

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
WALTER GERRELLS PERFORMING ARTS AND EXHIBITION CENTER ADVISORY BOARD  
CIVIC CENTER ANNEX  
4012 NATIONAL PARKS HWY  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2024 AT 6:00 PM

1 **ROLL CALL OF VOTING MEMBERS AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM** – Damian Capello, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:08 pm. It was determined there was a quorum.

Voting Members Present: Damian Capello, Chairperson  
Danita McCormick  
Kat Davis  
Elaine Finley  
Elizabeth Jackson

Voting Members Absent: Jeri Strong  
Charles Neill

Ex-officio Members Present: None

Ex-officio Members Absent: Rick Lopez, Mayor  
Wendy Austin, City Administrator  
Ted Cordova, Deputy City Administrator and Director of Community Development  
JJ Chavez, City Councilor

Others Present: Lupe Ornelas, Facility Maintenance Superintendent

2 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR JANUARY 2, 2024** – The motion was made by Damian Capello to approve the Agenda for the January 2, 2024 meeting. Kat Davis seconded. The vote was as follows:

Yes – Danita McCormick, Elaine Finley, Elizabeth Jackson

No – None

Absent – Jeri Strong, Charles Neill

The motion passed.

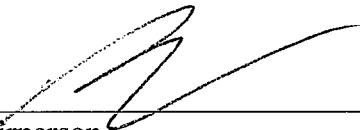
3 **APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 5, 2023** – The motion to approve the minutes for the September 5, 2023 regular meeting was made by Elaine Finley and seconded by Danita McCormick. The vote was as follows:

Yes – Damian Capello, Kat Davis, Elizabeth Jackson

No – None

Absent – Jeri Strong, Charles Neill  
The motion passed.

- 4 **MANAGER'S REPORT** – Lupe Ornelas let the board know that the Civic Center continues to book events. The sound system will be put in now that the holidays are over. Rentals were booked all week during December.
- 5 **DISCUSSION OF NOMINEES FOR CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR-**  
Elaine Finley suggested Damian Capello remain Chair. Damian Capello asked about nominees for the Vice Chair, Elizabeth Jackson suggested Danita McCormick for Vice Chair. Damian Capello turned down the nomination for Chair. Danita McCormick nominated Elaine Finley for Chair. Next meeting voting will occur as Elaine Finley for Chair and Danita McCormick for Vice Chair.
- 6 **DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS FOR MARCH MEETING**  
Agenda- voting for Chair and Vice Chair
- 7 **ADJOURNMENT** – The motion to adjourn was made by Elaine Finley and seconded by Kat Davis.  
The vote was as follows:  
Yes – Damian Capello, Danita McCormick, Elizabeth Jackson  
No – None  
Absent – Jeri Strong, Charles Neill  
The motion passed. The meeting adjourned.

  
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Chairperson

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