

SCMB Board Meeting 5:45 p.m. Jan. 12, 2026 at Technical High School

In attendance: Andy Nelson, Mike Knaak, Austin Castro, Lowell Larson, John Plantenberg, John Creasy, Karl Fischer, Justin Fisher, Michelle Ziemer-Gehris, Anne Wielkiewicz

Absent: Terry Humbert,

1. Rock City Big Band (RCBB)
 - a. Community Involvement
 - i. Honor Flight for Vets
 - ii. Bardn Park
 - iii. Stearns History Museum
 - iv. HS Jazz Festival
2. Meeting called to order at 5:55 p.m.
3. Election of 2026 Officers
 - a. Officer Elections
 - i. President: John Plantenberg (term 2)
 - ii. Vice President: Shelly Ziemer-Gehrls (term 1)
 - iii. Secretary: Austin Castro (term 1)
 - iv. Treasurer: John Creasy (term 2)
 - b. Opened for discussion at 5:56 p.m.
 - c. Moved and seconded to move forward with nominations listed above
 - d. Motion carries
4. 2025 End-of-Year Treasurer's Report
 - a. 2025 Budget vs Actual: Revenue
 - i. Budget: \$25,000

- ii. Actual: \$26,864.55
 - b. 2025 Budget vs Actual: expenditures
 - i. Budget: \$25,000
 - ii. Actual: \$29,342.97
 - c. Insurance increase
 - d. Motion made to approve report
 - i. Seconded by John
 - e. Motion passed
 - f. 2026 proposal discussed
 - i. Flex Rehearsal not factored in yet
 - g. Motion made to approve 2026 proposal
 - h. Motion passed
- 5. Board Member Project Selection
 - a. Karl - Fundraising/Marketing
 - i. Kinder Coffee
 - 1. Coffee sales have high yield funds
 - b. Shelly - School Outreach
 - i. Small/FLEX ensembles to tour schools
 - c. Mike - Fundraising
 - i. Long-term fundraising plan for longevity
 - ii. Identifying sources of funding in the community
 - 1. Local businesses for a check
 - d. John P. - Organize Community Outreach
 - i. He will continue to do that
- 6. FLEX Ensembles
 - a. Positive support

b. Moving ahead

- i. Justin nominated and appointed as Band Manager and Music Director

- 1. Not a permanent role

c. FLEX Rehearsals starting Jan 26 from 6-6:30 p.m.

d. FLEX meeting summarization

- i. <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1v9XEDZGI5L8twpUzm59AUWxYXWuxxQZ2S1aS3MLYb1A/edit?usp=drivesdk>

7. Surprise Patric - Marketing

a. Ticket prices

- i. Different at the door vs buying online
- ii. What are general ticket prices going to be?
- iii. How are we going to sell tickets?

b. Patric will join the next board meeting

8. Next Board meeting

a. Feb. 2 proposed

9. Meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

a. No motion was passed