

**DULUTH ENTERTAINMENT AND CONVENTION CENTER AUTHORITY
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

May 14, 2021

A Special Board Meeting was held Friday, May 14th, 2021 via Zoom.

Board Members Present: Chair Pat Mullen, Vice Chair Lynne Williams, Secretary Mary Finnegan, Don Ness, Peter Singler, Laura Mullen, Bill Nelson, Matt Baumgartner, Martha Bremer, Carrie Heffernan

Board Members Absent: Roz Randorf

DECC Staff Present: Renae Matt

Others Present: Dan Hartman, Media

CALL TO ORDER and QUORUM: P. Mullen called the meeting to order at 12:02 PM. A quorum of directors was present.

MOTION: Williams made a motion to approve the agenda and Bremer seconded. The agenda was approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

The Executive Director Search Committee took some time to acknowledge and show appreciation for the work and time put into the search.

Finnegan joined at 12:04 PM.

The members of the committee were noted, as well as the community member participation, and the Orion Search Group. It was reported that the committee had held more than twenty meetings over the course of four months, putting in over fifty hours.

Heffernan joined at 12:06 PM.

Amongst a very strong applicant pool, they had narrowed the search to a final candidate. The committee presented to the board their final candidate, Daniel Hartman. Mr. Hartman was given time to speak directly to the Board before the committee summarized the reasons why Hartman was their top choice amongst the candidacy group.

The committee made the official recommendation to appoint Daniel Hartman as the permanent Executive Director, and authorize the Executive Committee to discuss and finalize the terms of his employment agreement.

MOTION: P. Mullen requested a motion to approve the committee's recommendation. Ness made the motion and L. Mullen seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board took time to congratulate Hartman and thank everyone involved in the search.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was requested to adjourn. Finnegan made the motion and Singler seconded. The meeting adjourned at 12:18 PM.

Upcoming Meetings

A special board meeting has been scheduled for May 19, 2021 at 11:30 AM at the DECC. The next regular meeting will be held May 26, 2021 at 11:30 AM at the DECC.

Minutes reported by Renae Matt, Executive Assistant.

Submitted by:

Patrick Mullen, Chair

Mary Finnegan, Secretary