



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

Columbus Civic Center, Hospitality Suites
400 4th 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