

CLARK PLANETARIUM ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Location: Virtual and In-Person Meeting

Thursday, June 18, 2026

Board attendance:

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

Board, absent:

Andrea Garavito-Martinez

Others Present:

Kunbi Adekunle
Justin Anderson
Robin Chalhoub
Maureen Ford
Duke Johnson
Anna Marie Tueller
Tera Nicolo-Smith
Allen Reeve
Jason Sills
Jason Trump
Jayceen Craven Walker

I. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME at 12:33 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. Bob Moore shared positive comments received from a youth summer camp group about their favorite exhibits.

II. REVIEW OF MINUTES & CURRENT BUSINESS

- a. Rod asked if there were any questions or comments about the May 2026 minutes.
 - i. Patrick Neville motioned for approval of the minutes and Gina McBride seconded. The May minutes were approved.



- b. Rob informed the Board of 2 members leaving: Rob Gonzalez and Madeline Miller Anderson. He thanked them both for their time and participation on the Board.
 - i. Duke Johnson also thanked Madeline and the Miller Foundation for all the support with various programs at Clark Planetarium.
- c. Rod asked for nominations for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair for the next year. These nominations will be voted on at the next board meeting, in August.
 - i. Patrick nominated Rod as Chair while Rod nominated Mike Maxwell as Vice Chair.
- d. Rod reminded everyone that there is no meeting in July. The next meeting will be in August.

III. PLANETARIUM BUSINESS & DISCUSSION

- a. Duke gave a presentation about the Planetarium and County leadership trip to the Telus Spark Science Center in Calgary and Telus Science World of Science in Edmonton. The trip was to investigate how these two institutions, similar to Clark Planetarium, were before and after their recent growth and expansions. Topics included their governance, how they dealt with their space, and how they planned for future improvements.
- b. Rod asked Duke if there was an update on the Strategic Planning. Duke said it should be finalized for presentation in the August meeting.

- c. Kunbi Adekunle shared the May financials. Overall, there was about a 14% dip year over year, with some areas having very small increases and decreases in others. There have been cuts throughout departments at Clark Planetarium to help manage these numbers.
- d. Anna Marie Tueller talked to the Board about theatre attendance and ticket trends. May saw similar numbers of guests year over year while ticket sales were down.
- e. Jason Sills shared a theatres update. He mentioned the new and upcoming shows in both theatres. The Northrop Grumman IMAX® Theatre will start the summer off with an informal celebration of the 250th anniversary of the country with *Apollo 11*, *National Parks Adventure*, and *Into America's Wild* along with a new film, *Horse Power*. The Hansen Dome Theatre will have three new laser shows (*Laser Maestro presents Decades*, *Laser Maestro presents Metal Mayhem*, and *K-Pop Demon Hunters*) and one science show (*Encounters in the Milky Way*).
- i. Jason also shared that Clark Planetarium won two awards at GSCA (Giant Screen Cinema Association). The first award, won for the second year in a row, was for Best Film Opening, for *Lost Wolves of Yellowstone*. The second was the Best Idea Award for the *Find Your Wild* campaign.
- f. Justin Anderson gave an update on fundraising. He informed the Board of the general work and continuing outreach to various groups as well as the current and ongoing plans for specific collaborations and sponsorships.

- g. Jason Trump spoke to the Board about the upcoming Clean Air Day happening on Saturday, June 20. It is funded through a grant and partnerships with various other institutions and groups.

IV. COMMUNITY PROGRAMS UPDATE

- a. Duke mentioned to the Board that due to Anna Swenson's being ill, there wouldn't be an update from Community Programs. He did, however, mention that they continue their hard work continuing all their programs.

V. CLOSING REMARKS

- a. Rod adjourned the meeting at 2:06 p.m.