

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

July 22, 2021

A Special Board Meeting was held Thursday, July 22nd, 2021 in Harbor Side Room 202.

Board Members Present:

Chair Pat Mullen
Vice Chair Lynne Williams
Secretary Mary Finnegan
Don Ness
Peter Singler
Bill Nelson
Martha Bremer
Laura Mullen
Jason Vincent

Board Members Absent:

Carrie Heffernan
Matt Baumgartner

DECC Staff Present:

Dan Hartman
Rena Matt
Lucie Amundsen
Sue Ellen Moore

Others Present:

Steve Hanke – City of Duluth

Call to Order

P. Mullen called the meeting to order at 1:32 PM. A quorum of directors was present.

Approval of Agenda

Nelson made a motion to approve the agenda and Bremer seconded. The agenda was approved unanimously.

New Business

City of Duluth RFQ/RFP Proposal Update: A presentation was given that summarized the pros and cons of the DECC submitting a proposal to the City of Duluth's RFP for Tourism Marketing Services.

Finnegan arrived at 1:35 PM.

There was discussion on processes, consistent branding, experience, and motivations.

Singler arrived at 1:40 PM.

The Board took time for additional discussions related to the process and potential outcomes.

L. Mullen arrived at 2:11 PM.

A summary of the discussion was given.

The Board reviewed a proposed resolution to support the DECC staff in moving forward and submitting a proposal.

MOTION: L. Mullen made a motion to approve resolution 2021-02, with noted changes, in response to the City of Duluth's request for proposal (RFP). Finnegan seconded. Vincent opposed. The motion passed with 8 votes in favor and 1 against.

Adjournment

A motion was requested to adjourn. L. Mullen made the motion and Bremer seconded. The meeting adjourned at 2:27 PM.

Upcoming Meetings

The next regular meeting will be held July 28, 2021 at 11:30 AM in the Harbor Side Ballroom.

Minutes reported by Renae Matt, Executive Assistant.

Submitted by:

Patrick Mullen, Chair

Mary Finnegan, Secretary