

**Minutes of the Board of Directors
Visit Fargo-Moorhead
Wednesday April 23, 2025**

Members Present: Doug Peters, Clare Hughes, Kember Anderson, Emily Nielsen, Nicole Steen Dutton, Kira Odenbach, Kimberly Busch, Casey Sanders-Berglund, Derrick LaPoint

Members Absent: James Stinsman, Ramon Sosa,

Others Present: Charley Johnson, Nicole Newman, SearchWide Global, Emily Beck, John Machacek, Patrick Kirby, Kirsten Jensen

- Chair Doug Peters called the meeting to order.
- A motion was made (Clare), seconded (Nicole), and passed approving the March 26 Minutes.
- The CEO & Board reviewed the March Financials.
- Emily Beck, John Machacek, Patrick Kirby & Kirsten Jensen presented a capital grant request for the Fargo Theatre's Centennial Capital Campaign. After the presentation and subsequent discussion, Derrick moved, Clare seconded, and the Board approved a capital grant of \$500,000 for the Fargo Theatre. The grant will be paid out over three (3) to five (5) years, based on funds availability.
- The Board a CEO discussed the addition of a proposed Artificial Intelligence (AI) policy to the employee handbook. After the discussion, Kira moved, Nicole seconded, and the Board approved the policy.
- The CEO and Board discussed progress of the Convention Center committee and the proposed casino and convention center development just east of Moorhead.
- SearchWide rep Nicole Newman gave the Board a rundown of the process of searching for and hiring a new President & CEO for Visit FM.
- The meeting was adjourned. (Derrick moved, Kember seconded)

**The next Board Meeting is scheduled for 7:30 am on Wednesday,
May 28, 2025, in the Visit FM Boardroom.
There will be a Teams Link, as well.**