



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Thursday, February 20, 2025 - 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

Chair S. Grans-Korsh called the meeting to order at 5:46 pm. On a call of the roll, members identified as present: S. Anderson (virtual), L. Childers (virtual) R. Doyle (virtual), S. Grans-Korsh, M. Haley, P. Hustoles (virtual), P. Khosravi (virtual), L. LeCuyer (virtual), J. Mohr (virtual), D. Pierre-Toussaint, R. Salazar (virtual), T. Wollenzien.

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, January 23, 2025
- b. Approval of Agency Budget and Financial Reports ending January 31, 2025

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

INFORMATION: Board Chair Report – Incoming Board Chair Sally Grans-Korsh provided comments including the revised New Board member orientation that took place earlier in the day.

INFORMATION: Executive Director’s Report – Interim Executive Director Allegra Smisek provided an overview of the report that was contained in the board meeting packet. Interim Executive Director A. Smisek highlighted the presentation to the Senate Capital Investment Committee and other items contained in the meeting packet. Interim Executive Director A. Smisek also gave kudos for the work of Dr. Wendy Barden. Interim Executive Director A. Smisek responded to questions and comments from members P. Hustoles and R. Doyle

INFORMATION: Arts High School Report – Rebecca Bullen, Arts High School Principal – Principal R. Bullen thanked members P. Khosravi, J. Mohr, and L. LeCuyer for their commitment to service to Perpich as members of the board. Principal R. Bullen detailed the report contained in the board meeting packet. Member J. Mohr welcomed A. Smisek to reach out regarding a board candidate in Congressional District 2. Board Chair S. Grans-Korsh encouraged all board members to take on the interest of student recruitment and invites a larger conversation with administration. Principal R. Bullen responded to questions and comments from board members S. Grans-Korsh, P. Hustoles, P. Khosravi, R. Salazar, T. Wollenzien, and J. Mohr.

INFORMATION: Professional Development and Resources Update, Dr. Wendy Barden, PDR Director. Instructor Mary Harding provided background regarding her role at Perpich. She continued with an update on PDR professional development activities to support teachers.

INFORMATION/ Finance Director’s Report, John Toop, Finance Director – Finance Director J. Toop detailed the

ACTION: reports included in the board meeting packet. A Finance Committee Meeting is scheduled for March 11 to finalize and make recommendations for board action. J. Toop requested members to share information they may wish to include in the budget recommendations. Questions from R. Doyle, S. Grans-Korsh were addressed. J. Toop will reschedule the upcoming Finance Committee meeting to ensure R. Doyle and S. Grans-Korsh can attend.

Board Chair S. Grans-Korsh motioned to approve the FY26 Student Fee Schedule. Member J. Mohr moved to approve. Member L. LeCuyer provided a second. On a call of the roll with each member voting in favor and no votes against, the motion was approved.

INFORMATION: Human Resources Director's Report – Ahmed Thabet, Human Resources Director, provided an update on human resources at Perpich as well as an update on the executive director applications and process of appointment. Additional information will be provided as it becomes available.

INFORMATION Board Committee Updates
/ACTION: Board Development Committee
Board Chair S. Grans-Korsh provided an update on the activities of the Board Development Committee. The Committee is recommending for action Perpich Policy 524.1 Perpich Cell Phone Policy. Member L. LeCuyer moved for approval of the Committee Report. Member P. Khosravi provided a second. The motion was discussed and a member L. LeCuyer provided a friendly amendment to the motion to approve 524.1 Perpich Cell Phone Policy. Member L. LeCuyer amended. Member P. Khosravi provided a second. On a call of the with each member voting in favor and no votes against, Perpich Policy 524.1 Perpich Cell Phone Policy was approved.

Budget and Finance Committee
Committee Chair P. Khosravi requested a meeting be scheduled in March.

Human Resources Committee
Board Chair S. Grans-Korsh thanked J. Mohr and members of the committee for recommending appointment for the Executive Director of Perpich Center for Arts Education.

Government Relations Committee
Committee Chair P. Hustoles noted the 2025 Legislative Platform in the board meeting packet and members are encouraged to contact your legislators in support of Perpich. Member P. Hustoles will contact new members regarding the process. Any questions regarding the process can be directed to P. Hustoles. Member R. Doyle created a folder in the shared Google Drive, FY25 Perpich Board of Directors, Legislative Tools for Board of Directors.

INFORMATION: Board Member Discussion – Communications Director Betsy Anderson informed members that summer camp offerings have opened and are available to schedule on the Perpich website for anyone who may wish to participate. B. Anderson encouraged board members to share this information with their networks. B. Anderson will share flyers along with an email to the board.

Member R. Doyle asked committee chairs to consider including board committee reports in the meeting packet. Comments were provided by S. Grans-Korsh and P. Khosravi.

INFORMATION: No members of the public were in attendance.

INFORMATION: No members had requests for travel or events.

Member J. Mohr requested B. Anderson contact her regarding the newsletter. B. Anderson agreed.

ADJOURNMENT With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.