

Minutes of the November 18, 2021 Special Meeting of the Arena Theater Board of Directors

Present: Beattie, Joakimides, Andersen, McMurty, Archer, Sussman, Wilkinson, Crutcher, Moseley, Molly Morgan, Susan Wolbarst, Susan Schultz, Jean Ohrman, Steve McLaughlin, Kat Gleason and Maria Arana

Absent: More

Minutes: Archer

Pursuant to Article V, § 2 of the Arena Theater Bylaws a Special Meeting of the Board of Directors may be called by the President, Vice-President, Secretary or Treasurer or any 2 Directors for any purpose at any time.

As Secretary, Archer called the Special Meeting to decide the issue as to whether the Board should follow its own precedent and grant the requests from Ballet, NT-Live, Exhibition on Screen and Film Club to allow the people who organize/produce their programs, and the demographic groups that attend them, to require a Proof of Vaccination for entry into the Theater for their events, only, for this season, only.

After much discussion and revision to defer a vote on Film Club, Archer made the following Motion, seconded by Sussman:

Following the precedent that this Board set in granting the Opera Chair's request, on behalf of that Program's attendees, that Proof of Vaccination be required for entry into the Theater to attend those programs for this season, and in response to requests for similar Proof of Vaccination requirements from the Chairs/Producers of the Bolshoi Ballet, NT-Live and Exhibition on Screen programs, recognizing the demographics of the attendees of these programs and recognizing the long and valued history and tremendous support that these programs have provided to our Theater, this Motion would have the Board approve each of those requests and allow a proof of vaccination requirement for attendance at Bolshoi Ballet, NT-Live and Exhibition on Screen programs for this season. It shall be up to each program to provide staffing to check the vaccination status of persons wishing to attend the programs.

After extended discussion the Board voted 5-3 to approve the Motion. Wilkinson noted that More was absent and that had she been in attendance she would likely have voted against the Motion. Archer noted that even had More been present the Motion would still have been approved.