Johnston responded to questions from members LeCuyer, Grans-Korsh and Hustoles. The text of Johnston’s presentation was prepared and sent to the members as an addendum prior to the meeting and was added as a supplement to the meeting packet made available to the public.

**INFORMATION:** 2022-2023 School Year Student Handbook – This topic was presented to the members in the Arts High School Report.

**INFORMATION/ACTION:** Committee Assignments and Board Approval – In accordance with the by-laws, Chair Brobeck requested approval of the Board for updates to the committee assignments following: M. Chase from Board

Development, S. Grans-Korsh to Board Development, Y. Lee from Human Resources, J. Mohr to Budget & Finance, Human Resources and Nominating, R. Petersen to Board Development and Statewide Arts Outreach. A motion to approve the committee assignments was given by Director LeCuyer with a second supplied by Director Hustoles, following discussion, on a Call of the Roll with all members voting in favor and no votes against, the committee assignments were approved.

**INFORMATION:**

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Board Member Trainings: MSBA Phase I & II Virtual Summer Sessions – Chair Brobeck with the Board Secretary supplied members with upcoming dates that are available to attend legislatively required trainings. Directors who haven't already completed these training modules were asked to contact the Secretary to be registered for either or both events as they are able to determine their availability.

**INFORMATION:**

Committee Reports:

Arts Outreach Committee – Committee Chair LeCuyer reported to the body on the committee's May 3 meeting that included meeting Dr. Barden as the new PDR Director and reviewed the Needs Assessment Survey that had been recently launched.

Budget & Finance Committee – Committee Chair Khosravi reported to the body on the committee's meeting of May 25, where they reviewed the Agency Budget Proposal and passed a recommendation to move it's discussion to the full board.

**INFORMATION:**

Board Member Discussion:

Travel & Events – No new requests were made.

Board Member Forum – No member updates were offered.

**INFORMATION:**

Open Forum/Public Comment – No member of the public indicated desire to address the Board.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Having completed the business of the Board as represented by the agenda, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 7:03p.m.