



The Barn Theater

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Board Of Directors Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2025

I. Call to Order- 6:30 pm by Barbra Black, President

II. Roll Call

Executive Board Members Present: Barbra Black - President, Cindy Kelly - Vice President, Kate Smith - Treasurer, Melanie Tyler - Secretary

Board Members Present: Erik Tyler, Stephani Berra, Ambree Bough, Charles Hickinbotham, Vera Bennett, Madeline Black, Melissa Kirkpatrick (Via Phone-Left at 7:16 PM), Bob Merzoian (Via Phone)

Board Members Absent: Ash Morales, Isaac Hernandez

Members of the Public Present: Bree Doehring, Zoe Roberts

III. Birthday Acknowledgements

A. Presented by Cindy Kelly

IV. Public Comment

At this time, members of the public may comment on any item not appearing on the agenda. Under state law, matters presented under this item cannot be discussed or acted upon by the Board at this time. For items appearing on the agenda, the public is invited to make comments at the time the item comes up for Board consideration. Any person addressing the Board will be limited to a maximum of five (5) minutes. Please state your name for the record.

V. Minutes and Financials (Consent Calendar)

Items on the consent calendar are to be reviewed prior to the meeting. All Consent Calendar Items are considered routine and will be enacted in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these matters unless a request is made, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Calendar. All items removed from the Consent Calendar for further discussion will be heard at the end of Scheduled Matters

- A. August 11, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes
- B. July 2025 Financials

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented with a revision to the minutes adding Madeline Black in attendance.

Motion: Bennett

Second: Smith

Motion passed unanimously.

VI. Events and Reservations-Discussion & Possible Action

- 1. Buzzard Fest - October 4, 2025
- 2. Shai Ones - October 11-26, 2025
- 3. Hossscar Committee Meeting - TBD

VII. Reports

(Please keep all reports to a maximum of 5 Minutes. Items reviewed in reports are up for discussion and possible action.)

- A. Bardy Bunch-Charles Hickenbotham
 - 1. Mr. Hickenbotham reported that they had a good turnout, positive response and it was an overall positive experience.
- B. Shai Ones-Todd Mathenia
 - 1. Mr. Mathenia reported that Ella Clausen will be an understudy, he raised \$290 in fundraiser commissions and they are set to do a drive through fundraiser on September 26, 2025 from 3PM-6PM.
- C. Lion King Jr - Kate Smith
 - 1. Workshop Recap-41-42 kids and 18 leaders and helpers.
 - 2. Rawhide Recap-Networking with T-Mobile for Grant opportunities, sold all of our merchandise, received advertising on the jumbo tron.
 - 3. Lion King Plushies-Will be selling in the lobby as a fundraiser for Lion King.
 - 4. Auditions-45 kids auditioned.

VIII. Presentations/Guests - Discussion and Possible Action

A. Bree Doehring - Improv Class

1. Bree Doehring studied improv at Savannah College of Art & Design, and Magnet Theater in New York with coaches who practiced alongside Amy Poehler and the cast of ASSCAT in 90s New York. She has performed in 10+ improv festivals around the country, and internationally at the Slapdash Festival in London. She believes in laughter and positivity and hopes to share the power of Yes with others to help improve their daily lives, careers, communication, and creativity.

The board requested that the classes be moved to Sunday nights and suggested that the price should be lower.

B. Zoe Roberts - Social Media

Ms. Roberts reported on her interest in running our social media accounts. Ms. Smith asked the Board to approve for Ms. Roberts to take over the social media accounts. Ms. Tyler stated she would work up an agreement that would ensure that the passwords and accounts would remain controlled by the Barn.

Motion to allow Ms. Roberts to take over our social media accounts with a written agreement in place and guidance from Ms. Smith.

Motion: Smith

Second: Berra

Motion passed unanimously.

II. New Business (Discussion and Possible Action)

A. 2026 Season-Barb Black

1. Additional show added: One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest, Directed by Benjamin Colby with Melanie Tyler as mentor director.

Motion to accept the tentative 2026 Season as presented and to allow the treasurer to pursue securing rights for the proposed plays.

Motion: Bough

Second: Kelly

Ayes: E Tyler, Berra, Bough, Hickinbotham, Bennett, M Black, Merzoian, Kelly, Smith, M Tyler

Absent: Kirkpatrick (Call Dropped)

Abstain: B. Black

Motion passed unanimously.

B. Upgrades, Maintenance and Repairs

1. Soundsystem Upgrade Progress-No Update
2. Banner Update-No Update
3. Plumbing- Mr. Merzoian reported that MR. Stan Green from the counsel came out with the City Manager to look at the plumbing and the building.
4. Purchase a small fridge/freezer for the green room.

Motion to purchase a fridge/freezer for the green room.

Motion: E Tyler

Second: Bennett

Motion passed unanimously.

C. Elections

1. Updated voting list.
2. Any By Law Amendments
3. September 9, 2025 Post Election Notice to website and socials, email out to all eligible voters.
4. Call for Candidates - October 9, 2025 post to website and socials, email out to all eligible voters.
 - a) Seats up for election:
 - (1) Isaac Hernandez
 - (2) Ambree Bough
 - (3) Cindy Kelly
 - (4) Kate Smith
 - (5) Stephani Berra
 - (6) Kristin Redford (resigned earlier this year.)
5. Ballots - November 8, 2025 Mail and/or Email to all eligible voters.
6. Count Ballots - Monday, December 8, 2025

D. BTYP Report-Stephani Berra

1. Ms. Berra reported that the sign ups will begin in January, the rehearsals/classes will be on the 3rd Tuesday of every month from 5:30PM-7PM and they will be looking into leadership going to JTF as observers this year.

IX. Board Discussion/Comments and/or Consent Calendar Discussion
(Any updates or comments from members will be discussed at this time. These discussions are not up for vote at this current meeting, but may be added to the next agenda if necessary. Consent Calendar items moved to this section are up for discussion and will be put back on the next agenda for final vote.)

Mr. Merzoian informed the Board that there are dead plants and trees around the property and it appears the City has the sprinklers off. We need to notify the City. Mr. Hickinbotham will contact his landscaper to get us quotes for the irrigation that we are responsible for.

X. Upcoming Meetings

- A. Board Meeting-October 13, 2025

XII. Adjournment: 7:47 PM