



**The Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center**  
**Advisory Board Minutes**  
**November 13, 2025**

*Columbus Civic Center, Hospitality Suites*  
*400 4<sup>th</sup> St, Columbus, GA 31901*

**Board Members Present:** Arreasha ‘Z’ Lawrence, Fernando Verdree, Ku’Wonna Ingram, Arsburn ‘Oz’ Roberts, Evelyn ‘Mimi’ Woodson, Dr. Shikha Shah, Cletus Richardson

**Board Members Absent:** Delois “Dee” Marsh, Terrance Flowers

**Present: Civic Center Staff:** Kanise Wiggins, Caryn Hammond, Jennifer Babin, Janine Abano

**Absent: Civic Center Staff:** Troy Vanerson, Josaland Hardwick

**Mimi Woodson** - Called for order at 4:10 pm

Minutes for September 11, 2025, approved.

- **Quorum, Minutes Review, and 2026 General Meetings:**

- Minutes from September 11 reviewed; approval postponed due to lack of quorum.
- Correction needed: change ‘Coloma’ to ‘Columbus Jazz Society’
- Community library visits are promoted on all media platforms, not just Facebook, including websites and online survey in minutes.
- 2026 General Meetings Schedule has been edited and approved by the board.

- **Community Feedback from Library Visits and Surveys:**

- Quorum achieved with six members; minutes and attendance approved with two amendments.
- Community feedback collected via social media and library visits; feedback aligns with committee direction.
- Survey questions addressed desired appearance, programs, and experiences for Liberty Theatre & Cultural Arts Center.
- Attendees requested marquees, movies, plays, and children’s activities
- Feedback collection remains open until year-end to increase community input.

- **Strategic Planning, Work Session Scheduling and Implementation Discussion:**
  - Staff to categorize items before January meeting for organized discussion.
  - Foundation must be established before programming or planning.
  - New architect involvement required; introduction to David Schwartz proposed for expertise.
  - Planning to have Virtual Work Session with the board members on December 09, 2025 from 10 am – 12 pm. Talk about strategic planning.
  
- **Event Planning, Marketing, and Partnerships for 2026:**
  - The Liberty Theatre will be participating at Columbus Museum February Festival.
  - Questionnaires to be distributed at events; digital links suggested for higher engagement.
  - Event planning ideas to be collected, reviewed, and scheduled in January to avoid conflicts with other organizations.
  - MaFest will be combined for a two-day event scheduled on April 25-26.

Meeting adjourned 5:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Janine Abano*

Janine Abano, Board Secretary