

CLARK PLANETARIUM ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
Location: Virtual and In-Person Meeting
Thursday, April 16, 2026

Board attendance:

Rod Parker, Chair
Mike Maxwell, Vice Chair
Madelaine Miller Anderson
Joe Bauman
Ken Gritton
Gina McBride
Daniel Mendoza
Bob Moore
Priscilla Hansen Neve
Patrick Neville
Shawn O’Kane
Michelle Schmitt
Tanasia Valdez

Board, absent:

Andrea Garavito-Martinez
Rob Gonzalez
Emily Lehnardt
Natalie Pinkney, Council member

Others Present:

Kunbi Adekunle
Justin Anderson
Maureen Ford
Duke Johnson
Scott Sherrick
Anna Swenson
Jason Trump
Anna Marie Tueller

- I. **CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME** at 12:36 p.m. by Rod Parker.
- a. Rod Parker asked the Board members if any of them had received public written or verbal comments to be presented to the Board. None had comments.
- II. **REVIEW OF MINUTES & CURRENT BUSINESS**
- a. Rod asked if there were any questions about the March 2026 minutes. He pointed out that the call-in phone number partially listed in those minutes belonged to Mike Maxwell. It was asked to have the March minutes updated to reflect Mike’s attendance. Rod then asked for a vote to approve



the March minutes. Bob Moore motioned for approval and Gina seconded.

The March minutes were approved.

- b. Rod brought up all the activities at the Planetarium for the Artemis launch and splash down viewing parties. He noted that there was a high level of excitement in the building for both and the theatres used for each event were full. Gina McBride then shared her connection with the Artemis program through her work at Northrop Grumman. Discussion followed on the importance of these missions and the way it is bringing more interest into space and how Clark Planetarium can facilitate that interest.

III. PLANETARIUM BUSINESS & DISCUSSION

- a. Duke Johnson gave an update on the Strategic Plan and the upcoming meeting with the consultants and County leadership.
- b. Kunbi Adekunle shared the March financials. While there was a continued decrease in numerous areas, the rentals have increased. There was conversation about how these numbers, while currently common across the industry, can be ameliorated.
- c. Scott Sherrick talked to the Board about theatre attendance and ticket trends. March had a continued decrease in ticket sales with a slight decrease in guest attendance year over year. This could be attributed to the recent high cost of gas.
- d. Justin Anderson shared a theatres update, which included upcoming new laser shows and two new dome shows for summer 2026. The goal with



many of these shows is to try to bring greater ticket sales to the Hansen Dome Theatre.

- e. Justin also shared a brief update to the Board from Development and upcoming plans to gain more sponsors for Clark Planetarium. He intends for this type of update to be frequent.

IV. COMMUNITY PROGRAMS UPDATE

- a. Anna Swenson gave the Community Programs update for March. There were 37 programs with 3,779 participants. She shared photos and information from the March Egg Drop Engineering Challenge and other recent events. Additionally, there has been an increase in the number of viewing party participants. Anna attributed this to having access to larger telescopes that were donated last year by the Miller Foundation

V. CLOSING REMARKS

- a. Rod adjourned the meeting at 1:51 p.m.