

## THE CENTER OF ANNA MARIA ISLAND

*The Center is a Sec. 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization.  
which will be celebrating its 67<sup>th</sup> anniversary!*

### Board Meeting Minutes for January 26, 2026

#### **The Center of Anna Maria Island Board of Directors Meeting**

**Date:** January 26, 2026

**Time:** 5:30pm.

**Location:** The Center of Anna Maria Island

In attendance: Executive Director-Chris Culhane, Board Chairman-Don Purvis, Secretary & City of Anna Maria Liaison-Kathy Morgan Johnson, Liz Hager, Sheila Fuse, Jillian Ptak, Caroline Leibfried, Christine Major Hicks, Scott Cooper, Treasurer-Dan Anderson (Via Zoom) City of Holmes Beach Liaison- Jessica Patel

Absent with excuse: Remi Drigan, Ben Webb, Jake Parsons

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#### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 5:30pm. A quorum was present.

#### 2. Approval of Prior Minutes

The minutes of the previous Board meeting were presented for review. A clarification was requested regarding the reference to capital funds related to the vehicle purchase, which was confirmed as accurate.

**Motion:** To approve the minutes as presented by Sheila Fuse, 2<sup>nd</sup> Liz Hager

**Result:** Approved unanimously.

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#### 3. Board Membership / Governance

##### **Nomination of Scott Cooper**

The Chair reviewed Mr. Cooper's involvement with The Center, including his service on the Strategic Planning Committee and active participation in Center programs and events. Board discussion addressed governance procedures and committee service prior to Board nomination.

While acknowledging the need to follow established governance processes more closely going forward, the Board agreed to proceed with the nomination.

**Motion:** To elect Scott Cooper to the Board of Directors by Liz Hager, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kathy Morgan Johnson

**Result:** Approved.

Mr. Cooper was welcomed to the Board.

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#### 4. Finance Committee Report

The Finance Committee presented year-to-date financials through December, the midpoint of the fiscal year.

**Highlights included:** - Program revenue exceeded budget by approximately \$41,000, driven primarily by Fitness and Youth Sports. - Direct program costs remained at or below budget, resulting in net program income approximately \$48,000 ahead of budget. - General and administrative expenses were modestly over budget but remained within acceptable variance. - Fundraising revenue was below budget due largely to timing of concert sponsorships; donation-based fundraising remained on target. - Capital expenditures totaled approximately \$264,000 compared to a budget of \$243,000, reflecting inclusion of the new vehicle. - Operating cash balances remained strong, with approximately \$248,000 in operating funds and \$87,000 in reserves as of January.

The Board commended Dan Anderson and Christine Major Hicks for accurate budgeting and financial management.

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#### 5. Detailed Financial Review

Christine Major Hicks reviewed program-level financial reports, explaining the allocation of sponsorships, restricted donations, and grant funding. Clarification was provided regarding restricted fitness donations and proper classification for audit purposes.

The Board noted continued strong performance in Fitness, Youth Sports, and special events.

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#### 6. Governance Committee Report

The Governance Committee reported ongoing work to review and streamline Board policies and procedures. Several policies were identified as outdated or overly reactive to past crises and are being revised for clarity, relevance, and consistency.

Updated drafts will be circulated for Board review, with the goal of formal adoption at an upcoming meeting.

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## 7. Strategic Planning Committee Report

An update was provided on Strategic Planning efforts, including: - Formation of a Fundraising Committee, currently in development. - Discussion of a future Programming Committee to support expansion of Center offerings. - Emphasis on sustainability and long-term financial planning, including consideration of capital improvements and endowment growth.

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## 8. Fundraising and Development

Staff reported that January donations to date exceeded budget expectations and are expected to offset prior timing variances. Updates were provided on: - Restricted fundraising for new spin bikes, which were fully donor-funded. - Continued sponsorship development and grant support from local partners and municipalities.

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## 9. Programs and Events

Updates included: - Strong attendance and revenue for recent concerts and special events. - Upcoming concerts and community events, including Valentine's Day programming. - Plans for a simplified Easter Egg Hunt in partnership with local schools. - Discussion of future event concepts, including fishing tournaments and community celebrations.

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## 10. Operations and Wellness Initiatives

Staff discussed opportunities to expand wellness programming through potential partnerships and off-site facilities. The Board agreed that discussions are preliminary and not ready for formal action or public communication at this time.

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## 11. Other Business

- Insurance renewal options were discussed, with staff continuing to evaluate cost-effective alternatives.
- Staff provided brief updates on facilities, youth programming growth, and coordination with local schools.
- The Atlanta Rhythm Section will perform February 14<sup>th</sup>. March 1<sup>st</sup>. John Oates. May 2<sup>nd</sup> Event at Convention Center. Murder Mystery will take place on March 6&7. The annual Wine tasting is scheduled for March 28. St. Patrick's Day Parade March 15<sup>th</sup>. The annual Crawfish Boil May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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## 12. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:29pm.

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**Respectfully submitted,**  
Kathy Morgan Johnson  
Secretary, Board of Directors