

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE UPPER MOHAWK VALLEY MEMORIAL
AUDITORIUM AUTHORITY HELD ON JANUARY 8, 2025, AT 4:00PM**

Members Present: Shawn Weiman, Mary Austin Pratt, Mark Mojave, Patrick Brennan, Gregory Gaeta and Randy Bogar

Also Present: Carl Annese, Paul Romano, Rick Redmond & Michael Potrzeba

Excused:

Authority Business:

Shawn calls the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

Mary makes a motion to accept the minutes from December 11, 2024, seconded by Patrick, all in favor

The following vouchers were presented for payment

Bank of Utica	\$6,692.00
Garden Entertainment, LLC	\$60,000.00
Vepe IcePro	\$138,000.00
Smajic Construction Company, LLC	\$34,900.00
Usmail Electric	\$34,380.00
Usmail Electric	\$31,140.00

Rick updates the board on upcoming events in January. With the slow December for the dasher board install events have picked up including 9 Comets games, 3 Utica City FC games and Utica University hockey returning from winter break. The Home Show is returning on 1/31/25 - 2/2/25 for its second year and is utilizing all three sheets in NEXUS. The Downtown Classic Basketball tournament occurred at the end of December and went off successfully for its second year.

Rick updates the board on the Certificate of Occupancy (CO) with the Department of State. We are operating under the Temporary CO and hope to have the full final CO in the next 30-60 days once the minor issues are addressed by Hueber-Breuer.

Kevin reviews the material from his email to the board on 1/3/25. All the board members present hereby acknowledge that they have reviewed the mission statement of the Upper Mohawk Valley Memorial Auditorium Authority and have no modifications to the current mission statement.

Kevin hands out the Acknowledgement of Fiduciary Duties and Responsibilities to be signed by each board member and returned to Kevin Martin. All board members present have signed and returned the acknowledgement to Kevin Martin at the meeting

Mark makes a motion to accept the minor revisions to the Resolution to accept the By-Laws as presented, seconded by Mary, all in favor

Mark makes a motion to accept the minor revisions to the Resolution to accept the Procurement Policy as presented, seconded by Mary, all in favor

The authority votes to appoint Gregory Gaeta, Patrick Brennan & Shawn Weiman to the UMVMAA Audit Committee, all in favor

The authority votes to appoint Mary Austin-Pratt, Randy Bogar & Paul Romano to the UMVMAA Governance Committee, all in favor

Rob updates the boards after the first couple games with the new Digital Dasherboard. Many college and professional teams have reached out about the Dasherboards

Mary makes a motion to adjourn at 5:17pm, seconded by Mark, all in favor.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE UPPER MOHAWK VALLEY MEMORIAL
AUDITORIUM AUTHORITY HELD ON FEBRUARY 12, 2025, AT 4:00PM**

Members Present: Shawn Weiman, Mary Austin Pratt, Mark Mojave, Patrick Brennan, Gregory Gaeta and Randy Bogar

Also Present: Carl Annese, Rob Esche, Paul Romano, Keith Veronesi & Michael Potrzeba

Excused:

Authority Business:

Shawn calls the meeting to order at 4:04 PM.

Mary makes a motion to accept the minutes from January 8, 2025, seconded by Mark, all in favor

The following vouchers were presented for payment

Coffin's Welding & Repair	\$720.00
Usmail Electric	\$4,476.81
Usmail Electric	\$2,115.00
M&L Worldwide Logistics	\$45,059.62
Vepe IcePro	\$130,225.00
Pro Net Sports LTD	\$3,907.51
Nexxfield Inc	\$6,800.00
Bank of Utica	\$6,555.00
Garden Entertainment, LLC	\$50,000.00

Keith updates the board on NEXUS Events including NYS Gymnastics & USA Hockey nationals, upcoming concerts including Brantley Gilbert and other events like family shows, US Ball Hockey and comedians. USA Powerlifting, November 2026 USA Hockey Warrior classic for injured military. Home show was a success, attendance was good for both days. Working with Section 3 hockey on bringing that back to the ADK Bank Center this year

Kevin is waiting on 1 signature from a Syracuse vendor to close out the judgement to close on the Bank of Utica Loan to pay the remaining bills from the digital dasher boards.

Shawn talks about the PowerPoint from the Greater Utica Sports Hall of Fame for relocating it to the NEXUS Center. Discussion on the PowerPoint. Shawn will respond to Joanne on the discussion the board had.

Greg makes a motion to enter executive session at 4:19PM for the purpose of contract negotiations, seconded by Patrick, all in favor

Greg makes a motion to exit executive session at 5:14PM, seconded by Mary, all in favor

Mary makes a motion to adjourn at 5:17pm, seconded by Mark, all in favor.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE UPPER MOHAWK VALLEY MEMORIAL
AUDITORIUM AUTHORITY HELD ON MARCH 12, 2025, AT 4:00PM**

Members Present: Shawn Weiman (By Phone), Mary Austin Pratt, Mark Mojave, Patrick Brennan, Gregory Gaeta and Randy Bogar

Also Present: Carl Annese, Paul Romano, Keith Veronesi & Michael Potrzeba

Excused:

Authority Business:

Shawn calls the meeting to order at 4:03 PM.

Mary makes a motion to accept the minutes from February 8, 2025, seconded by Patrick, all in favor

The following vouchers were presented for payment

NYS DEC	\$110.00
Bank of Utica	\$6,555.00
Garden Entertainment, LLC	\$65,000.00
Severud Associates	\$5,000.00
Oneida County	\$175,000.00

Patrick makes a motion to enter executive session at 4:08PM for the purpose of contract negotiate, seconded by Gregory, all in favor

Mark makes a motion to exit executive session at 4:13PM, seconded by Randy, all in favor

Keith updates the board on upcoming events. Major events coming up are USA Gymnastics and USA Tier 2 Hockey Nationals

Mary makes a motion to extend the short term note with bank of Utica in the amount of \$552,000.00, seconded by Gregory, all in favor

Mary makes a motion to adjourn at 5:17pm, seconded by Patrick, all in favor.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE UPPER MOHAWK VALLEY MEMORIAL
AUDITORIUM AUTHORITY HELD ON APRIL 9, 2025, AT 4:00PM**

Members Present: Shawn Weiman, Mary Austin Pratt, Mark Mojave, Patrick Brennan, Gregory Gaeta and Randy Bogar

Also Present: Carl Annese, Paul Romano, Keith Veronesi, Rick Redmond, John Lugo, Kevin Martin & Michael Potrzeba

Excused:

Authority Business:

Shawn calls the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

Patrick makes a motion to accept the minutes from March 12, 2025, seconded by Mary, all in favor

The following vouchers were presented for payment

Bank of Utica	\$300.00
Garden Entertainment, LLC	\$67,105.00

Rick introduces John Lugo, Events Director for Garden Entertainment. John replaces Chris Burns who previously held this position.

Rick updates the board on upcoming events. Upcoming events are the Police and Fire Game, Paint the Ice event after the last comets game, Brantley Gilbert Concert on the 25th and Wine & Chocolate on 26th. Further out we have Step Up 2 Dance and One Hockey Tournament then college graduations going into May. Throughout the summer we have events like the Rodeo, Ball Hockey and Cornhole and are working on a fall concert for September and October.

Patrick makes a motion to enter executive session at 4:32PM for the purpose of contract negotiations, seconded by Mark, all in favor

Patrick makes a motion to exit executive session at 4:44PM, seconded by Mark, all in favor

Mark makes a motion to accept the 2024 Audit completed by D'Arcangelo & Co. seconded by Greg, all in favor

Patrick makes a motion to accept the PARIS Filings with the change that Randy Bogar is employed by the Town of New Hartford, seconded by Greg, all in favor

Kevin updates the board on the communication with the Oneida County Attorney regarding the financial disclosures, he will update the board if it is required by the Aud Authority members or not.

Mary makes a motion to adjourn at 5:05pm, seconded by Randy, all in favor.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE UPPER MOHAWK VALLEY MEMORIAL
AUDITORIUM AUTHORITY HELD ON MAY 15, 2025, AT 4:00PM**

Members Present: Mary Austin Pratt, Mark Mojave, Patrick Brennan, Gregory Gaeta and Randy Bogar

Also Present: Carl Annese, Paul Romano, Keith Veronesi, Kevin Martin & Michael Potrzeba

Excused: Shawn Weiman

Authority Business:

Greg calls the meeting to order at 4:06 PM.

Patrick makes a motion to accept the minutes from April 9, 2025, seconded by Mary, all in favor

The following vouchers were presented for payment

Bank of Utica	\$12,460.73
Garden Entertainment, LLC	\$67,105.00
Law Office of Kevin G Martin	\$1,250.00
Hughes Construction	\$2,575.22
Davis Ulmer	\$8,092.00
Bank of Utica	\$12,460.73

Keith updates the board on upcoming events. Review of the Brantley Gilbert concert,

Discussion on the concert

Kevin discusses the financial disclosures. Members who haven't filled it out will fill it out and return it to Kevin via email once completed

Patrick makes a motion to enter executive session at 4:20PM for the purpose of contract negotiation, seconded by Greg, all in favor

Patrick makes a motion to exit executive session at 4:51PM, seconded by Mark, all in favor

Update on the Fallen Heros monument. Rob will speak with OCSLEF at their next meeting to go over timeline and get an update from their board.

Update on the drainage issue. Lots of rain in the past few weeks and it seems like the fix to the roof drains are working as attended

Mary makes a motion to adjourn at 4:58pm, seconded by Randy, all in favor.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE UPPER MOHAWK VALLEY MEMORIAL
AUDITORIUM AUTHORITY HELD ON JUNE 11, 2025, AT 4:00PM**

Members Present: Mary Austin Pratt, Mark Mojave, Patrick Brennan, Gregory Gaeta and Randy Bogar

Also Present: Paul Romano, Keith Veronesi, Kevin Martin & Michael Potrzeba

Excused: Shawn Weiman

Authority Business:

Greg calls the meeting to order at 4:11 PM.

Mary makes a motion to accept the minutes from May 15, 2025, seconded by Mark, all in favor

The following vouchers were presented for payment

Bank of Utica	\$12,460.73
Garden Entertainment, LLC	\$67,105.00
Law Office of Kevin G. Martin P.C.	\$1,250.00

Keith updates the board on upcoming events

Discussion on the American Cornhole League Event next weekend. Participation for both events is going very well, tentatively 600-800 participants. Other major events upcoming include the Rodeo in August and USA Ball Hockey event.

Discussion on Notre Dame Hockey Academy. Keith updates the board on the current status of each team

Update on the financial disclosures. Kevin will email anyone who hasn't submitted theirs.

Kevin updates the board on the contract amendment to increase the 10 electric vehicle charging stations to 12 electric vehicle charging stations. Discussion on placement.

Greg makes a motion to approve the amendment presented by Kevin Martin, to increase the number of electric charging stations by two, contingent on the Authority being able to decide where they get placed. Seconded by Mark, all in favor.

Kevin will circle back with the Attorney to update the amendment and present it for signature at next meeting.

Patrick makes a motion to enter executive session at 4:50PM for the purpose of discussing capital improvements, seconded by Greg, all in favor

Patrick makes a motion to exit executive session at 5:04PM, seconded by Mark, all in favor

Randy makes a motion to adjourn at 5:12pm, seconded by Greg, all in favor.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE UPPER MOHAWK VALLEY MEMORIAL
AUDITORIUM AUTHORITY HELD ON AUGUST 13, 2025, AT 4:00PM**

Members Present: Mary Austin Pratt, Mark Mojave, Patrick Brennan, Gregory Gaeta and Randy Bogar

Also Present: Paul Romano, Kevin Martin & Michael Potrzeba

Excused: Shawn Weiman

Authority Business:

Greg calls the meeting to order at 4:03 PM.

The following vouchers were presented for payment

Bank of Utica	\$12,460.73
Garden Entertainment, LLC	\$57,105.00
Law Office of Kevin G. Martin P.C.	\$1,250.00

Greg makes a motion to approve the vouchers as presented, seconded by Randy, all in favor

Paul discusses the Fallen Hero monument, the company Empire Exhibits is trying to schedule a site visit to review the location and display

Patrick makes a motion to enter executive session at 4:17PM for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations, seconded by Mark, all in favor

Patrick makes a motion to exit executive session at 4:30PM, seconded by Mark, all in favor

Randy makes a motion to adjourn at 4:35pm, seconded by Greg, all in favor.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE UPPER MOHAWK VALLEY MEMORIAL
AUDITORIUM AUTHORITY HELD ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2025, AT 4:00PM**

Members Present: Mary Austin Pratt, Mark Mojave, Patrick Brennan, Gregory Gaeta, Shawn Weiman and Randy Bogar

Also Present: Paul Romano, Carl Annese, Robert Esche, Keith Veronesi, Alex Putelo & Michael Potrzeba

Excused:

Authority Business:

Shawn calls the meeting to order at 4:03 PM.

Patrick makes a motion to accept the minutes from August 13, 2025, Seconded by Mary, all in favor.

The following vouchers were presented for payment

Bank of Utica	\$12,460.73
Garden Entertainment, LLC	\$67,105.00
Law Office of Kevin G. Martin P.C.	\$1,250.00
D'Arcangelo & Co.	\$11,950.00
The Added Touch Drapery Shop	\$2,273.00

Greg makes a motion to approve the vouchers as presented, seconded by Randy, all in favor

Keith updates the board on events from July and August, including USA Ball Hockey Event and Utica Stampede Rodeo. Both events are coming back next year. Youth Hockey started in August in NEXUS, with last weekend starting the first weekend of games. There is alot of interest for Cheerleading, Gymnastics and dance events for the next 24 months. Curling event scheduled for May 2026 along with Globetrotters in January 2026. Updates on Notre Dame Hockey Academy.

Discussion on Hueber-Breuer work for the roof and the roof drains. Carl, Mike, Paul and Rick will meet to get everything together to send to Hueber-Breuer

Discussion on the west parking lot, needs some improvements prior to winter and will need some major improvements in the next couple years

Patrick makes a motion to enter executive session at 4:37PM for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations, seconded by Mark, all in favor

Patrick makes a motion to exit executive session at 5:13PM, seconded by Mark, all in favor

Mike presents the September financial report

Randy makes a motion to adjourn at 5:18pm, seconded by Patrick, all in favor.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE UPPER MOHAWK VALLEY MEMORIAL
AUDITORIUM AUTHORITY HELD ON OCTOBER 08, 2025, AT 4:00PM**

Members Present: Mary Austin Pratt, Mark Mojave, Patrick Brennan (via Phone), Gregory Gaeta, Shawn Weiman (via Zoom), Paul Romano & Alicia Desarro

Also Present: Carl Annese, Rick Redmond, Robert Esche (via Zoom) & Michael Potrzeba

Excused:

Authority Business:

Greg calls the meeting to order at 4:03 PM.

Mark makes a motion to accept the minutes from September 10, 2025, Seconded by Paul, all in favor.

The following vouchers were presented for payment

Bank of Utica	\$12,460.73
Garden Entertainment, LLC	\$67,105.00
Inserras Flooring Outlet	\$6,943.46
Usmail Electric	\$519.82
PLS	\$11,059.00
Serianni Signs	\$5,600.00
American Hockey League	\$10,992.78
Utica Comets, LLC	\$82,500.00
Garden Entertainment, LLC	\$5,232.69

Mark makes a motion to approve the vouchers as presented, seconded by Paul, all in favor

Rick presents the upcoming events through November 15th and updates the board on events from September. All levels of youth hockey started in September and has had many practices and games, and several other hockey tournaments and Tri-Valley Cheerleading happened as well. The Comets open their season this Friday and Saturday at the Adirondack Bank Center. Upcoming events for October includes Weekend Hockey tournament this weekend, NYS Empire Cheerleading, NGHL hockey, Nickel City and Utica University men's and women's hockey.

Hueber-Breuer invoiced for the final \$50,000.00 retainage for work on NEXUS. The invoice will be signed and sent to Oneida County for payment like the previous NEXUS invoices.

Alicia makes a motion to enter executive session at 4:17PM for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations, seconded by Mary, all in favor

Mark makes a motion to exit executive session at 4:55PM, seconded by Pat, all in favor

Pat makes a motion to file the Lease Agreement with the City of Utica Urban Renewal Agency on both parcels north of NEXUS with the Oneida County Clerk, seconded by Paul, all in favor

Mike presents the October 8th, 2025 Financial Report

Mark makes a motion to accept the October 8th, 2025 Financial Report, seconded by Pat, all in favor

Mary makes a motion to adjourn at 4:58pm, seconded by Mark, all in favor.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE UPPER MOHAWK VALLEY MEMORIAL
AUDITORIUM AUTHORITY HELD ON NOVEMBER 12, 2025, AT 4:00PM**

Members Present: Mary Austin Pratt, Mark Mojave, Patrick Brennan, Gregory Gaeta (via Zoom), Paul Romano, Dan Mohr & Alicia Desarro (via Zoom)

Also Present: Carl Annese, Kevin Martin (via Zoom) & Michael Potrzeba

Excused:

Authority Business:

Mark calls the meeting to order at 4:03 PM.

Pat makes a motion to accept the minutes from October 8, 2025, Seconded by Paul, all in favor.

The following vouchers were presented for payment

Bank of Utica	\$12,460.73
Garden Entertainment, LLC	\$67,105.00
Law Office of Kevin G. Martin	\$6,943.46
Garden Entertainment, LLC	\$5,232.69

Pat makes a motion to approve the vouchers as presented, seconded by Paul, all in favor

Mike presents the November 12th, 2025 Financial Report

Mark makes a motion to accept the November 12th, 2025 Financial Report, seconded by Pat, all in favor

Kevin updates the board that the lease agreement has been filed with the Oneida County Clerk for the NEXUS parking lot.

Paul Romano updates the board on the Fallen Heros display for NEXUS. Paul has invited the OCSLEF board to come look at the proposed space for the display and will update when they are able to visit the site for a tour. Pat suggested some other locations on the first floor that might be able to accommodate the display.

Pat makes a motion to enter executive session at 4:24PM for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations, seconded by Randy, all in favor

Pat makes a motion to exit executive session at 4:55PM, seconded by Paul, all in favor

Carl and Mike update the board on upcoming events

Pat makes a motion to waive the CAP Fee for the 11/11 Veterans day game, seconded by Randy, all in favor.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE UPPER MOHAWK VALLEY MEMORIAL
AUDITORIUM AUTHORITY HELD ON DECEMBER 10, 2025, AT 4:00PM**

Members Present: Mary Austin Pratt, Mark Mojave, Patrick Brennan, Gregory Gaeta, Paul Romano, Shawn Weiman, Alicia Desarro & Mark Mojave (via Zoom)

Also Present: Carl Annese, Keith Veronesi, Rick Redmond, Kevin Martin & Michael Potrzeba

Excused: Dan Mohr

Authority Business:

Shawn calls the meeting to order at 4:02 PM.

Pat makes a motion to accept the minutes from November 12, 2025, Seconded by Gregory, all in favor.

The following vouchers were presented for payment

Bank of Utica	\$12,460.73
Garden Entertainment, LLC	\$67,105.00
Garden Entertainment, LLC	\$8,153.18
Serianni Signs	\$4,454.71
Dreamseat	\$859.91
Quality Lighting Systems	\$632.37

Pat makes a motion to approve the vouchers as presented, seconded by Paul, all in favor

Keith updates the board on upcoming scheduled events. Globetrotters in January is on sale and sales are going well. April features a few Cheerleading events that are booked throughout 2027. Other previous events have reached out for dates to host their events again at the NEXUS Center. The curling event has been confirmed and will be announced next week for a January 2027 event. Other upcoming events include hockey tournaments, basketball, lacrosse events on top of the existing Comets, Utica University & Utica City FC games. Discussion on the Notre Dame Hockey Academy.

Pat makes a motion to enter executive session at 4:19PM for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations, seconded by Mary, all in favor

Mary makes a motion to exit executive session at 4:44PM, seconded by Pat, all in favor

Pat makes a motion to authorize the chair, Shawn Weiman to sign the Project Funding Allocation Agreement Amendment substantially in the form presented during executive session, seconded by Paul, all in favor.

Mike presents the December 10th, 2025 Financial Report

Randy makes a motion to accept the December 10th, 2025 Financial Report, seconded by Greg, all in favor

Mary makes a motion to adjourn at 4:58pm, seconded by Randy, all in favor.