



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Thursday, December 19, 2024 - 5:00 p.m. - 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.

REGULAR MEETING
APPROVED – MINUTES -APPROVED

CALL TO ORDER – Chair P. Khosravi called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm.

On a Call of the Roll, members identified to be in attendance were: S. Anderson, L. Childers, R. Doyle, S. Grans-Korsh (in person), P. Hustoles, P. Khosravi, N. Laven, L. LeCuyer, J. Mohr, R. Salazar.

ACTION: Approval of Agenda – Chair P. Khosravi called for a motion to approve the board meeting agenda. Member J. Mohr moved and Member P. Hustoles provided a second. On a call of the roll with each member voting in favor and no votes against, the meeting agenda was approved.

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 27, 2024
- b. Approval of Agency Budget and Financial Reports ending November 30, 2024

Member J. Mohr moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Member P. Hustoles provided a second. On a call of the roll with each member voting in favor and no votes against, the Consent Agenda was approved.

Member R. Doyle requested the November 2024 minutes be pulled for separate consideration. Chair P. Khosravi acknowledged. Member P. Hustoles moved to approve the Consent Agenda item Approval of Agency Budget and Financial Reports ending November 30, 2024. Member L. LeCuyer provided a second. On a call of the roll with each member voting in favor and no votes against, the Consent Agenda Item B was approved.

Member R. Doyle requested a change to the November 2024 meeting minutes section, Bylaws Review. Board Chair P. Khosravi read the revised minutes section. Member P. Hustoles moved to adopt the revised minutes as outlined by Chair P. Khosravi. Member S. Anderson provided a second. On a call of the roll with each member voting in favor and no votes against, the Consent Agenda Item A was approved.

INFORMATION / ACTION: Board Chair Report – Chair P. Khosravi acknowledged virtual attendance of a Perpich board candidate, Deborah Moen, who joined the meeting. Chair P. Khosravi provided a brief update on board member recruitment.

Chair P. Khosravi outlined the need, as required in state statute, for the Board of Directors to delegate signature authority on behalf of Perpich Center for Arts Education. Member P. Hustoles motioned to approved. Member L. LeCuyer provided a second. On a call of the roll with each member voting in favor and no votes against, the Delegation of Authority for Interim Executive Director Allegra Smisek was approved.

INFORMATION: Interim Executive Director Report – Interim Executive Director Allegra Smisek provided her report including a campus visit with the Executive Director at the Minnesota State Academies. The State Academies is akin to Perpich Center for Arts Education as a unique agency for the State of Minnesota. She also provided information regarding a Board Weekly Update, Minnesota School Boards Association annual conference in January, and a recognition of Finance Director John Toop for exceptional technical expertise in with budget planning.

Interim Executive Director A. Smisek responded to questions from Chair P. Khosravi.

INFORMATION: Professional Development and Resources Report – PDR Director Wendy Barden provided an update on PDR activities and highlighted updates on Standards of Practice work that Perpich is leading, working with PELSBE and the Minnesota Department of Education. Perpich is recommending licensure in Media Arts and reviewing standards with PELSBE and MDE that are supportive. This is a continuing process and implementation will be challenging. PDR Director also include a report on statewide teacher training.

The Comprehensive Arts Planning Program has launched and received interest in additional information, which is promising for potential applications.

Dr. Barden responded to comments and questions from Members R. Doyle, L. LeCuyer, S. Grans-Korsh, R. Doyle, P. Khosravi and P. Hustoles. Dr. Barden received comments from Members L. LeCuyer and S. Grans-Korsh. Member N. Laven provided thanked Dr. Barden for her work and provided additional information.

INFORMATION: Arts High School Report – Principal Rebecca Bullen thanked Dr. Wendy Barden for the work on standards on teacher licensure in media arts and provided updates on Arts High School news and activities. Activities included “bagel day” and therapy dog opportunities for students and staff. Principal R. Bullen provided information on the Gary Fink Scholarship and alumni award for the Media Department. Principal R. Bullen further outlined student achievement and access, as well as off-campus opportunities. Principal R. Bullen responded to questions and comments from Members P. Hustoles, J. Mohr, S. Grans-Korsh, R. Salazar, and R. Doyle.

INFORMATION: Government Relations Committee Report – Committee Chair P. Hustoles provided a report from the Government Relations Committee and thanked Finance Director J. Toop for providing background information to the committee. Committee Chair P. Hustoles also provided an overview of the state financial landscape and its potential impacts on any Perpich Center for Arts Education budget request. Committee Chair P. Hustoles further explained the Board’s requested involvement with contacting their Legislators and contact tracking. Board members

will be provided with a script, as well as mentoring, should members choose. An update will be provided at the January board meeting.

Member P. Hustoles responded to questions and comments from Board Chair P. Khosravi, L. Childers, and L. Childers.

INFORMATION:

Board Development Committee Report – Committee Chair S. Anderson provided an update from the meeting held on December 18. Committee members discussed a firm schedule for meeting the remainder of 2025 to review Perpich bylaws and state policies as they relate to Perpich bylaws. Member S. Grans-Korsh provided comments to ensure board members will have a first and second reading for robust policy changes. Routine policy changes recommended by the Minnesota School Board’s Association will not require a second reading.

Committee Chair S. Anderson responded to questions from P. Khosravi who also requested the Google Drive link be emailed to Board members.

INFORMATION / ACTION:

Nominating Committee Report – Committee Chair R. Salazar provided an update from the meeting held on December 18. Among the agenda items discussed were the board chair and vice chair positions. Any board members interested in the Board Chair or Vice Chair position should submit their interest in writing by letter or email to Committee Chair R. Salazar no later than Monday, January 20, 2025. Board Chair and Vice Chair positions are each elected for one-year terms and begin at the annual meeting in February 2025.

Committee Chair R. Salazar responded to comments from Member L. LeCuyer.

INFORMATION / ACTION:

Board Member Discussion: Chair P. Khosravi reminded members of the upcoming Minnesota School Board Association annual conference and training from January 16-17, 2025 in Minneapolis. Members interested in attending the conference, luncheon, or training, please contact Kathy Morgan who will ensure your registration. Chair P. Khosravi informed the board member R. Doyle will be moved from the Statewide Arts Outreach Committee to the Human Resources Committee.

The Minnesota School Boards Association annual conference January 16-17, 2024 at the Minneapolis Convention Center. Member S. Grans-Korsh requested Phase III training. Any members who would like to attend, please confirm with Kathy Morgan by the end of December.

INFORMATION:

Public member and board member candidate, Debra Moen, provided comments to the board.

ADJOURNMENT:

Having concluded the business of the Meeting as identified by the agenda, Chair Khosravi called the meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.